

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

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September 2017

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RALLY DAY

September is an exciting time around our church. After a summer break, many of our ministries ramp up again and people step into serving here at Trinity. The starting day of all of this activity is Rally Day, Sunday, September 10th. This year we decided to do something a bit different. We are going to have a ministry fair on that day at both campuses!

A ministry fair is a time where our ministries tell their story of who they are, what they do and how you can get involved. I talk with people who don't know that we have a quilting ministry that provides quilts for the homeless. I bet you didn't know we have a ministry that serves people in the area by providing them with household items.

These and all of our ministries are important and are the life-blood of how we accomplish our mission of reaching the world for Jesus, one life at a time.

So that leads me to ask you a question. Are you involved in our church ministry? Coming to worship is great, but if you're not connected to a small

group or helping serve others, you may be missing out on feeling fulfilled through serving other people. You may be missing out on the excitement of seeing the faith of a child or student come alive as you help mentor them. You may be missing out on knowing the joy of working shoulder to shoulder with a great



group of people dedicated to Jesus and Trinity.

When September 10th hits, it will certainly be the best Rally Day we've had to date!

Pastor Todd

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Jesus, one life at a time.

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LIFE AT TRINITY



Enjoy these pictures from
VBS 2017 - Maker Fun
Factory!! Thank you to Scott
and Kristin Miller, and all the
volunteers for making this
year a great success!



Downtown Campus

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Sunday Worship Coordinator

Every Sunday Carol Smith

Assisting Ministers (M. Greunke)

03 Brett Easler
10 Mitch Greunke
17 Tom Oscanyan
24 Steve Bohl

Fellowship (Char Skoviera)

03 9:00 am Char Skoviera
10:30 am Carol Smith
10 9:00 am Pat Larson
10:30 am Kim Gallison

17 9:00 am Kris Berger
10:30 am Chris Ostendorf
24 9:00 am Xtreme Kids
10:30 am Char Skoviera

Greeters (Sally Gaeu)

03 9:00 am Dan & Suzy Korum
10:30 am Dan & Suzy Korum

10 9:00 am Paul & Pat Larson
10:30 am Gary & Joyce Reidel
17 9:00 am Wayne & Geri Manlove
10:30 am Wayne & Geri Manlove
24 9:00 am Xtreme Kids
10:30 am Open

Readers (Sharon Ellwein)

03 9:00 am Lis Munding
10:30 am Rick Nelsen
10 9:00 am Carol Richert
10:30 am Kim Gallison
17 9:00 am Will Weiskopf
10:30 am Carol Smith
24 9:00 am Xtreme Kids
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

Ushers (Dan Gaeu)

03 9:00 am Jeff Berkhof, Nate Otte, Greg Haugen
10:30 am Dennis Lee, Zachary Verdoorn
10 9:00 am Wayne & Geri Manlove, Gary Riedel, Braden Meyer
10:30 am Doug & Mary Harmon
17 9:00 am Fred Yoerg, Henry Berger, Will Weiskopf, Wally Spaeth
10:30 am Tim & Pat Tuma, Zachary Verdoorn
24 9:00 am Xtreme Kids, Edwin Berger, Neil Fredrick

10:30 am Mike Weyers, Peter Verdoorn

Power Point (Mark Gallison)

03 9:00 am Jessi Meyer
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn
10 9:00 am Issac & Caleb Hatch
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn
17 9:00 am Carl Schoenbeck
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn
24 9:00 am Issac & Caleb Hatch
10:30 am Blaine Verdoorn

Eucharistic Ministers

(Shirley Ohrt)

03 9:00 am Paul Larson, Tom Malchow
10:30 am Rick Nelsen
10 9:00 am Arvid Ledin, Nancy Koski
10:30 am Kim Gallison
17 9:00 am Bruce Gonitzke, Wally Spaeth
10:30 am Carol Smith
24 9:00 am Kathy & Ralph Munkelwitz
10:30 am Rick Nelsen

