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"One Ministry~Two Locations"

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UNLEASHED

"...let us strip off every weight that slows us down...
and run with endurance the race..." Heb 12:1

At the beginning of spring, I take a look at my summer calendar to see how many 5k's, obstacle courses, and triathlons I could do. Once my schedule is set, the training begins. I focus on the right clothing, diet, and exercise regiment that will help me unleash my potential in that which I desire to do.

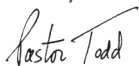
Liken that experience to our ministry. Our Church has had a tremendous impact on our community by pursuing our Mission of 'making disciples' as Jesus instructed. We have done this through our Educational Ministries (i.e., the Academy, Xtreme Kids, and Early Childhood Academy), our Service (i.e., We Do Feet), our Youth Ministry and our geographic expansion with the Family Center and Church planting efforts.

When necessary, we have borrowed money to pursue this Mission by building the facilities needed to reach more people in our community. However, in these leaner economic times, dollars going to debt are hindering our ability to do all we can to advance our calling expeditiously.

NOW IS OUR TIME TO UNLEASH THE CHURCH!

Below is some information about our upcoming "Unleashed" debt reduction drive. The information in this article continues on page six.

Peace,



DEBT HISTORY

The 1st mortgage is from the construction of the Family Center, which has helped nearly double the number of people to whom we provide worship services each week. Its casual style has been a great instrument for reaching many unchurched and non-believers in the area. It also allowed us to build our Early Childhood Academy - a pre-school program that is one of the finest in the community and provides Christ-centered education to roughly 100 kids each year.

The 2nd mortgage is from the build-out at our Downtown campus in 2013 which enabled us to more than double the size of our middle school grades in the Academy, move pre-school classes from the hallway/nursery area next to the Sanctuary and into classrooms, and build-out a fabulous worship and fellowship space for our Youth. *(continued on page six)*



VISION STATEMENT

Love God, Love Others
and Serve the World

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Board of Deacons

Sharon Ellwein, Tim Mahedy, Linda Hartung, Mark Kretschmer, Wally Spaeth, Christine Ostendorf, Monte Eggers, Patti Kelly, Carissa Schneider, Denny Lee

LIFE AT TRINITY



Above: Families enjoying the Easter Egg decorating event at the Family Center
Below: Everybody had fun at the annual Iron Kids event held at the Academy Downtown



MAY 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 Tom Oscanyan
08 Tom Oscanyan
15 Mitch Greunke
22 Mitch Greunke
29 Mitch Greunke

Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

01 8:45 am Pat Larson
10:15 am Carol Smith
08 8:45 am Michele Kranz
10:15 am Kim Gallison
15 8:45 am Char Skoviera
10:15 am Chris Ostendorf
22 8:45 am Xtreme Kids
10:15 am Anne Ross

29 8:45 am Joan Lyksett
10:15 am Anne Ross

Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

01 8:45 am Dan & Suzy Korum
10:15 am Dan & Suzy Korum
08 8:45 am Paul & Pat Larson
10:15 am Gary & Joyce Reidel
15 8:45 am Sally Gaeu
10:15 am Kevin, Roxanne, Lauren Johnson
22 8:45 am Xtreme Kids
10:15 am Open

29 8:45 am Richard & Sharon Young
10:15 am Richard & Sharon Young

Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

01 8:45 am Suzy Korum
10:15 am Rick Nelsen
08 8:45 am Dan Gaeu
10:15 am Kim Gallison
15 8:45 am Nancy Donovan
10:15 am Carol Smith
22 8:45 am Xtreme Kids
10:15 am Rick Nelsen
29 8:45 am Open
10:15 am Carol Smith

Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

01 8:45 am Bill & Marlice Shirley/
Tom & Kathy Youngberg
10:15 am Dennis Lee
04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
08 8:45 am Wayne & Geri Manlove
Gary Riedel, Nate Otte
10:15 am Doug & Mary Harmon/
Kevin Rickey

11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin
15 8:45 am Fred Yoerg, Henry
Berger, Ed Glowe, Wally Spaeth
10:15 am Tim & Pat Tuma
18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer
22 8:45 am Jeff Berkhof, Neil
Fredrick, Extreme Kids
10:15 am Mike Weyers, Kevin
Rickey
25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
29 8:45 am Tom Malchow, Dennis
Schertz, Steve Bohl, Wally Spaeth
10:15 am

