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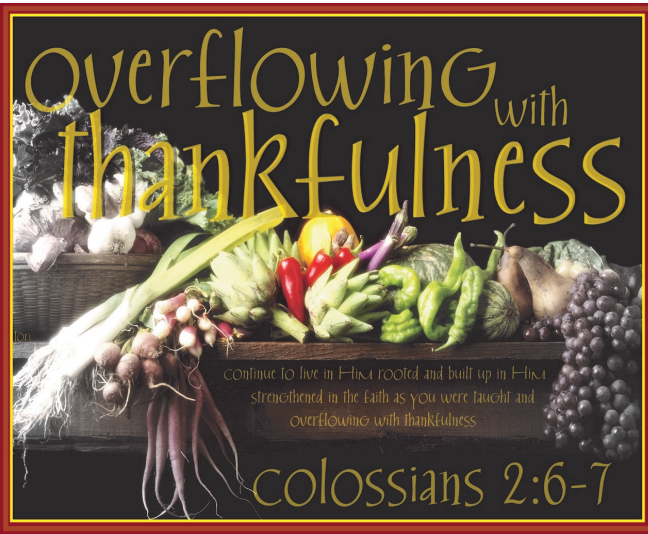
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## Overflowing Thankfulness

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." Colossians 2:6-7

I was with a friend a short time ago who told me he recently gutted and rebuilt their basement. Knowing that he wasn't usually inclined to make massive changes in their home, I pushed into the reason for the change. He said that a few weeks ago, their family went on vacation, and as part of his vacation ritual, he closed off the main water valve in the basement and went on their way.



When he returned a week later, they were greeted with a dank, musty smell that permeated not only the house, but the neighborhood as well. The water main handle had broken, filling his basement with 3 inches of water. It had overflowed.

I like this story as it connects with the Colossians verse above. Thankfulness is an overflow from within. When Jesus roots you, builds you and strengthens you in faith, the natural next step is a thankful overflow. Even though, in my friends case, it caused a demolition of the old and rebuilding of the new, isn't that what the Gospel does? You are a new creation in Christ — born of water and the Spirit. You were lost but now found. When you think of God's provision for you in body and soul, you can't help to overflow with a thankful heart.

This Thanksgiving, look around you. Overflow with love to people whom you know, and show them what it means to be following the One who rooted, built, and strengthened you into a new life with him!

*Pastor Todd*

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Love God, Love Others  
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# LIFE AT TRINITY



**Above: Pictures from the 6th Annual Men's ATV trip in Bruce Wisconsin.**

**Below Left: Commissioning of our teachers at the Family Center, and celebrating our Pastors during Chapel Downtown.**

**Below Right: Distinct small group potluck at the Family center.**





# NOVEMBER 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 Steve Bohl  
13 Mitch Greunke  
20 Tom Oscanyan  
27 Mitch Greunke

### Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

06  
9:00 am Michele Kranz  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
13  
9:00 am Kris Berger  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
20  
9:00 am Pat Larson  
10:30 am Chris Ostendorf  
27  
9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Char Skoviera

### Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

06  
9:00 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
10:30 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
13  
9:00 am Paul & Pat Larson  
10:30 am Gary & Joyce Reidel  
20  
9:00 am Sally Gaeu  
10:30 am Sally Gaeu  
27  
9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Open

### Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

06  
9:00 am Fred Yoerg  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
13  
9:00 am Sharon Ellwein  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
20  
9:00 am Nell Black  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
27  
9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

### Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
06  
9:00 am Bill & Marlice Shirley/  
Tom & Kathy Youngberg  
10:30 am Dennis Lee, Zachary  
Verdoorn  
09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
13  
9:00 am Brian & Jodie Young,  
Gary Riedel, Nate Otte  
10:30 am Doug & Mary Harmon/  
Kevin Rickey  
16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
20  
9:00 am Fred Yoerg, Henry  
Berger, Ed Glowe, Wally Spaeth  
10:30 am Tim & Pat Tuma,  
Zachary Verdoorn  
23(W) Roger & Janet Dierks

27  
9:00 am Jeff Berkhof, Neil  
Fredrick, Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Mike Weyers, Kevin  
Rickey, Peter Verdoorn  
30(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### Power Point (Mark Gallison)