Communion Set-Up (Mary Golke)

03 9:00 am Mary Golke
10:30 am Fran Spainhour
10 9:00 am Vicki Mares
10:30 am Brenda Foust
17 9:00 am Char Skoviera
10:30 am Cary Johnson
24 9:00 am Lauren Foust
10:30 am Carol Smith

Van Drivers (George Skoviera)

1st Sun. Ed Glowe/Greg Haugen
2nd Sun. Fred Harwell/George Skoviera
3rd Sun. Arvid Ledin/Nancy Koski
4th Sun. Tom, Chris, Matthew Oscanyan
5th Sun. Brett Easler/Substitute

Welcome Desk

1st Sun. Open
2nd Sun. Open
3rd Sun. Open
4th Sun. Open
5th Sun. Open

Family Center Campus

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Ushers

1st Sunday
9:00 am Josh Bernhard
10:30 am Brent Schultz
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Woltmans
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 Ryan & Courtney Menter
10:30 am Open
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Ramona Larsen
10:30 am Buddy Hamill
3rd Sunday
9:00 am Brad and Deb Davison
10:30 am Open
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 (Mike Dougherty)

1st Sunday
9:00 am Open
10:30 am Open
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Steve Kelly
10:30 am Steve Kelly
3rd Sunday
9:00 am Mike Dougherty
10:30 am Mike Dougherty
4th Sunday
9:00 am Dan Milbrath
10:30 am Dan Milbrath
5th Sunday
9:00 am Open
10:30 am Open

Greeter

1st Sunday
9:00 am Bev Larsen
10:30 am Shimon Family
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; Cheryl Warnken, Patti Kelly; Josh Bernhard; Scott Miller
10:30 am Prudy Anderson, Patti Kelly; 3 Open
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Kim Gallison; Ken & Doris Krautbauer; 2 Open
10:30 am Annie Dulon; Nicole Hansen; Dave Miller, Liz Whitchurch; 1 Open
3rd Sunday
9:00 am Nicole Hansen; Robb Neuenschwander; Michelle & Jason Koerth; 1 Open
10:30 am Nicole Hansen; Jill Dougherty; Shelia Kanninen; Leo Draveling, Monica Draveling
4th Sunday
9:00 am Becky Glade; 4 Open.
10:30 am Debbie Hoople; Brent Schultz; Becky Glade; Eileen Demulling; 1 Open.
5th Sunday
9:00 am ; 5 Open
10:30 am Brent Schultz; 4 Open

Media Shout (Layne Pitzer)

1st Sunday
9:00 am Dave Meyer
10:30 am Stella Scharber
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Mark Gallison
10:30 am Mark Kretschmer
3rd Sunday
9:00 am Mark Gallison
10:30 am August Draveling
4th Sunday
9:00 am Open
10:30 am Braeden Miller
5th Sunday
9:00 am Mark Gallison
10:30 am Mark Gallison

Sunday Worship Coordinator

1st Sun. Patti Kelly
2nd Sun. Nicole Hansen
3rd Sun. Nicole Hansen
4th Sun. Becky Glade
5th Sun. Open

Welcome Desk

1st Sun. 9:00 am Emily Huber
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 Open
10:30am Nicole Hanson

Nursery

1st Sunday
9:00 am Olivia Kretschmer; Hannah Ousdigian
10:30 am Open
2nd Sunday
9:00 am Barb Garbe, Bridgit Gerhardt
10:30 am Paula & Lindsey Myhre

