

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

# CROSSPOINTS



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## A Long Time Ago

500 years is a long time. Changes in our world have gone from minor to severe - from small to epic. Think about the developments in transportation, technology, morality, and lifestyle.

Yet, while the external world morphed and evolved into where we are today, people are still the same. Like people back then, we all desire happiness and we all avoid pain. We all want to be loved, and we all want to know we have a God-given purpose.

500 years ago, the Roman Catholic Church had deviated so far from its Biblical mourning in who people are in the sight of God, that they believed God required them to meet an impossible standard in order for Him to love them. For example, the church required folks to pay money -- for themselves and relatives -- to be released from the 'holding pen' of their sin.



In steps Martin Luther, who in 1517, nailed 95 statements to the church door in Wittenberg in order to begin a dialogue that he hoped would help bring the Church back on course. His premise? We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus. It is not by works that we gain God's favor, but solely on His mercy experience in and through Jesus Christ. (From Ephesians and Romans)

October marks the 500th year anniversary of this re-declaration and the beginning of the reformation. We praise God for His incredible gift of mercy, and that there is nothing that can separate us from God's love in Christ!

*Pastor Todd*

## VISION STATEMENT

Love God, Love Others  
and Serve the World

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# LIFE AT TRINITY

Enjoy these pictures of the adults and youth working and engaging in fellowship during their mission trip to Lorain, Ohio this past summer. Read some of their reflections on page 5.



# OCTOBER SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

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## Downtown Campus

1205 Sixth St. • 386-9313

(W)=Wednesday

### Sunday Worship Coordinator

Every Sunday Carol Smith

### Assisting Ministers (M. Greunke)

02 Tom Oscanyan  
09 Steve Bohl  
16 Mitch Greunke  
23 Steve Bohl  
30 Mitch Greunke

### Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

02 9:00 am Kris Berger  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
09s 9:00 am Pat Larson  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
16 9:00 am Sally Gaeu  
10:30 am Chris Ostendorf  
23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Char Skoviera  
30 9:00 am Joan Lyksett  
10:30 am Anne Ross

### Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

02 9:00 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
10:30 am Dan & Suzy Korum  
09 9:00 am Paul & Pat Larson  
10:30 am Gary & Joyce Reidel  
16 9:00 am Sally Gaeu  
10:30 am Sally Gaeu  
23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Randy & Jean Strong Family  
30 9:00 am Wally & Margie Spaeth  
10:30 am Wally & Margie Spaeth

### Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

02 9:00 am Geri Manlove  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
09 9:00 am Lis Munding  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
16 9:00 am Suzy Korum  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
23 9:00 am Xtreme Kids  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
30 9:00 am Dan Gaeu  
10:30 am Carol Smith

### Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

02 9:00 am Bill & Marlice Shirley/  
Tom & Kathy Youngberg  
10:30 am Dennis Lee, Zach &  
Peter Verdoorn  
05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
09 9:00 am Wayne & Geri Manlove  
Gary Riedel, Nate Otte  
10:30 am Doug & Mary Harmon

12(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
16 9:00 am Fred Yoerg, Henry  
Berger, Ed Glowe, Wally Spaeth  
10:30 am Tim & Pat Tuma  
19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
23 9:00 am Jeff Berkhof, Neil  
Fredrick, Extreme Kids  
10:30 am Mike Weyers, Blaine  
Verdoorn  
26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
30 9:00 am Tom Malchow, Dennis  
Schertz, Steve Bohl  
10:30 am Zach & Peter Verdoorn

### Power Point (Mark Gallison)

02 9:00 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn  
09 9:00 am Issac/Caleb Hatch  
10:30 am Curt Weese  
16 9:00 am Carl Schoenbeck  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn  
23 9:00 am Jessi Meyer  
10:30 am Curt Weese  
30 9:00 am Chris/Matt Oscanyan  
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

### Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)  
02 9:00 am Tom Malchow, Paul Larson  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
09 9:00 am Nany Koski, Lis Munding  
10:30 am Kim Gallison  
12(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
16 9:00 am Brian & Jodie Young  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
23 9:00 am Ralph & Kathy Munkelwitz  
10:30 am Rick Nelsen  
26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
30 9:00 am Bruce Gonitzke, Tom  
Youngberg  
10:30 am Carol Smith

### Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

02 9:00 am Richard Young  
10:30 am Cary Johnson  
05(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
09 9:00 am Lauren Foust  
10:30 am Lauren Foust  
12(W) Tom & Vickie Edin  
16 9:00 am Joan Lyksett  
10:30 am Fran Spainhour  
19(W) Lonny & Colleen Zillmer  
23 9:00 am Char Skoviera  
10:30 am Carol Smith  
26(W) Roger & Janet Dierks  
30 9:00 am Sally Gaeu  
10:30 am Jean Strong

### 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 Open  
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 Andrea Felberg  
10:30 am St. Ore's  
3rd Sunday 9:00 am Dirk & Tedra Larson  
10:30 am Ryan/Courtney Menter  
4th Sunday 9:00 am Meaghan White  
10:30 am Dan & Heather Milbrath  
5th Sunday 9:00 am Chad and Alicia Boreen  
10:30 am John/Tanya Slavsky

### Communion Assistant

1st Sunday 9:00 am David Holm; Cheri  
Buelow; Cheryl Warnken, Patty  
Kelly; 1 Open  
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; 4 Open  
3rd Sunday 9:00 am Jill Dougherty; Nicole  
Hansen; Robb Neuenschwander;  
Tamara Morton; Michelle Koerth;  
Jason Koerth  
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; Becky Glade  
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 Open  
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 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  
4th Sun. 9:00am Becky Glade  
10:30am Open  
5th Sun. 9:00am Michelle Carper  
10:30am Nicole Hanson

### Nursery

1st Sunday 9:00 am Olivia Kretschmer  
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 Sophia Marquardt &  
Aubrey Loe  
10:30 am Elizabeth Bond  
4th Sunday 9:00 am Abby Fett  
10:30 am Open  
5th Sunday 9:00 am Caitlin Koerth  
10:30 am Barb Garbe, Colin Paul

# OCTOBER 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>1</b>
<b>2 New Member Sunday</b> <i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>4</b> 9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT	<b>5</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00pm Baum/Bergman Wedding Rehearsal/DT	<b>8</b> 1:00pm Baum/Bergman Wedding/DT
<b>9</b> <i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>11</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting/FC	<b>12</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Pastoral Call Mtg/DT 7:00pm Deacon Meeting/DT	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <i>See Worship Schedule Above</i> 12:00pm Small Group Pot Luck/FC 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Meeting/DT	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>18</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting/DT	<b>19</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT 7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <i>See Worship Schedule Above</i> 12:00pm Congregational Assembly/DT	<b>24</b> 9:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT	<b>25</b> 9:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT 9:30am Core Staff Meeting/FC 5:00pm FMSC/DT	<b>26</b> 5:30pm The Cross/DT 6:45pm Worship/DT	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Trunk or Treat/FC	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <i>See Worship Schedule Above</i>	<b>31</b> 6:00pm Halloween Outreach/DT 5:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal/DT 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsl/FC 7:00pm Trinity Choir Rehearsal/DT					

## Summer Adventures

### Lorain Mission Trip

Summer 2016 was an incredible time for Trinity youth ministry at The Cross. Students experienced Wild Mountain Water Park, Go Karts, and Alpine Slides. A group traveled to Louisiana to join thousands of others in the LCMS National Youth Gathering. Families attended the Annual SonShine Music Festival in Somerset to hear incredible bands like Switchfoot, Family Force Five, and Rend Collective. Youth of The Cross even got in several rounds of Paint Ball in River Falls, and explored the Compassion Experience in Afton.

