



CREATING SPACES

trinity long lake newsletter
fall edition 2026

fall calendar 2026

watch for tuesday/saturday emails
and visit our website for details

worship together
sundays 9am, wednesdays 6pm

trinity fall kickoff

sunday, sept 13 | 9am

worship, trinity kids, garden share,
gathering on trinity flats
games, coffee & treats

wednesday, sept 16

kickoff pizza dinner 5-5:45pm
worship 6pm

trinity women fall kickoff

tuesday, sept 10 | 6-8pm

walk for water

sunday, sept 27 after worship

6th grade welcome event

sunday, sept 27

friday nite live | oct 2

new member recognition | oct 4

shift | sunday, oct 11
bill sherck

serve weekend | oct 24 & 25

confirmation sunday | sun, oct 25

stewardship meals | nov 1, 4 & 8

agape gift market | nov 14-15

Wednesday NIGHTS

4-5pm | youth choir

5-5:45pm | dinner (1st weds)

5:15-6pm | club45 (1st weds)

6pm | worship

6:30pm | confirmation

6:30pm | open gym

6:45pm | trinity choir

7:30pm | hs youth group



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gathering again



Pastor Ann

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There is something about the changing of the seasons that reminds us that the living God is always at work. Summer brings a different rhythm. For some, it means travel, family gatherings, summer activities, and flourishing gardens. And in it all, God continues to gather, teach, and renew us.

As August gives way to September, we begin another season here at Trinity. Children and youth ministries resume, choir rehearsals begin again, small groups gather, and we look forward to seeing familiar faces. We also look forward to welcoming Pastor Adam back from his sabbatical and beginning another year of ministry together.

The Holy Spirit has not taken the summer off! As summer gives way to fall, we trust that the same Spirit who has been at work among us all summer long will continue to guide and shape us in the days ahead.

Whether you've been away for a few Sundays or have been here every week, we hope you'll join us this fall. There is a place for you—in worship, in learning, in service, and in community—as together we continue to discover where God is already at work among us!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ann



FALL WORSHIP SERIES

creating spaces

This fall in worship, discover how Jesus creates space for forgiveness, faith, community, and grace—and how you're invited to do the same.

Creating Spaces explores what it means to make room for faith to grow, relationships to deepen, neighbors to be served, and God's presence to be discovered in everyday life. Through Scripture, consider how you can create spaces for gathering, generosity, faith, service, community, and connection—for yourself and for those around you.

Creating Spaces begins Sunday, September 13, at 9am, and Wednesday, September 16, at 6pm. Come discover how worship can create space to encounter God, connect with others, and grow in faith.

fall kickoff

sunday, sept 13 | worship 9am

- backpack blessing
- trinity kids kickoff
- wear a trinity shirt if you have one!

gathering on trinity flats | after worship

- treats, coffee & fellowship
- garden share produce
- crafts, gaga ball & outdoor games
- new ministry guide

kickoff wednesday, sept 16 includes pizza dinner, worship, confirmation parent/student night, youth gathering meeting and hs youth

MORE THAN MUSIC

Music at Trinity is about more than learning notes or preparing for worship. It can become a source of faith, friendship, confidence, joy—and a place to belong. Here, Trinity singers and parents share what music has meant in their lives.

Julie Brown | TRINITY CHOIR

"I think it's nearing 20 years since I wandered into the practice room to join choir for the annual cantata. I let myself be curious about singing again, and Mark and gracious choir mates let me reestablish my music legs. Those first years filled space emerging from caretaking others as my kids aged up and my mom eventually passed. I needed some inspiring adult time.

Eventually, choir became part of my routine. Little did I know how much singing again would feed my soul, grow new dimensions of my faith, and simply bring joy—being part of a delightful group while sharing our efforts with all of you. Join us, regularly or when you can. You will sing, you will laugh, you will be moved, you will be treasured."