Power Point (Mark Gallison)

01 8:45 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan
10:15 am Blaine Verdoorn
08 8:45 am Jessi Meyer
10:15 am Curt Weese
15 8:45 am Carl Schoenbeck
10:15 am Blaine Verdoorn
22 8:45 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan
10:15 am Curt Weese
29 8:45 am Jessi Meyer
10:15 am Blaine Verdoorn

Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Oht)
01 8:45 am Paul Larson
10:15 am Rick Nelsen
04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
08 8:45 am Bruce Gonitzke, Tom
Youngberg
10:15 am Kim Gallison
11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin
15 8:45 am Brian & Jodie Young
10:15 am Carol Smith
18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer
22 8:45 am Arvid Ledin, Nancy Koski
10:15 am Rick Nelsen
25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
29 8:45 am Open
10:15 am Open

Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

01 8:45 am Joan Lyksett
10:15 am Cary Johnson
04(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
08 8:45 am Vicki Mares
10:15 am Pat Boros
11(W) Tom & Vickie Edin
15 8:45 am Richard & Sharon Young
10:15 am Fran Spainhour
18(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer
22 8:45 am Nancy Koski
10:15 am Carol Smith
25(W) Roger & Janet Dierks
29 8:45 am Lauren Foust
10:15 am Lauren Foust

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

614 Badlands Road • 381-1414

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 Kannianen; 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 Open
10:30 am Barb Garbe, Colin Paul

MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>See Worship Schedule Below</i>	2 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT	3 9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT 7:00pm Care Ministry Mtg/DT	4 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	5	6	7 8:00am Middle School Retreat/DT
8 <i>See Worship Schedule Below</i>	9 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehrls/DT	10 9:30am Staff Meeting/FC 6:30pm Academy Concert/DT	11 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	12 10:00am Morns' Group/DT 7:00pm Deacon Mtg/DT	13	14 8:00am High School Retreat/DT 10:00am Baptism Class/DT
15 <i>See Worship Schedule Below</i> 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting/DT	16 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC	17 9:30am Core Staff Meeting/DT	18 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	19 10:00am Quilters/DT 5:00pm Felberg/Jones Wedding Rehearsal/DT 6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT 7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT	20	21
22 <i>See Worship Schedule Below</i> Senior Recognition Day FC - Both Services 1:30pm Piano Recital/DT	23 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC	24 8:00am Staff Planning Day/ The Phipps 5:00pm FMSC/DT	25 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:00pm Les Berg Run/Hudson 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	26 5:00pm Choir Concert/DT <i>Middle School</i>	27	28
29 <i>See Worship Schedule Below</i>	30 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehrls/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehrls/FC	31	Sunday Worship Xtreme Kids 8:45am DT 9:00am FC 10:15am DT 10:30am FC	Weekly Bible Studies Sunday 10:15am/DT Tuesday 1:00pm/Ohrt Home Wednesday 9:00am/DT Wednesday 7:30pm/DT Thursday 9:15am/FC Friday 6:30am/Hudson Bagel		

THE QUESTION CORNER

Q Is a believer/Christian supposed to be able to *feel* the Holy Spirit?

The most important thing to remember is that the Holy Spirit is one of the 'persons' of God. Whether we *feel* him or not isn't the primary goal of our relationship with

him. We know from Scripture that he is always at work in our lives and is encouraging us as we walk in faith with him. It is wonderful that at certain times, we *feel* that he is present with us when, for example, we gather to worship or are quiet before him in prayer.

Ultimately, we know that Jesus gave us the Spirit and we are kept close in God's love through him.

Have questions about faith, life, or our church? Send them in to Lisa at 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.

5th Annual Les Berg Run

The 5th Annual Les Berg 5k Run/Walk will be held on Wednesday, May 25th. Les 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 race 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.



Faith Journey

My name is Julia Asmus and this May I will be graduating from Hudson High School. My family became members at Trinity when I joined Pre-Kindergarten at the Family Center, and ever since, Trinity has been our church home with a wonderful church family. I have grown up at Trinity and now have the opportunity of paying forward my experiences in Sunday School and Youth Group by teaching and leading groups in both.