Another group went on mission to serve the Ohio community of Lorain, detouring in Kentucky along the way, to visit the Creation Museum. This Ohio Mission Trip brought 7 adults and 11 middle and high school students to serve the residents of Lorain, a small town along the southern shore, on the west end of Lake Erie. We worked along side a group from Richmond Virginia, under the exceptional guidance of the 19-23 year old young adults who run a mission program called Next Step Ministries. Much of this experience was highlighted during our extended, student-run church service on September 18<sup>th</sup>. *The pictures below and on page 2 are from the mission trip.*

While in the vans on the way home, our students were asked to reflect on what they had learned and experienced: serving, submission to the needs of others, Creation Museum experience, how they grew closer to God, and what change they would bring home with them. A few of the responses students provided are shared here. Any one of them would love to tell you their personal story if asked!

**Connor** "This experience will carry into my home life in the way I treat people. I think that I will be more patient with others. I think that I will also serve others more often. I truly hope that I will continue to seek God after I get home."

**Elizabeth** "I felt God working through me this week by showing me how to love better. I felt him opening my heart to love people I didn't know. He taught me that even though I was helping strangers, I am no better than them. I am called to love them and serve them without expecting anything in return."

**Nate** "This year was great! We got to go to the Creation Museum, learning about things that go on in the world and if there even is a God. The Creation Museum made me want to read more about God. We also got to enjoy the beautiful Lake Erie sunsets. I would encourage someone to go on a mission trip not only to serve God's people, but to learn more about Him."

**Hannah** "People should go because you get to form a strong bond with others that nobody else could understand. Also you get to feel God working through you by helping other people."

**Kolton** "I went on this mission trip because it would be good for me to show others how I could give up my electronics and serve people to represent my church and the Lord."

**Frances** "Go because it is a lot of fun and you bring joy to others. You make their lives easier and they have a better home to come back to. The Creation Museum was amazing."

**Kim Gallison** "I witnessed so much compassion and dedication this week. I constantly saw kids (and adults as well) placing themselves "3<sup>rd</sup>", acting on the needs of others. My prayer is that we carry this fellowship and willingness to serve back to Hudson with us. I pray this light of Christ shines through us in all we do. Praise be to God!



# INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP

## Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight is a very special women's event, that includes food, fellowship, and reflection, as we enter the Advent season. This year it will be held on Sunday, November 27th in the Downtown Trinity gym.

We are looking for people to help on the committee, as well as musicians and readers. If you are interested, please contact Roxanne Johnson at [Roxanne.johnson@minnesotalife.com](mailto:Roxanne.johnson@minnesotalife.com) or Anne Ross at [taross1@msn.com](mailto:taross1@msn.com). Watch for more information about hosting a table and/or providing food in future church bulletins. Please feel free to invite your family and friends, or someone new. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Distinct Series Update

Our series launched on September 18th. So many new small groups have formed around this study! If you're still interested in finishing out the series in a small group, contact Cheri Buelow at [cbuelow@trinityhudson.org](mailto:cbuelow@trinityhudson.org), or simply grab a few people you know and start!



## The Cross

The Cross meets at 5:30 pm each Wednesday in our Downtown youth room, following the Hudson School District calendar. For questions about the program, contact Jack Jorgensen at [jacktjorg@gmail.com](mailto:jacktjorg@gmail.com).

### Upcoming events:

Small group Community Service 10/26  
Downtown Halloween Outreach 10/31  
Moonlight Mystery Madness TBD