**You will sing, you will laugh,
you will be moved,
you will be treasured.**

Ken Jenson | TRINITY CHOIR

"Music has been a major part of our spiritual life at Trinity—support in times of extreme grief, joy in times of celebration, and confirmation in times of "courageous trust of faith."

We are blessed with talented and caring people at Trinity. Mark, with his very talented and supportive Jane, is a multi-talented, caring and emotional leader who leads with humbleness, spirituality and care. It is a blessing to

be part of Trinity Choir—in practice, in worship and in the memories established."

Chelsey & Steve Currie | YOUTH CHOIR

"We are so grateful for our three boys to be a part of the Youth Choir. Mark is amazing at getting these kids to sing and making music something they truly enjoy (most days!). There is something special about learning and worshipping through music—it stays in hearts and memories in a way that few things do.

The choir has also given them musical experiences they simply don't get through school, as Orono does not currently offer choral music or choir concerts at the elementary level. Youth Choir gives them opportunities to perform, learn, and work as a team to help everyone achieve their best. Performing in front of an audience, having opportunities to sing solos, and even putting on plays have helped build their confidence and encouraged them to step outside their comfort zones. They even volunteer for solos!

Trinity also makes it incredibly easy for Orono families—kids can take the bus directly from school to Trinity for choir. We are so thankful for Mark and the Youth Choir program that gives our kids the gift of music, faith, friendship, confidence, and experiences they'll remember for years to come!"



NEW THIS FALL

wednesday worship team

Here's another way to make music at Trinity. **Singers and instrumentalists of all ages** are invited to help lead Wednesday worship **1-2 times each month**.

The new Wednesday Worship Team will bring a relaxed, contemporary feel to familiar Lutheran liturgy, creating an opportunity for you to share your musical gifts and help shape a welcoming worship experience.

Music and listening links will be provided, with very limited rehearsal required outside of worship.

Interested? Talk with Mark to learn more.

FIND YOUR PLACE IN THE MUSIC

trinity choir

Wednesdays 6:45-7:45pm
Come whenever you can.

chancel bells

Mondays 7-8:30pm

youth choir

Wednesdays 4-5pm
Grades K-5, begins Sept 16
(Orono Schools busing available)

Learn more,
get connected.

Visit online
or reach out to
Mark Hemingway.



SCAN OR
TEXT MUSIC

FIND YOUR PEOPLE



Whatever your interests, there are lots of ways to connect with others at Trinity. Many of our small groups will be starting up again soon, and there's no one way to be part of one. Some gather for Bible study and conversation, others around shared interests or a meal, and still others to explore the connection between faith and the world around us. There are groups for women, men, parents, empty-nesters, and more.

There are some new opportunities this fall, too! A small group will help equip adults for the conversations that arise when children and youth bring their questions about God, faith, and life. The new Faith & Justice group will continue exploring how Scripture and our faith shape the way we understand and respond to the world around us. And Sunday Supper returns with a new focus.

For more information about all of Trinity's small-groups, look for our **Fall 2026 Ministry Guide**, available at our **Fall Kickoff on Sunday, Sept 13**, or visit our website.

PS: If the group you're looking for doesn't exist yet, contact Pastor Ann. We'll spread the word and connect you with others who might like to join you!



FIND THESE GROUPS
& MORE ONLINE
→ SCAN CODE
OR TEXT **ADULT**

PARENTS AS SPIRITUAL GUIDES **it takes a village**

Do you ever look at your kids and miss the easy sense of wonder they carry? Do you worry that awe is slipping away from them as they grow — or that it's already slipped away from you? Are their big questions starting to feel like a chore to answer, or even a little intimidating? Do you move through your days feeling tired, uninspired, or unsure what your life is *for* beyond schedules, dinners, and work?