3rd Sunday

9:00 am Aubrey Loe, Madi Gillen
10:30 am Elizabeth Bond

4th Sunday

9:00 am Open
10:30 am Open

5th Sunday

9:00 am Caitlin Koerth
10:30 am Kari Rawn

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Worship And Xtreme Kids 9:00am DT 9:00am FC 10:30am DT (No XK) 10:30am FC	Weekly Bible Studies Sunday 10:30am/DT Tuesday 9:30am/DT Tuesday 1:00pm/Ohrt Home Tuesday 6:30pm/FC Thursday 9:15am /FC Friday 6:30am/Hudson Bagel Saturdays 7:30am/FC 1St & 3rd				1	2
3 See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i>	4 Labor Day Offices Closed	5 9:30am Full Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT	6 5:00pm Youth Praise/DT 5:30pm Flute Practice/DT 5:30pm The Cross/DT	7	8 4:30pm Dennison/Gonzales Rehearsal/DT	9 2:00pm Dennison/Gonzales Wedding/DT
10 See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i> RALLY SUNDAY	11 9:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT	12 9:00am Quilter's Retreat/DT 9:30am Staff Meeting/FC	13 5:00pm Youth Praise/DT 5:30pm Flute Practice/DT 5:30pm The Cross/DT	14	15 5:30pm Schroeder/Gerstner Rehearsal/DT	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study/FC 2:00pm Schroeder/Gerstner Wedding/DT
17 See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i> Bibles Distributed Teacher Commissioning	18	19 9:30am Staff Meeting/DT 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg/DT 6:30pm Connect Class/FC	20 5:00pm Youth Praise/DT 5:30pm Flute Practice/DT 5:30pm The Cross/DT	21 6:00pm Finance Mtg/DT 7:00pm BOD Meeting/DT	22	23
24 See <i>Worship Schedule Above</i>	25 1:00pm Quilter's Meeting/DT	26 5:00pm FMSC/DT 6:30pm Connect Class/DT	27 7:00am See You At The Pole 5:00pm Youth Praise/DT 5:30pm Flute Practice/DT 5:30pm Fellowship Night/DT	28	29	30

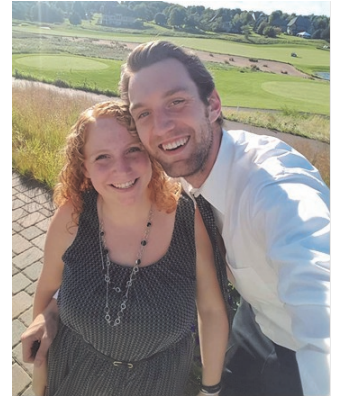
Growing Up Trinity

Hello Trinity! My name is Paige McKibben. I am the new all day Pre-Kindergarten teacher at Trinity Academy!

I was born and raised in Hudson, Wisconsin. I grew up in a Christian household, and have been attending Trinity Lutheran Church for the past 24 years. I even attended Pre-Kindergarten at Trinity! God guided me through my childhood providing countless blessings and triumphs along the way.

In 2011 I moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin to attend college. After four years, I graduated in 2015 with a degree in early childhood-middle childhood education. I came back to Trinity after college, and the church welcomed me as if I had never left.

Over the last two years I have spent my time as a substitute teacher for the Hudson School District. I also got engaged this summer! John plays bass guitar on the worship team at Trinity. God has blessed me with an amazing man who shares the same zest for life and passion for Christ. After praying that this would be the year the perfect position would come into my life, God pulled me in the direction of Trinity Academy. I am so incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to come full circle with Trinity from the student to the teacher. *Submitted by Paige McKibben*



Changing Through Missions

Fitting a year of my life into a paragraph is not an easy task. Returning "home" after 319 days of experience abroad in eleven different countries, is not easy to put into words. I returned home at the end of June from "The World Race" which is an eleven-month mission trip to eleven countries. The person I was when I left for The World Race is not the same person who returned home in June. I am a truer self of the person God has called me to be.