*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.*



## Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month ~ Sunday, October 9th is Pastor Appreciation Day! We invite the congregation to show their love, support, and gratitude to our pastors in whatever way you feel moved to do so. It



can be as simple as a handshake and a thank you. Perhaps you feel like baking a homemade dessert or giving a gift card. Are you a Pinterest person? There are over 1,000 ideas there! One thing we can all do together is pray for our pastors. You will find a 30 day calendar at the welcome desks at both sites, and we ask you to pick one up and pray each day for our pastors. This is an area where we can come humbly to God on behalf of the shepherds of our congregation and faithfully lift them up in prayer. Cards and gifts are nice, but there is no better or more powerful way to bless and support our pastors than by praying for them. Simply go to the day of the month and pray through the topic and scripture, allowing the Spirit to lead your prayers. Post your prayer calendar in a place where you will see it often: the kitchen, the bathroom, by the bed, etc. Read the entry for

the day as a part of your quiet time or as you're hustling along in your day. Some days you may send up a quick prayer and some days you may be led to look up the scriptures and spend time with God, praying over our pastors and the congregation. Praying for these leader-servants is an act of service and a wonderful way to bless our church. Pastors have a great responsibility and are often the target of criticism, fatigue, discouragement, and attacks of the enemy. It is a worthy task to take up the responsibility of prayer for them.

## 500 Years

Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, "captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans."

In those days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. "I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God." Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a "merciful God justifies us by faith, I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates."



What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God's mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, "Faith is God's work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times."

The reformation that took place in Martin Luther's heart burst into a flame on October 31, 1517, and spread through the world as many others were struggling to find the same confidence and freedom. On that day, he posted a series of 95 theses or propositions for debate and discussion in the university where he taught. That document was printed on a new-fangled technology device (Gutenberg's printing press) and distributed throughout Germany and the rest of Europe.

October 31, 2016 marks the beginning of the 500th year of the Reformation. Throughout this year there will be many events and opportunities for celebrating and recapturing the essence of the Gospel that was at the heart of the Reformation. On Sunday, October 29, 2017 there will be a special festival worship service at Concordia University in St. Paul. The university is also sponsoring a special exhibit in 2017 and putting on a Tony-award winning play on the life and times of Luther. PBS will be airing a documentary in 2017 entitled *"Martin Luther: An Idea that Changed the World."*

Websites are available with information on the history, the teaching, and the important people of the Reformation:

- ❖ The Lutheran Reformation <http://lutheranreformation.org>
- ❖ Concordia University-St. Paul Reformation site <https://www.csp.edu/reformation500>
- ❖ The ELCA Reformation website <http://www.elca500.org>

The Reformation was all about Jesus and his Word. So this year would be a good time to study the main teachings of the Reformation: grace, salvation, faith, scripture, the church.

As we go through the next year, Trinity will be featuring sermons, series, and studies on Reformation themes. Be watching for them. Be ready to have your own faith renewed.



### Trunk or Treat

Mark your calendars! Trunk or Treat is happening on Friday, October 28 at 6:30pm. 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! Please sign up at either the Family Center or Downtown by Friday, October 21st to secure your space. Please ensure that you include your email to be informed of more details to come. For any questions about the event, please contact Kelli Halle, Director of Childcare at [khalle@trinityhudson.org](mailto:khalle@trinityhudson.org).

## Goliath Mobile Pack

**2 days, 1,500 volunteers, nearly 280 thousand meals**

We invite you to join us in fighting local and global hunger through the Hudson Area Goliath Mobile Pack held **February 17th and 18th** at the Hudson YMCA. Through the effort of over 1,500 volunteers, the Hudson Area Goliath Mobile Pack will be "*Mission Possible*" with the goal to fill an entire shipping container with Manna Packs. That is over 280,000 meals!

The Goliath Challenge raised \$28,000 for the Mobile Pack. Our goal is to increase the total to \$60,000. If you are interested in donating or sponsoring the event, please send an email to [fundraising@hagmp.com](mailto:fundraising@hagmp.com).

Together with Feed My Starving Children, a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's children hungry in body and spirit, we can create hand packed meals specifically formulated for malnourished children around the world. This event will also make an impact to those locally in need by supporting the Hudson Food Shelf.

Join us and be God's hands and feet by serving others.