06  
9:00 am Issac/Caleb Hatch  
10:30 am Curt Weese  
13  
9:00 am Carl Schoenbeck  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn  
20  
9:00 am Jessi Meyer  
10:30 am Curt Weese  
27  
9:00 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

### Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)  
02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
06  
9:00 am Tom Malchow, Paul Larson  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
13  
9:00 am Ralph & Kathy Munkelwitz  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
20  
9:00 am Brian & Jodi Young  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
23(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
27  
9:00 am  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
30(W) Tom & Vickie Edin

### Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

02(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
06  
9:00 am Richard & Sharon Young  
10:30 am Pat Boros  
09(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
13  
9:00 am Vicki Mares  
10:30 am Pat Boros  
16(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
20  
9:00 am Gayle Brooks  
10:30 am Annette Zenz  
23(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
27  
9:00 am Brenda Foust  
10:30 am  
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  
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 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 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 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 Open  
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; Josh Bernhard  
10:30 am Travis Waldschmidt;  
Prudy Anderson, Cheri Buelow;  
Patty Kelly; 1 Open  
2nd Sunday  
9:00 am Kim Gallison; Ken/Doris  
Krautbauer; 3 open  
10:30 am Annie Dulon; Dave  
Miller; Liz Whitchurch; 2 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 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 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  
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 Open  
10:30 am Paula & Lindsey Myhre  
3rd Sunday  
9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Elizabeth Bond  
4th Sunday  
9:00 am Abby Fett  
10:30 am Open  
5th Sunday  
9:00 am Open  
10:30 am Open



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<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	<b>1</b> 9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT	<b>2</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i>	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>8</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting/FC	<b>9</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>10</b> 6:30pm Call Committee Mtg/DT	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00am Baptism Class/DT
<b>13</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i> 7:00pm Bells & Flute Concert/DT	<b>14</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>15</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting/DT	<b>16</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>17</b> 10:00am Quilters/DT 6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT 7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i> 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting/DT	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>22</b> 9:30am Core Staff Meeting/FC 5:00pm FMSC/DT	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Ecumenical Service Faith Community Church	<b>24</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> <i>All Offices Closed</i>	<b>25</b> <i>All Offices Closed</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i> 6:00pm Advent By Candlelight/DT	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:00pm The Cross Fellowship/DT 6:15pm Steeple People/FC 6:45pm Worship/DT	<div> </div>		

## A Small Group Testimony

*How did you begin your small group?*

We got connected last summer, got a plan in order of when we were going to meet, and then started meeting on a regular basis as of last fall with the fall kick off series. My impression of small groups is that we had heard great things from members of Trinity as well as other churches that we've attended in the past. We'd never been in one before due to thinking it would be a huge time commitment, and this was something I was concerned about. We're busy with jobs, the kids and their activities. How am I going to fit this in? It was something I worked through.

*What about the small group experience?*

It's a blast! It's awesome to have that time and dialogue and fun family bonding and Bible study. There's some chaos involved. There are a lot of kids, but they have a lot of fun together. We think it's just as important for them to be a part of this as it is for us. My faith has grown. Sometimes you get into a spiritual rut, doing the same routine, and it felt like we were being called to do this, to try something different. The group helps hold us accountable for how we're living our lives.

*What other benefits have you found?*

The relationships are the biggest. They were just acquaintances initially, and one year later they are near and dear friends. Volunteer opportunities are a benefit as well...decorating the church for Christmas was a really neat bonus. We're also supporting each other on our different missions outside of church as well.

*What would you say to others?*

It's been a phenomenal opportunity, and a unique one as well. You have this chance to work on personal growth, your spouse is on board, your kids are also in the loop, family is supporting you, and your church is on the same page. You can see the ripple effect and the potential of that impact is really exciting and hopefully huge. Small group has basically become an extension of being a church, an opportunity to take what we're learning and dive deeper. It's been an awesome experience for Kerry and I and our kids and hopefully everyone else in our small group. *Answered by John and Kerry Schwalbach*



## Meals From The Heart

Meals From The Heart gives Trinity Academy an opportunity to be a part of our greater community beyond our walls. Part of our mission at Trinity Academy is to develop leaders who love others and serve the world. When we are able to invest in the lives of others through our service, it is very fulfilling. When our students are able to spend the day packaging meals for our local communities, the impact the students will make for families will be very rewarding. We pray it will transform their hearts, and they recognize the importance of giving back to our local communities.