Now talking about personal transformation, I like to think I changed a lot, and I have, but the thing about change is you can say it all you want, but people won't actually believe you until you show them, and that takes time. A small example is I was able to give up my control to God month three while in Nepal. Nepal has some of the most dangerous roads in the world. There were some points while driving through the Himalayan foothills that all I saw out my bus window was a 300-foot drop. I am terrified of heights and I don't think I have ever prayed so hard in my entire life. I was crying and I really didn't think our bus was going to make it up this mountain. They let me off the bus so I could walk the last two miles up the mountain, which I did happily. But the funny thing about mountains are if you go up, you have to come back down. So, while visiting a village for three days, all I did was pray for the bus ride back to the city to be safe, and that we would walk down the mountain we were staying on. God is so good and He answers prayers. My whole group walked three miles down the mountain at sunrise and met our buses at the bottom, and the bus ride was so much better and no tears were shed. There was a pressure lifted off of my shoulders after that month. Any little thing that would go wrong, I didn't stress or freak out because I knew when I gave it to the Lord, He would take care of me and He really has.

There are many more stories I could tell you about how I've grown or changed, but change takes time and I only had a year abroad, and I only have these few paragraphs. I am not done growing or changing. This experience helped me in many ways, but the biggest thing it helped me with was finding my true identity in Christ. Leaving the US, I had no idea how I would feel when I came home. I was scared I wouldn't feel like me anymore, but the truth is - I feel more myself than I ever have before. I look through different lenses and my heart has grown a love to serve different nations and share the love of Christ. I am excited to bring my new experiences and passionate love of God back to Trinity Early Childhood Academy! *Submitted by Kelsey Robertson*





CRAZY FALL

Summer is over. School begins. Juggling life's demands during this season is enough to drive you crazy! This series will help you keep your eyes on Jesus while you balance priorities during this crazy fall!

Smaller is Bigger

- Statistically, we have a large church with many opportunities to be involved in. Yet,
- there is a danger in a large church of getting lost. It's one thing to come to worship, but quite another to live life together in a church family. That's where small groups come in.
- In a small group/bible study, you get to live life with other Jesus-followers. You get to go deeper in your faith as you know others and are known by others. You make friends and serve together all within the context of knowing God through his word. Watch for
- small group opportunities coming in the fall!



Membership Classes

It's that time again...time to offer our CONNECT classes for those who are interested in becoming new members. It's fun to meet others in a small setting and get to know the people that are joining with you! It's enlightening to learn more about our history, our synod, and our behind-the-scenes activities. It's important to understand our mission and vision, and why we believe what we believe! In addition, you get to know our staff and programs and how to engage in the life of Trinity in order to feel connected to this awesome church family. We've streamlined these classes to be as informative, engaging, and efficient as possible. We'd love for you to come! Please contact Todd Stocker at tstocker@trinityhudson.org, or call the church office at 715-386-9313 if you have questions.



CONNECT classes are Tuesday, September 19 at the Family Center from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (childcare provided), and Tuesday, September 26 at our Downtown campus from 6:30 - 8:00 pm (childcare provided). We will welcome our new members on Sunday, October 1st at both sites, both services.

XTREME KIDS ~ Register now!

Trinity Xtreme Kids is Trinity's children's ministry program for kids PreK - 8th grade. Each Sunday, after the children's message, your children are invited to join together for their very own worship service and Bible study. Starting in September, Xtreme Kids will kick off the new school year with using David C. Cook's best-selling curriculum, *Bible-in-Life*. *Bible-in-Life* is for all ages and communicates the gospel with life-changing clarity, motivating students to apply what they've learned at every stage of spiritual growth. Registration is now open for our Sunday morning Children's Ministry. We ask that families re-register their children for XK every school year in order to keep our class lists as up-to-date as possible. Register online at trinityxtremekids.org or fill out a registration form at the Welcome Desk at either church location.

Dates to Remember:

September 10th - Rally Sunday - 1st day of the Xtreme Kids school year
September 17th - Teacher Commissioning and Kindergarten & 3rd Grade Bible distribution
October 27th - Trunk or Treating, Trinity Family Center
December 2nd - Gingerbread House Decorating event - Downtown campus gymnasium
December 17th - Xtreme Kids Christmas Musical
December 24th - Christmas Eve Sunday - no XK classes

Welcome Back To The Cross!