If any of this resonates, here's the good news: **you are not alone — and there's support waiting for you.**



My name is **Allison Rykken**, and I'm a member here at Trinity. I'm a mom, a wife, a friend, a licensed social

worker, an author, and a spiritual director. I hold a master's in leadership and spiritual direction from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and I'm currently seeking publication of my second book, *Parents as Spiritual Guides: A Resource for Building an Inner Spiritual Life for Parents and Their Children.*

It is my deep passion to walk alongside fellow parents as we reconnect — with ourselves, with our children, and with our belief in *Something More*.

Join me and other Trinity parents for a 6-week spiritual direction group.

- Sundays 10:15am, Sept 20 – Nov 1
- About 1.25 hours weekly
- Read one short chapter and work through a few workbook questions at home. Then we'll gather to share what we discovered, the challenges that surfaced, the surprises along the way, and everything in between.
- Confidential, safe, and supportive

It takes a village to raise children — but it also takes a village for parents to be well. This is an invitation into that kind of community: a place to be honest, to be encouraged, and to move toward a more meaningful, fulfilling, and spiritually grounded life. *You deserve that.*

Because this is our first time offering the group, it's completely **free** — all I ask is that you share your honest experience to help shape it going forward.

Bring your questions, your weariness, and your hope. **Space is limited.** *Childcare may be available if there's a need — just let us know!*

sunday supper is back—with new twist!

Sunday Supper is back Sept 13—with a new twist! Meeting on the second Sunday of each month, the group will continue to gather around the table for good food and conversation, but this year those gatherings will also be shaped by the book *A Meal with Jesus*, by Tim Chester.

The book explores Gospel stories of Jesus sharing meals with others and what those meals can teach us about grace,

community, hope, and mission. Each month, participants will be encouraged to read a chapter ahead of time, giving us something to think about—and plenty to talk about—when we gather around the table.

Whether you've been part of Sunday Supper before or are looking for a new way to connect with others at Trinity, we hope you'll pull up a chair and join us!

TRINITY WOMEN

fall kickoff

Thursday, Sept 10 | 6-8pm

Enjoy pizza from the Bricks to Bread mobile oven, good conversation and connection—and hear from two women about the story and mission behind Bricks to Bread.

\$20 | Dinner + donation included
→ SCAN CODE OR TEXT **WOMEN**

what it means to be blessed

-Holly Appel, Trinity Preschool mom

I'll never forget the question my four-year-old son asked me on the way home after a morning at Trinity Preschool. I could see his sweet and serious face in the rear-view mirror asking, "Mom, do you know what it means to be blessed?" My heart instantly melted hearing those words come out of his mouth. At the same time, it stopped me in my tracks a bit. I reflected on the definition, trying to find the words to describe "blessings" in a simple, kid friendly way. He continued, "Well Pastor Ann told me all about it during our chapel time, and I think we are really blessed!" He couldn't be more right.

Calvin is a kid with a big heart and has always been our shy and sensitive guy. He prefers to observe before jumping into anything "new" himself. Before preschool, he was at home with a nanny and had never experienced a consistent group setting with other children. My husband and I knew it was time to start searching for a preschool that would be the right fit for him. Little did we know, Trinity Preschool would be more than just the "right fit" for Calvin. It would be a blessing.

When I met with Kelly to take a tour of the preschool, I knew in the first few minutes of our conversation that we had found the right spot for Calvin. One of the first things she told me was that

he would be very loved and cared for. This fall, Calvin will be starting his third year at Trinity Preschool. I can say with confidence that this statement remains true. The love that all of the teachers and staff pour into the kids is truly a blessing. We couldn't be more grateful for each of them.

There is a strong sense of belonging and warmth every time we walk into the doors of the school. I love being part of the morning drop off surrounded by joyful kids happy to see their welcoming teachers. Calvin's teachers have always made sure to go at his pace, with all that he does, making him feel comfortable. Our once "shy guy" can now be found skipping down the hall to his classroom wearing the biggest smile.