On Wednesday, November 2nd, the Trinity Academy students, Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, (164 students) will be packaging food during the school day for Meals From The Heart in Stillwater, MN. Every meal is going to local families in Wisconsin and Minnesota through 75 hunger partners, serving nearly 15,000 families every month. This is their 10th annual community meal packaging event and we as a school/church get to participate! The financial commitment that is required is \$25 per person. Each student packages over \$50 worth of meals.

We have different activities planned to help raise money for this event. We are contributing our Chapel offerings towards this event, having a bake sale at the end of October, and classes are funding Penny Wars. We would greatly appreciate any donations that your family is willing to contribute.

This is a wonderful service learning opportunity, and the staff at Trinity Academy is very excited that we are participating. Thanks for all your contributions and donations. To learn more about Meals From The Heart go to: <http://www.manoamiga.net/meal-pack>.





# INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP

## Hudson Area Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

God says that we can give thanks in all times. What if our Hudson community joined together in giving thanks for the blessings God gives to us? Here's your opportunity! Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 pm at Faith Community Church in Hudson.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE

"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever!" Psalm 107:1

## Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge

For almost 30 years, MN Adult & Teen Challenge has been restoring hope to people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. Their positive Christ-centered message is inspiring. Join us on Sunday, October 30th at our Family Center to hear their stories of restoration through music and testimony.



## Buy That Bus

Remember all the times you went on a fieldtrip to the zoo, apple orchard, museum, or pumpkin patch? Our Trinity kids need a bus so they can have those fun and educational experiences too! Our youth need a bus for their mission trips, service projects, and fellowship events. The



childcare and church use the bus for various outings also. Please consider donating toward our new BUY THAT BUS drive. Remember the song, 'The Wheels on the Bus?' You can purchase a part of the bus, and together we can make this need a reality. The goal is to raise \$25,000, so choose your favorite part of the song and let's BUY THAT BUS!

You can make your donation by writing your check out to Trinity and in the memo line of your check, indicate "Buy That Bus". You can also donate online by going to our website [trinityhudson.org](http://trinityhudson.org). Click on the Online Giving tab. Then choose the Church Ministry option and scroll down to the line that says Buy That Bus. It's that simple! Thank you for your donation! For questions or more details, contact Mike Dougherty at 612-369-2797 or [mdougherty@concretearts.com](mailto:mdougherty@concretearts.com) for questions or more details.

## 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.



## All The Bells And Whistles

The Trinity Bell Choir, and The Flute Choir of The St. Croix Valley Flute Collective, are sponsoring a recital Sunday, November 13th at 7:00 pm at the Downtown Church. There will be special guest appearances by local singer, Kate Jennings, and pianist Judith Permann. The recital will include a free-will offering going to support Turning Point, an organization that supports victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Please join us for an evening of music, benefitting this important organization!

## The Cross

Our theme at The Cross this year is **"I'm 3rd."** The idea isn't new; it is clearly found within the pages of Scripture. In Mark, our focus Gospel, students at The Cross will discover this theme through the words and actions of Jesus during their reading. When asked by religious leaders of his day, which is the greatest commandment, Jesus replied: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:30-31

This theme was also plainly seen in our readings from Luke's Gospel last year, where Jesus taught, "Love God and love others", in that order. It was a seemingly strange and backward teaching then, and it remains so now. "If I'm supposed to love God first, and then love others, when do I get to take care of me? Why is it wrong for me to consider myself first?" When questions like these get asked, it's appropriate to respond through Scripture. In Luke chapter 9, the Son of God and our Savior, instructs, *"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me."* Jesus said this to all of his disciples.

So what does being 3<sup>rd</sup> look like? It looks like living the way Jesus did:

- ❖ Daily prayer and devotion, obedience to, and reliance on our Heavenly Father
  - ❖ Willingness to act on the needs of others; through relationship, service, and prayer - To be moved with compassion for others as in Mark 1:41
  - ❖ Withdraw from crowds to pray, to rest, to spend time with other believers, and spend time alone.
- Jesus did this; he took care of himself. We are to treat ourselves as children of God. *"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own."* 1Corinthians 6:19 We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.



Students at The Cross are being taught the importance of obedience to God and serving others, and they're having fun doing it! 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.

## Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendars, Trunk or Treat is coming on **Friday, October 28 at 6:00pm (NEW TIME!)**. Join us at the Family Center for a night of fellowship with a children's message, trunk or treating, snacks, and a fall themed craft! For any questions about the event, please contact Kelli Halle, Director of Childcare, at [khalle@trinityhudson.org](mailto:khalle@trinityhudson.org).



## Gingerbread Chapel Family Event!



The Gingerbread Chapel Decorating Event is planned for Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 am at Trinity's downtown gymnasium. Come enjoy a simple breakfast, children's devotion, and all the supplies needed to decorate a gingerbread chapel with your family. We will have 50 chapels available for families to decorate, so make sure to sign up and reserve yours as soon as possible! There is a \$25.00 registration fee that will be collected at the door or you may register online at [www.trinityhudson.org](http://www.trinityhudson.org). All supplies are provided. Please use the following link for sign up to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094BA4AD2DABFB6-family>. For further information or questions about volunteering at this special event, please contact Melissa Gruenes at [mgruenes@trinityhudson.org](mailto:mgruenes@trinityhudson.org) or call 651-214-4567.



**Q** How often should we partake in communion?

In Communion, we receive Jesus' body and blood for our forgiveness of sins. At Trinity, we offer communion at all of our normal weekly services because

it is important to receive his grace for the daily sins we commit. Martin Luther encouraged that whenever communion is offered, we should gladly accept it as sinners in need of forgiveness.

*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.*

## Welcome!

We are blessed to have received the following new members into our church family in October:

Patrick McMartin  
 Jeremy & Amy, Isabelle, Emma, Alexa Swanson  
 Tom & Joy Packard  
 Angela, Kaila, Colin, Jada, Amelia Johnson  
 Vern & Rebecca Nagel  
 Wes & Keli, Wyatt, Walker, Averi Matsch  
 Davin Miller & Liz Whitchurch  
 Chuck & Melissa, Gabby, Payton Coleman  
 Joel & Heather, Evan, Mia Hampton  
 Jason & Tammy, Zachery, Alissa Meyer

*Welcome!*

## Advent By Candlelight

You are cordially invited to this special women's event as we begin the season of Advent with an evening of food, fellowship and reflection. This year's theme is "Jesus, Light of the World". Please join us on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Trinity Academy gym at 6:00 pm – doors open at 5:30 pm.



Advent by Candlelight

We will have 24 tables available and each table seats eight women which includes the hostess. You may host a table

or come as a guest. Either way, please sign up on the special poster located at both sites. If you are a hostess, please see the instructions for hosting a table this year. We are encouraging each hostess to invite at least one new person!

All women are invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share for the buffet tables. Please know that there are a limited number of outlets for crock pots.

This evening event includes special music and readings from several of our Trinity musicians, friends, and members. In addition, we will have a delicious buffet of appetizers and desserts along with coffee, tea and water. Plan to come spend the evening with us.

If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne at [kevrock@comcast.net](mailto:kevrock@comcast.net) or Anne at [taross1@msn.com](mailto:taross1@msn.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



## 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 *Lisa Blair*.

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

I am the cook at Trinity academy. I serve lunch to all the kids from childcare to pre-k through 8th grade.

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

Before coming to Trinity I was a manager at County Market in New Richmond Wisconsin.

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

The joys of my job are serving the kids at Trinity a nutritional lunch and seeing their smiling faces everyday along with watching them learn and grow.

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

The overall commitment and desire from everyone to teach and spread Gods word ~ Young and old alike.

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

I believe the children are learning and experiencing the values, teachings, joy and love of God through every Trinity family, teacher and staff.





## Unleashed

Several years ago, our church decided to expand our educational ministry space by adding classrooms and redesigning our youth ministry space. This has helped both ministries reach more people for Jesus! Last year, we made commitments to pay off the second mortgage (500K) associated with the expansion through our Unleashed debt reduction drive.

# UNLEASHED

If you committed to the debt drive, we thank you for your generous support of Trinity's ministry. You can fulfill your commitment by writing a check, continuing to give monthly, and/or go to [TrinityHudson.org/donate](http://TrinityHudson.org/donate) to give online.

## From the Stewardship Committee

***It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. John 13:1***

We usually think of the full extent of Jesus' love when we think of the cross. In this part of the Gospel of John, Jesus is about to wash the disciples' feet. It is happening at this, the last Passover meal he would have on earth. His example is one of simplicity in serving others. Imagine the humility – Jesus strips his clothes off, takes a towel, a basin of water, and washes and dries his friends' feet.