We can't believe it's a new year at the Cross. We will continue strong with digging into the Word, being 3rd by serving others, worshipping God, and having a lot of fun while we are together.

Wednesday, September 6th

First night of the Cross

5:30 – 6:00pm socializing

6:00 – 7:00pm Large group (worship, prayer, devotion, message)

7:00 – 7:45pm Small group (dig into the word, journal, pray with adult mentor)

Saturday, September 23rd

Dare2Share Live event - Great event to hang out with other Christian youth from around the country.

Wednesday, September 27th

The last Wednesday of the month is a fellowship or service. It will be with the whole youth group or with the individual small groups. In September, we will continue the tradition of Pizza and Dodge ball for our first event! Also it is See You At the Pole ~ Middle School and High School are encouraged to meet at the flag pole before school. Youth leaders from all the churches will be there to pray with you!

Trinity Academy Summer Reflection

It has been a busy summer as usual at Trinity Academy. Our Trailblazer program under the leadership of Shannon DeVos had approximately 60 children each week in grades kindergarten through 8th grade. They traveled on many field trips including water parks, state parks, museums and our local library. Days on campus were spent learning about Jesus in the faith class, doing art and hands on crafts, as well as producing two amazing plays! The staff and children had a lot of fun and were equally tired at the end of each week. Our preschool summer program had 25 students who enjoyed on-campus field trips such as a bubble party, the nature center, and along with the Trailblazers - ended the summer with a wonderful carnival party.

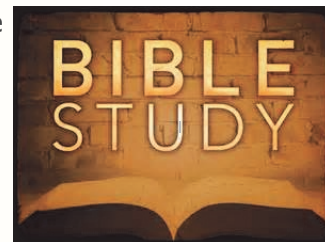
We had several transitions this summer. We are so grateful for God's provision and bringing the right people into the right positions. In our office at the Academy Mrs. Gruenes has accepted the position of 4th grade teacher at Trinity Academy. Ms. Tammy Nagel will be our new Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Coenen, our aide and health clerk, has moved on to work for the county, and Mrs. Leanne Terry will be our new part time health clerk and administrative assistant in the office. Ms. Erin Daily, a former Trinity Early Childhood Academy teacher, accepted the position of 5th grade teacher replacing Mrs. Warner who retired. Ms. Paige McKibben, a long time member of Trinity and more recently a college graduate, has accepted the position of All Day Pre-K. It is exciting to have an alumni now working at Trinity. We thank Ms. Brusewitz, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. Coenen for their service at Trinity. We also welcome Mrs. Sue Malecha and Mrs. Cyndee Christianson as classroom assistants in our preschool.

All of our school's ministry continues to be blessed by our relationship with the church, and we thank you for your partnership. We are looking forward to having our many volunteers back on campus this fall with recess duty, bus driving, ROAR, reading assistants, and classroom helpers. Thank you for your service to our school's ministry.

In His service, Mrs. Johnson

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our Downtown 10:30 Sunday morning Bible study will meet for an hour to view and discuss the DVD series presentation of a "Man Named Martin-Part Three: The Movement". In Part Three, viewers will learn how the *Reformation* in the 16th century ultimately lead to modern-day changes in marriage, education, work, and government. We will begin Rally Day Sunday, September 10, and meet in the Chapel. The series will run for 4-5 weeks. All interested teens and adults from both campuses are invited to understand and appreciate once again how God used "a man named Martin" to bring the Gospel of the New Testament directly to his creation, which he so dearly loves, redeems, and sustains yet today. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Ellwein at 651-249-4681, or Jan Fredrick at 715-549-6378.



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 ABC will be held on Sunday, December 3rd in the Downtown gym.