The preschool has so much to offer. Calvin has benefited from the smaller class sizes while making friendships that will last outside of the classroom walls. He has been supported socially and emotionally while learning so much more than we could have ever imagined. As a former educator myself, I'm in awe of all of the activities and enrichment that is provided. Calvin gets so excited knowing the "themes" for each school week. He loves bringing things in to share for the special "share bag" day. Calvin wakes up Friday morning wishing he could go to school - a blessing!

We are a family of faith and hope to teach our kids to have hearts for Jesus. We love that the preschool and church are closely connected. We are thankful for Pastor Ann and Pastor Adam for making such an impact on Calvin during chapel time. We also love the snack time prayers, as it all plays a part in our child's foundation of faith. The blessings are endless at Trinity Preschool, and we couldn't be more grateful to be part of the community.

As I look back at that after school car conversation with Calvin, I think about the definition of what a blessing truly is. I believe blessings are gifts from God that are beyond anything we could have ever planned for ourselves. Blessings fill our hearts with pure joy and gratitude. Our family will be forever grateful for the blessings Trinity Preschool and Community has brought us. **We are blessed!**



FAITH TAKES ROOT

KIDS EXPERIENCE GOD – at camp, when they serve at VBS, and when hs youth put their faith into action outside Trinity.

Summer after summer, Trinity kids return to **Camp Wapo** for fun and friendship—but also for experiences that deepen their faith and help them discover God at work all around them.



Sam Hallen | 9TH GRADE

For Sam, Camp Wapo has become a summer tradition. He has attended every year since fifth grade, and this summer was his favorite yet. Sam had a blast with a large group of Trinity and Orono friends, even winning the basketball tournament together. But some of the most meaningful moments of his week happened early each morning.

Sam connected with a counselor from Mexico City who was training for a marathon. Each morning, the counselor woke Sam for a run, giving them time to talk about training along the way. For Sam's parents, Addy and Jacob, it was a special example of camp bringing together *"faith, friends, and your favorite sport."*

RAINFOREST VBS 2026 WOW, GOD!

Four days of faith, friendship and fun. For 6th grader **Leo Rinke**, serving as a crew assistant for the first time gave him a new way to experience VBS.

When asked what he enjoyed most about serving, Leo said it was *"being in a group with the kids and helping them learn about Jesus!"* Each day he looked forward to taking his group to the different stations and the gym—and, of course, *"snack time :-)."*

"I saw God at work in the kids in my group. They were really happy and got excited at all the fun things we had to do!"



"I've seen God at campfire watching the sunset."

—Olivia, 7th grade

"I've seen God at Bible studies and chapel time."

—Brady Burbach, 8th grade

"I've seen God at camp through praying & being with my cabin."

—Eloise Holmes, 6th grade



"I see God during campfire and chapel when we praise him and during Bible study when we learn about all of his journeys."

—Annelle Lecy, 6th grade



Cole Brinkmeyer | 9TH GRADE

"Camp Wapo has had a large impact on my life. Not only has it strengthened my relationship with God, but it has also strengthened relationships with the friends that I spend the week with."

One of the biggest ways that I have seen Him has been through my friends. They always support me, lift me up, and show God's love by being great examples of what a true Christian friend looks like."

TWELVE YOUTH, THREE ADULTS,
ONE WEEK OF SERVICE & CONNECTION

san diego mission trip

A week in San Diego brought plenty of opportunities to serve—but also to listen, learn, explore and grow together. Trinity youth cleaned up along the San Diego River Bed, supported a women's and children's shelter, prepared snack bags for Alley Ministry (see front cover), and heard powerful stories from people they met along the way. Between service projects, there was time to worship, swim, explore San Diego, gather around a beach bonfire and make memories together.



Carter Radintz | 12TH GRADE

Carter found one of his God moments after a long day of service, when he and a few friends headed to the rocky shoreline to watch the sunset.

“For a few minutes, the sea mist and colorful crabs, along with some of my great friends, showed me the power of God’s love and his beauty as the gorgeous sun sank behind the sea.”

Stella Johnson | 11TH GRADE

“Spending a week with the other Trinity high schoolers created such a special bond between us that I will cherish for the rest of my life!”