How are some ways we can humble ourselves and serve others, both in our church family and in our community? How can we show the "full extent of our love?" Trinity has many ministries, and supports many others, that serve people, especially those in need. "Thank you" to those of you who give of your time to serve in those ministries. Keep in mind that your regular giving in tithes and offerings keep these ministries functioning to their full extent. Please consider how you can be more active in service and in regular tithes and offerings, and where you can show the full extent of your love in these areas.

*For the Committee,*

*Denny Hartung*

## Call Committee Update

We are on schedule to hold a congregational meeting in March to issue a call for an Associate Pastor. One hundred twenty four surveys were completed by members of Trinity during the month of September. Congregational forums provided additional input to the committee. The survey results, community demographic data, and statistical information about Trinity, comprised a congregational self-study. In addition to the self-study, we also completed a congregational profile and a call checklist. A ministry description for the position of Associate Pastor was approved by Trinity's Board of Directors. Three nominations were received from congregation members for the position of Associate Pastor. The self-study, profile, ministry description, checklist, and nominations, were delivered to Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, the President of the Minnesota South District. He will use the materials to add additional nominations and provide personal and professional data on all nominees. The call committee has used the self-study to develop a rating scale to review the data received on nominees. We will conduct telephone interviews in the coming weeks with those nominees that best match the personal and professional characteristics identified by the self-study process and ministry description for associate pastor. The call committee asks for the continuing prayers from members of Trinity as we continue with each step in the process.



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Compassion International**

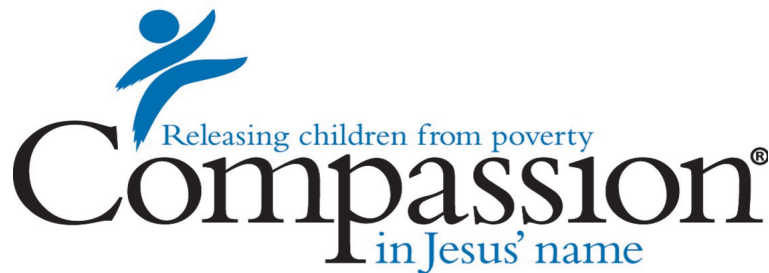
The youth at the Cross have been sponsoring 2 children through Compassion International this year. Each week they collect an offering during large group. The donation for the two children is \$76.00/month. Each small group takes a week to write letters to the two children. They write letters, draw pictures, and encourage them. The following is an example of how they are blessing the children they sponsor. The youth are also blessed knowing they are helping someone in need.

*Dear Abigail,*

*Hi! My name is Aubrey and I am from Trinity Lutheran Church. I am very blessed to get to send you letters through my church! I want you to know that Jesus loves you very much! He died on the cross to forgive us for our sins, and he forgives you too! I hope you are having fun while you are learning at school! You are an amazing girl Abigail! Always remember that and keep it in your heart! Have a great week! Sincerely, Aubrey*

*Edward,*

*God loves you! The last verse of the bible Revelation 22:21 says: "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen." Don't worry in rough times for the grace of God is with you! Lots of love from Sophia and the Cross.*







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### December Newsletter deadline is **Thursday, November 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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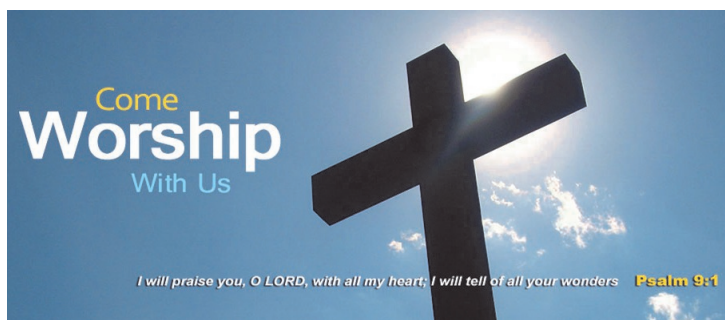
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### Worship Schedule

#### Downtown Campus

Wednesday 6:45pm

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

Sunday 10:30am Worship

#### Family Center Campus

Sunday 9:00 am Worship

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