HUDSON AREA  
**GOLIATH**  
MOBILE PACK

## ATV Trip

The sixth annual Men's ATV trip is set for Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15th. We will be heading to the Blue Hills of Rusk County which is technically in Bruce, WI. The campground we stay at is on Audie Lake. If you type in Audie Lake, Bruce, WI into Google maps it will show up. It is about a two hour drive from Hudson. We will be departing the Family Center parking lot at 8:00 am on Friday morning, and we usually get back to Hudson around 8:00 pm on Saturday.

We typically get between 15-20 men attending this trip.



Having your own ATV is a plus, but not required. Some guys come along and don't even ride. They just prefer to hang out at the camp and partake in fellowship. There have been quite a few men over the years

whom have made lasting friendships as a result of this weekend, so it is a great way to plug in.

We will provide great food as well as fuel for the machines. We also have some extra room in campers, but it will be first-come-first-serve. If you have a camper and are willing to bring it along - that would be great! The price varies depending on final numbers, but is usually in the \$120 - \$130 range.

If you are interested, please contact Mike Dougherty at [mdougherty@concretearts.com](mailto:mdougherty@concretearts.com) or Brett Caslow at [bcaslow@mmm.com](mailto:bcaslow@mmm.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 *Heather Baar*.

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

I am the Preschool 8th grade Physical Education Teacher and 6 - 8th grade Health Teacher.

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

From 2003 - 2011, I taught Physical Education & Health at Trinity. For the last five years, I have been doing personal training and teaching fitness classes.

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

I love that I get to see ALL the students in the school for my classes. The excitement and enthusiasm that they exhibit is contagious!

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

Trinity has grown into such a welcoming community that expands far beyond the walls of the church and school. The fellowship and love for God shines!

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

God has done amazing things for Trinity since the year I left. Trinity has grown and expanded. Each day God's work is displayed in the lives of the children who share their joy and love of God.



## From the Stewardship Committee

I read a poignant editorial from The Washington Post recently. The writer said that Mother Theresa is to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church – she will be called St. Theresa of Calcutta. Not many of us would consider poverty a virtue, but Mother Theresa lived it as such. Like the Lord Jesus, she owned little except the clothes on her back. Ministering to the poor, she eschewed worldly goods; she literally had no desire to acquire *things*. The article went on to detail how, instead, she provided for and LOVED those in need.

While I don't think most of us are called to do what she did, as Christ-followers, we can and should live a life of poverty of sorts – the kind that loves our brother and sister more than our worldly goods. The kind of life that outright rejects materialism and the corruption that is consumerism, and instead, uses the things God has given us to shower love on our neighbors as ourselves. Poverty has two intertwining facets: deep physical need and an even deeper need for love. Providing one without the other, and we'll just have programs. (The government has those aplenty.) Mother Theresa did both. Jesus did too.

Trinity has many opportunities for you to love people and provide for their physical needs. Are you doing what you can in this area? Follow the examples of Jesus and Mother Theresa and join with Trinity to help. Contact any of the church staff, Board of Directors, or our committees to see how you might serve. Also, consider increasing your giving to the church to support our ministries to the needy.

*For the Committee,  
Denny Hartung*

## Graduating Senior Quilts

Letters have been mailed to all of the Trinity High School Seniors that we are aware of. However, with a growing congregation, we may have missed someone.



The Trinity Quilters sew a personalized quilt for any graduating senior who wishes to receive this gift at the end of the school year. Quilts are presented during the Senior Recognition Service in late May as the congregation celebrates your accomplishments. If you did not get a letter explaining the Trinity Graduation Quilt Program, please call Nancy Gavin at 715-386-3513 so we can get the information to you. If you did receive the information, but haven't yet responded, please return the postcard with your wishes as soon as possible. The graduation quilts have become a Trinity tradition that you wouldn't want to miss!

## Board of Directors

Trinity finished its 2016 fiscal year in relatively strong shape. Here is the final recap:

- ➔ Church general offerings of \$979,000 were \$39,000 or 4% above budget
- ➔ Academy & Early Childhood revenue of \$2.27 million was \$67,000 or 3% above budget
- ➔ Expenses of \$3.03 million were \$9,000 or less than 1% above budget
- ➔ Net of \$218,000 not only covered our 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage principal payments of \$127,000 but also allowed us to build up some cash cushion that we have lacked for several years.