All my life I have desired a personal relationship with Christ, my creator and savior. In Eighth grade I began writing journals to God and in Tenth I started reading my Bible and journaling about what God spoke to me in each passage. Throughout High School, constant communication with God has brought me closer to Him than anything else has. It amazes me how the creator of the universe wants to know my thoughts and the desires of my heart.

Another way I have grown in my faith was through my involvement in Camp Cherith (*pronounced Kerith*), the Christian summer camp I've been blessed to go to each summer. Last year I completed the "Camper In Leadership Training" (a.k.a. CILT) program to become an official counselor and staff member. At camp I've found an amazing support group of ladies older than me, my same age, and young girls that I can pour into. These relationships have brought me closer to God each year I go to camp. I am so excited to be spending nine weeks working at camp this summer with the amazing staff there.

Next year I will be moving on to college at the University of Minnesota. I plan to continue to pursue my relationship with Christ by joining the Campus Crusade and finding a church close by with the same values as Trinity. I hope to continue to share God's love and the joy He gives me to everyone in my future, and cannot wait for what God has in store for my life. Until then, I will continue serving him with the talents and blessings He has given me.



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DEBT RECAP BY THE NUMBERS

Our congregation has two mortgages:

1. \$2.4 million 1st mortgage remaining from construction of the Family Center Campus on Badlands Road. This loan is being paid by our operating fund.
2. \$500,000 2nd mortgage from our 2013 expansion of our Academy and our new Youth space. We have \$180,000 left in Imagine Campaign funds which will cover our monthly payments for 1 more year.

WHERE DID THE SECOND MORTGAGE OVERAGE COME FROM?

The congregation approved the original Imagine campaign dollars up to 1.6 million. The pledges came in at 1.3 million and the actual money that came in was 1.2 million. That was 90+% of pledged, which is a wonderful blessing!

The difference is the interest that began accumulating on the loan, the short fall (1.3 pledge vs. 1.2 receipts) plus accessories needed like driveway/parking lot updates, landscaping etc.

The goal of **UNLEASHED** is to raise \$1 million so that we can pay off the 2nd mortgage (\$500K) and take a big bite out of the 1st mortgage (\$500k).

By paying off the 2nd mortgage, we avoid tougher choices once the Imagine Campaign funds run out next Summer. Plus, we save ourselves substantial interest expense - perhaps as much as \$60,000!!

Watch for more as we launch into this exciting **UNLEASHED** Debt Reduction Drive and message series. For more, go to www.TrinityHudson.org/Unleashed.



Worship Attendance and Engagement

If you've ever attended a basketball game, you know how much fun they can be. You may also know that it is quite a different experience depending on if you're sitting in the nose-bleed section, sitting a few rows from the court, or being in the game itself.

While worship isn't a sport, and it is wholly focused on praising God, there is a deep benefit for you to be consistently at worship and engaged with the ministry. Statistics show that families that are not only attending a local congregation but are involved in small groups or serving, feel closer and are more likely to describe their overall attitude as peaceful.

There are so many ways to engage. Contact Cheri Buelow at cbuelow@trinityhudson.org to see how you can take a next step in the life of Trinity.

National Day of Prayer

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7



In 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill into law, making the National Day of Prayer an annual event on the first Thursday of May. This act continues to encourage millions across the nation to unite. On May 5th, please add America to your personal prayer list. I can't tell you what to pray for, but I will share my prayers.

I plan to lift our schools, government, and churches to our Heavenly Father. I'll ask for wisdom to be granted to our leaders in the highest offices, down to the leaders of the most humble family prayers around the dinner table. I'll ask for courage in all believers to follow God's will to be set apart and holy, even in the face of danger. And I'll pray that believers find peace in the security and knowledge of their Savior; enough that material goods are respectfully seen as an undeserved gift, not a need or entitlement. America is blessed with abundant wealth, beauty, and resource; for these I'll give thanks, and ask for understanding in each person to steward them well. However, among the blessings are incredible tensions of race, poverty and despair; for these I will pray for hope in our only source: The God who gives. I encourage you to ask our Father who art in Heaven what you can be praying for, then trust that He is faithful to let you know. May God continue to bless you, as you bless others.