We are looking for people to help organize this incredible event, be a reader, or share their musical talent. Please watch for sign-up sheets at both sites in September. If you have questions or are interested in helping, please contact Roxanne Johnson kevrock@comcast.net or 612-867-0360 or Anne Ross taross1@msn.com or 515-231-3743. Watch for more information in future bulletins about hosting a table, providing food, and inviting friends or family. We look forward to seeing you there!



Back Pack Program

The green bags are back September 1st. The start of school signals the start of the Backpack program. The addition of pre-K this year may see more students. We will again support filling bags for Trinity Academy and Mount Zion, which includes two pre-K classes from Trinity, and all of E.P. Rock school.



Please support this mission by filling a green bag, or considering a monetary donation. Your continued support of this mission is appreciated. Questions, please contact Ginny Fritz at 715-410-2774.

Staff Person Of The Month

Each month in the Trinity newsletter we highlight a staff member or volunteer 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 *Laura Pelz*.

1) What is your title and give a brief description of your position at Trinity.

My title is Director of Worship. My duties are coordinating and facilitating worship at the Family Center, as well as leading the youth band, and assisting with sanctuary design.

2) What did you do before employment with Trinity?

Before being on the team at Trinity I worked as a Worship Director at a church in Onalaska, WI, Champaign, IL, Wabasha, MN, and Owatonna, MN. I also had a private studio where I taught voice and piano lessons. I also have a full time job raising our 4 children. Novia is 14, Landon is 12, Greta is 8, and Henning is 2. We live on a small hobby farm in Red Wing, MN.

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

Music has always been an important part of my life, and God is my rock and purpose in life, so to be able to put those two together and call it a job is like a dream come true! To top it off, my favorite thing at Trinity is the coolest worship team *ever* to work with! They make Trinity fun to come to week after week. I'm so blessed! How lucky I am!

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

When our family first visited Trinity, we all agreed there is an energy and a feeling of "alive" in the church. After meeting the staff, I was excited because they are all "real" people, genuine and honest in their life and their work for the ministry. Trinity as a church is really trying to meet people where they are in every avenue and stage in life, and help them walk in their faith. It's a great church to raise my family in and grow in my own personal walk with God.

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

With all the change happening in the church right now, I see God pulling all the pieces together for an amazing plan he has for Trinity now and in the future. It's like the feeling of the hustle and bustle and preparation that happens before something really fun and exciting, like wrapping presents and baking before a big Christmas celebration! I'm thankful He chose me to be a part of his plan and I'm looking forward to watching it unfold.



From The Board

The DCD (Director of Connections and Discipleship) will be a called position and we are excited to have the opportunity to seek a synodically trained church worker to join our ministry team and to partner with our members. What does this job entail? Why do we need a DCD?

We believe that this position will dynamically benefit both campuses by leading and creating growth in small groups and adult educational ministry, connecting with current members and visitors, having a presence at the academy with students, staff and parents. This position will support growing the faith of ALL members as well as providing creative ways to connect with the community outside of Trinity and support youth ministry.

The DCD will also help with the alignment of volunteer positions corresponding to individuals interests and time constraints, adult bible studies, and encouraging high school students to continue growing their faith after graduation. We have interviewed some extremely talented individuals and look forward to the opportunities that having a called DCD will bring to our church! *Submitted by Jennifer Ruhde*

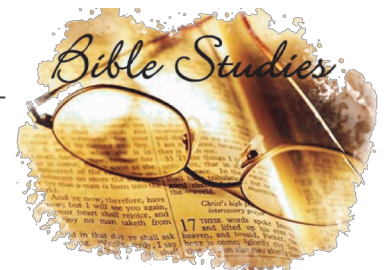
Prayer Shawl Ministry

Looking for a way to make a difference this fall? Consider joining the Prayer Shawl Knitters! We are a small but friendly group that meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month downtown in the fellowship area. We spend an hour knitting and crocheting prayer squares and shawls to distribute to those in need. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem! We have experienced and patient teachers that are ready and willing to help! If you have questions, would like more information, or would like a shawl, contact Lil Carlson at 715-377-1452 or Heidi Fett at hildamaewelk@yahoo.com. Hope to see you at our first meeting on **Tuesday, September 5th!**