Stella says hearing the stories of people they encountered opened her eyes to issues facing others and sparked both curiosity and compassion. She came home from the trip with something else, too: greater confidence in her faith.

“While I found fulfillment in all of our service work in San Diego, the most enjoyable part was being with others. Whether it was watching the sun set from the cliffs, bodysurfing, having a group bonfire on Ocean Beach, or talking to the friendly locals, I enjoyed sharing every moment of this opportunity with others.”

Tiegan Swanson | 12TH GRADE



Jen Johnson | CHAPERONE & MOM

Jen saw God in the stories of the people they met—people whose unexpected challenges ultimately helped shape the ways they now serve others.

“Their journeys reminded me that God often works through life’s winding paths, using hardships to prepare us for the work He has planned.”



LIVES CHANGED



GWYN & ANTON **by her side**

Gwyn Rasmussen's hearing loss began in her 30s and continued to progress. Even after multiple surgeries and hearing aids in both ears, she was still missing sounds—some that affected her safety and others that left her missing parts of conversations.

"I was dependent on others for help," Gwyn says. "It was time for us to seek help in other ways."

Gwyn and her husband, Greg, attended an open house at *Can Do Canines* to learn about assistance dogs. They left ready to begin the application process. A year and a half later, **Anton** came into Gwyn's life.

Today, Anton is rarely far from her side. As a hearing assistance dog, he alerts Gwyn to sounds she might otherwise miss—with a nudge to her leg or arm, and sometimes a much less subtle wake-up call.

"In some cases, a sloppy kiss to wake me up when my alarm is going off. I don't need to worry."

Gwyn, a longtime Trinity member, says she's grateful for a faith community that has welcomed Anton, too. After sharing her story at a SHIFT event in February, she joined Trinity's Outreach Committee, where she hopes to continue building awareness of Can Do Canines and sharing her own experience of living with hearing loss."



can do canines

Since 1989, Can Do Canines has placed more than 1,000 assistance dogs free of charge with people with disabilities. Dogs are trained to assist with hearing, mobility, seizures, diabetes and autism, as well as serve as facility dogs.

Upcoming events:

CAN DO WOOFAROO

September 12 | 10am-1pm

SITE TOUR October 6

OPEN HOUSE Nov 7 | 12-2pm

FIND THIS EVENT & MORE ONLINE
SCAN OR TEXT **OUTREACH** →



more than pizza

When **Lion's Fire** rolled into Trinity's parking lot for **Water Night** this summer, they brought more than their wood-fired pizza oven. They brought a mission centered on opportunity, relationships and empowering young women.

Lion's Fire trains and employs female student-athletes from North Minneapolis, giving them a way to earn income while staying connected to the sports and activities that help them thrive. What began seven years ago with two student employees and five adult volunteers has grown to **27 young women and nearly 40 volunteers** this summer. **Over the past five years, participants have earned more than \$80,000 in summer wages.**

At the heart of Lion's Fire is **"The Vibe"**—a culture of responsibility, empowerment and kinship where young women are known, encouraged and given opportunities to grow as leaders.

So that pizza at *Summer Nights*? It was more than dinner. **It was pizza with a purpose.**



the heart behind agape

There's something special about an event that brings people together around creativity, generosity and community. For **Bonnie Brandt**, joining the **AGAPE Gift Market** team this year offered an opportunity to become part of a Trinity tradition built around all three.

"I joined the AGAPE Market team because I wanted to be part of something that truly strengthens our faith community," Bonnie says.

What has impressed her most are the people who return year after year to make the market happen. *"Many volunteers return, bringing a deep sense of pride, ownership, and joy to this event. Their dedication is inspiring—they feel blessed to serve, and their commitment is a big part of what makes the market so special."*

That dedication has helped turn AGAPE into Trinity's largest outreach event. All net proceeds support disaster relief and organizations doing work locally and globally.