~ Jack Jorgensen, Director of Youth Ministry

Family VBS 2016

Sunday July 31 - Thursday August 4
Downtown Trinity Campus
5:30pm -8:00pm



Join us at the amazing Son Spark Labs, where children will explore God's life-changing

plan for them as they find out the answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them, and through Jesus they can be members of God's family, and personally experience God's plan for each of us. Get ready for a blast!

Your family evening will begin at 5:30 pm in the Downtown gym with dinner and fellowship. Then head on up to the sanctuary for our VBS opening songs and worship at 6:00. Next, students will divide into their classroom rotations to continue their activities with TruthLab Bible Stories, MasterMind Crafts, Momentum Games, and more! Parents, you are invited to stay in the sanctuary for your own, pastor-led Bible study; after which, you will rejoin your child for the closing activities.

Buffet style dinner will be provided (Monday-Thursday evening) and the nursery will be available for all evenings. Bring the whole family for a great week of discovering God's plan! Registration will begin Sunday, May 1st.

Volunteer opportunities are already available. Use the following link to sign-up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080949AAA929A64-sonspark. Contact Kristin Miller with any questions at millerdekuiper@gmail.com.

The Cross Transition Retreats!

Each spring we welcome incoming 6th graders to The Cross with a fun activity. This gives an opportunity for new students to fellowship with existing members: They'll play, pray, talk, and share a meal together.

May 7th 8am-4pm: Students in 5th - 7th grade are invited to spend the day at Action City in Eau Claire! Check your email for details, or contact Carol Smith at csmith@trinityhudson.org.

We also welcome our incoming 9th graders to hang out with the high school students at The Cross. Our time will be spent in devotion and building trust relationships as we overcome a variety of fears and obstacles outdoors. It's all good!

May 14th 8am-4pm: Students in 8th - 12th grade are invited to spend a fun day experiencing high adventure at Camp Ihduhapi, in Loretto Minnesota. Check your email for details, or contact Carol Smith at csmith@trinityhudson.org.

Dates are tentative, so please watch for updated information in the weekly bulletins.

Advent by Candlelight 2016

Advent by Candlelight, a long-standing Trinity tradition of fellowship, food, and reflection, is still six months away, but the planning will start soon. We are looking for four to six women who are interested in helping with various parts of this special event, such as – marketing, food donations, music, setup/cleanup, etc. Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Advent by Candlelight committee. To volunteer or for questions, contact Roxanne at Roxanne.johnson@minnesotalife.com or Anne at taross1@msn.com. We look forward to having you on the ABC team!



Annual Rummage Sale

It's time to start thinking about our yearly rummage sale.



This year's sale will be June 16th-18th. So when doing your spring cleaning, keep us in mind for your donations!

Drop off times will be Sunday June 12th from

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Monday June 13th from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Tuesday June 14th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, and Wednesday June 15th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Please remember that we cannot take exercise equipment, cribs or car seats, paint or chemicals. We are always looking for more help so please consider volunteering for this important and fun event. If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jan Fredrick at 715-549-6378.

GOLIATH CHALLENGE - June 25

A great thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church for providing over **\$113,000** to Feed My Starving Children through 100% volunteer effort! You have touched hearts and literally changed the lives of thousands of children.

The Goliath Challenge is back for its 5th annual 5k adult and 2.5k kids obstacle course challenge. The event will be held on June 25th at Badlands Snow Park, and will continue to support FMSC with plans for another successful mobile pack in the fall. This faith based event is for the entire family to run, walk, or support through volunteering.

In order to donate the maximum amount, Goliath has a need for all types of volunteers, from obstacle construction, stuffing race bags and general preparation in the days prior to event, to helping on the day of event. If you have interest in any of these areas, send an email to volunteer@goliathchallenge.com or call Eric Butler at 612-245-3492.

God is doing great things here in Hudson so we can be His hands and feet throughout the world! To register for the event go to: www.goliathchallenge.com.



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 *Julia Miller*.

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

I teach PhyEd, Health, and proctor Foreign Language.

2) What did you do before coming to Trinity?

I was a substitute teacher.