Bible Studies

God's Word is never-changing and full of life lessons for us all. Life around us can be chaotic and confusing, but God brings us back to what He really wants us to remember – that we are His children, that He loves us and that His Word will always remain true. Whether you study the Bible on your own or with others, we encourage you to stay in God's Word daily. Here at Trinity, we have several Bible studies and small groups coming up that can help us grow in our relationship with Christ and one another. Join us as we share together, and learn and grow together in God's Word.



Sunday Morning Bible Study: This group meets at 10:30 am Downtown in the Small Chapel. They are currently studying Martin Luther. All teens and adults are welcome. Contact Jan Frederick janicefred@hotmail.com or Sharon Ellwein rivrev72@hotmail.com.

Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study: This group meets at the Downtown Small Chapel from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This year's study will be "Forgotten God" by Francis Chan. Open to all women. They do some really good study, eat some really good food, and do some really good things for people and Trinity outside of Tuesday mornings. Contact Anne Ross taross1@msn.com or 515-231-3743.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study: Led by Shirley Ohrt in her home at 1:00 pm. This group discusses the upcoming Sunday's readings to go into more depth on each week's topic. A great way to meet and share with other women and to get ready for Sunday worship.

Women of the Word Bible Study: These groups of women meet on Thursday mornings from 9:15 - 10:45 am or Tuesday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Family Center. Open to all women, and childcare is provided for Thursday mornings. This study has been around for a few years. It's a great way to get to know God better and to study with other sisters in Christ. Contact Nicole Hansen nhansen19@gmail.com or 651-253-2676.

Band of Brothers Saturday Morning Bible Study: This study meets the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:30 – 9:00 am in the Family Center Lobby. They are studying the life and epistles of Paul – currently working through second study book – Galatians. All men are welcome. There is always good fellowship, discussion and prayer, and strong coffee & treats. Contact Denny Hartung docdenny@sbcglobal.net, Monte Eggers mehe1234@msn.com or Steve Kelly skelly2020@yahoo.com.

Pine Ridge Mission Trip Re-Cap

Early on the morning of July 7th, 21 souls from Trinity loaded the vans and trailer and headed west on a 9 day adventure to be 3rd. Our final destination was the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota working alongside Next Step Ministries and the Lakota Sioux. During this trip, many incredible experiences and heart changing events occurred. While we primarily do construction and home repairs on the reservation, the main purpose of these trips is for us to share God's love with the residents and grow closer to our Creator. Although challenges are present and years of resentment towards outsiders may exist, hope persists and reconciliation continues to take place physically, emotionally, and spiritually on the reservation. Next Step desires to build relationships with new families and organizations in the area that are founded on trust, rooted in humility, and centered in learning. I love hearing the stories from the Native Americans and the history of the area. After a day of work, we spend the evenings hearing great messages by the Next Step staff on what it means to hear the truth and then dare to live it. Through their videos and testimonies, we learned to understand what God can do through us and to be challenged to live an extraordinary life for Him. I want to thank our wonderful church family for all the financial support and the many prayers. We sincerely appreciate your generosity. Don't hesitate to ask any of the team members about their experience in Pine Ridge. We all have a story to share. And most importantly, we want to thank Our Almighty Father, who because of Him, trips like these are possible. *Blessings & peace ~ Kim Gallison*





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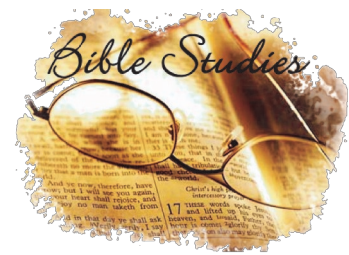
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