We thank God who has blessed us with a strong Church! We thank our members who generously support the ministries of Trinity through their offerings! We thank the many parents who entrust their children's education to us at Trinity Academy and Trinity Early Childhood Academy! Last but not least, we thank our fantastic staff who work so hard, and often wear many hats to get the job done as economically as possible!

Our stronger financial position has enabled us to address unexpected equipment failures the last few months, including replacement of a riding lawn mower and a water heater. We are now evaluating whether to start a Capital Improvement Fund. Such a "rainy day" fund would make it easier for us to handle the inevitable equipment and building failures that come with the wonderful facilities with which God has blessed us.

Also, please know that we are already applying your generous offerings to the Unleashed Debt Reduction Drive to pre-pay our 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage - more than \$65,000 has been paid down in the first few months of the drive!

**Please plan to attend the Congregational Assembly at noon on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Downtown Sanctuary.** We will elect new members to our Board of Directors and Nominations Committee. Plus, Pastor Todd Stocker and Congregation President Steve Hamill, will lead continued discussion of Trinity's vision and mission. We greatly value your participation and input.



Board of Directors

### Pastoral Call Committee Update

In the summer of 2017, Pastor Tim will be retiring. As such, we have formed a call committee to seek God's next shepherd here at Trinity to serve alongside Pastor Todd.

Over the past few months, the committee has developed a timeline, started interviews with staff, polled the congregation, and held forums — all in an effort to get as much input as they can toward developing a ministry description for the new pastor.

The next steps in the process include gathering names from the District and congregation, reviewing the candidate's personal information, and setting up phone interviews to determine which candidates we'll bring in for on-site interviews in February/March.

Please continue to pray for our church, the committee, and the process, so that we discover God's heart and His leadership toward our next Pastor.



### Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

In September 2015, over 150 lay people from all around the United States joined together in Washington DC, along with LCMS President Reverend Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, to attend the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty meeting, *"Let's Talk Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty"*. Maf Berg was among the attendees to this conference.

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty was incorporated in April 2014. Their goal is to create a direct presence of the LCMS in the nation's capital. They will offer input, information, education, advice, and resources in the public square regarding marriage, life, and religious liberty. For more information, or to download resources, visit their website at [www.lcms.org/lutherancenterforreligiousliberty](http://www.lcms.org/lutherancenterforreligiousliberty).

Free to be Faithful is an awareness campaign launched in 2012 that educates and raises awareness about the increasing intrusions by the government and culture into the realm of the Church. You can subscribe to the Free to be Faithful quarterly newsletter to get additional information on the work of Free to be Faithful and the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Email [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) to subscribe.



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### November Newsletter deadline is **Monday, October 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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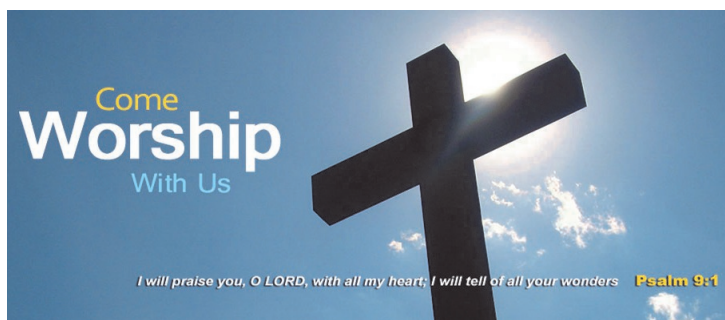
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### Worship Schedule

#### Downtown Campus

Wednesday 6:45pm

Sunday 9:00 am Worship & Xtreme Kids

Sunday 10:30am Worship

#### Family Center Campus

Sunday 9:00 am Worship & Xtreme Kids

Sunday 10:30 am Worship & Xtreme Kids