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

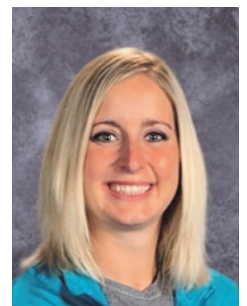
I love that I get to work with the entire school, Pre-K through 8th grade. Seeing the students' faces light up when they come into the gym for PhyEd makes each day worth it.

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

There are so many great things about the ministry at Trinity. With the teaching ministry, it's awesome that students are able to talk about God and pray in the classroom.

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

God is working through our staff and students on a daily basis. When I have a student that is having a rough day, I am able to turn to God and the power of prayer to help them get through their troubled times.



From The Stewardship Committee

The stewardship committee welcomes John Schwalbach as our new chairman. John also serves as a member-at-large on the church's Board of Directors. His background is in financial planning and he is excited to be a part of this important function at Trinity.

The committee hopes to assist the body at Trinity, over the next few months, as we look to reduce our debt and engage every member to be good stewards of what God has given us. As always, we would love to have anyone join us who are open to serving in the area of church finances and giving.

In Luke 6:38, Jesus teaches his disciples, *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measure to you."* Trust our Lord in this. Be givers.

For the Committee, Denny Hartung

Board of Directors

During the first few months of 2016, the Board of Directors' has been busy with recruitment of leaders for many key, new, and existing initiatives at Trinity. These include:

- Carl Schoenbeck and Linda Hartung as Co-Chairs of the Call Committee for Pastor Tim Booth's successor given his planned June 2017 retirement.
- Jim Miller, Leo Draveling, Rick Nelsen, and Terri Marquardt as Directors for our UNLEASHED Debt Reduction Drive. Jim will be the Lead Director for this effort and continues to seek volunteers. Please let him know if you're interested.
- Nancy Donovan as a new Director to fill the remainder of Troy Thompson's current term.
- John Schwalbach as our new Stewardship Committee Chairman.

Please join us in thanking and supporting each of these individuals and those who are working with them for taking on these important roles. We also thank Troy Thompson for many years of faithful leadership on the Board of Directors!

Have you noticed the addition of financial information to our Sunday bulletin? It is updated monthly to show how our Church is doing with regard to offerings, expenses, and the bottom-line so far this fiscal year (which ends June 30th) versus the budget that the congregation passed last Summer.

Financially, we are tracking well through the first eight months of the year. Offerings are nearly 5% ahead of budget, school/childcare revenues are spot on plan, expenses are 1% below budget and our cash position is improving. The Board of Directors will be busy in May finalizing a budget for the Fiscal 2017 year to be presented at our congregation meeting in June.

From Your Deacon

1 Peter 4:9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Romans 12:13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

God's word teaches us to be aware of the needs of God's people and to practice hospitality toward members of his Church. I recently had the privilege of once again experiencing God's gift of hospitality through his Church. I had a need. I live alone and was scheduled to have surgery on my right shoulder which is my dominant side. I was concerned how I would cook and feed myself since I would not be allowed to lift my right arm above my waist while healing at home on my own.

Then the Church stepped in to do God's bidding. My Bible "study buddies" decided to drop off one or two meals every three days while I recovered. What peace and joy their small acts of hospitality brought me. They met my need to feel valued as well as my need for proper nourishment. Let us never underestimate the power that simple hospitality has. May our Church continue to bind ourselves to each other and to God's Word by sharing the gift of hospitality at every opportunity.

Blessings, Sharon Ellwein, Hospitality Deacon



Amanda, Aaron, and Stella Marie

From Our Missionaries

Along with other global ministries that we support, we are glad to partner with Aaron and Amanda Voth, serving in Quito, Ecuador through International Teams. They are responsible for coordinating incoming mission teams to serve in various ministries throughout Ecuador.

From the Voths: "Both of us have roles in the Short-Term Ministry department of Youth World. Aaron works with a semester abroad program called *Living & Learning International*, which allows American college students a chance to study in Quito, learning about the history, culture, and people of Ecuador. Amanda coordinates Quito Quest, which brings teams from North America down to Ecuador for a short-term mission experience. She also discipless the interns responsible for hosting those teams, and she works with a scholarship program we facilitate called Education Equals Hope."

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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