Since the market began 2006:

\$364,941

HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONS!



AGAPE
gift market

SAVE THE DATE
nov 14-15, 2026



Donations welcome: current books • puzzles
games • legos/duplos • new vinyl records

SCAN OR TEXT AGAPE to learn the market's impact and ways you can get involved.

every step matters

For many people around the world, walking miles to gather water is part of everyday life. This September, you're invited to walk together to help change that reality. Trinity's local **Walk for Water** follows a two-mile route from the church to Long Lake and back—a symbolic glimpse into the distance many people travel each day simply to collect water. Along the way, you'll learn about efforts to provide safe water to communities around the world and help raise support for **Water Mission** and the **Global Water Center**.

Last year, a large group gathered at Trinity for the walk, and this year there's hope that even more people will take part. **"Each year, 2 billion people live without safe water. Through this event, you can help take meaningful steps—both literally and figuratively—toward changing that reality,"** says Trinity member and event organizer **Steve Vanderboom**. It's just an hour to learn, walk and connect—and a meaningful way for families, friends and neighbors of all ages to make a difference together.



TWO WAYS TO WALK

Sept 26 | 9:30am — Upper Landing, Saint Paul

Sept 27 | 10:15am — Trinity → Long Lake → Trinity

SCAN CODE, TEXT **WATER** OR VISIT WEBSITE TO SIGN UP



SHOWING UP

TRINITARIANS

more than 30 years of friendship

For more than 30 years, the Trinitarians have been creating opportunities for friendship, fellowship and fun at Trinity. The group began in the early 1990s, when retired pastor Dr. David Gerberding and his wife, Patty, joined the congregation. David suggested creating a fellowship group for Trinity's older adults—and even gave the Trinitarians their name. Patty would later become the driving force behind Trinity's Memorial Garden and columbarium.

More than three decades later, the gatherings continue. From September through May, you'll find Trinitarians sharing pizza, playing cards, heading to the theater, hearing from guest speakers and serving together. There's no formal membership or commitment required; showing up is really all it takes. Ron and Barb Schulte, Dick and Pat Wulff, and Sharrie Flaig currently keep the tradition going by planning events throughout the year.

Whether you've been involved for years or are considering coming for the first time, we'd love to have you join us!



See the Signup Center for details and signups.

sep 10 – **Fraud Prevention**

sep 24 – **Game Day + Pizza**

oct 15 – **Arsenic & Old Lace**

nov 11 – **Game Day + Pizza**

nov 19 – **AI Presentation**

dec 17 – **Honky Tonk Holiday**

Dates subject to change.

congregational life

As we move through this season together, we celebrate the joyful moments, honor those we've lost, and welcome new faces into our Trinity family.

[May 4 – Aug 4, 2026]

baptisms

6/7 Emmett Olson

deaths

5/8 Mary E Hyde

5/17 Tammy Hebeisen

6/8 Carol Owens

7/24 Craig Moleski

weddings

7/11 Rachel Chard
& George Klein



Thinking of joining?

Simply sign up – it's that easy!

Scan, text **JOIN** or contact Linda.

New Member Recognition
& Welcome Reception October 4, 2026



gather at the table

There's something about sharing a meal that brings people together. This summer alone, **nine Summer Nights meals** brought hundreds of people around tables at Trinity. And that rhythm of gathering continues throughout the year—from **Sunday Suppers** and **First Wednesdays dinner** to **Trinitarian lunches**, **Community Meals**, **women's gatherings** and **stewardship meals**. Different meals, different people, but the same simple invitation: **pull up a chair**.

Around the table, there's conversation and laughter, new introductions and familiar faces—and time simply to enjoy one another's company. Sometimes the table is a place to reconnect. Sometimes it's where a new friendship begins. And sometimes serving a meal is how you make room for someone else. **The food brings people to the table. The people around it are what make the meal matter.**

FIND YOUR PLACE AT
THE TABLE. Then make
room for someone else.

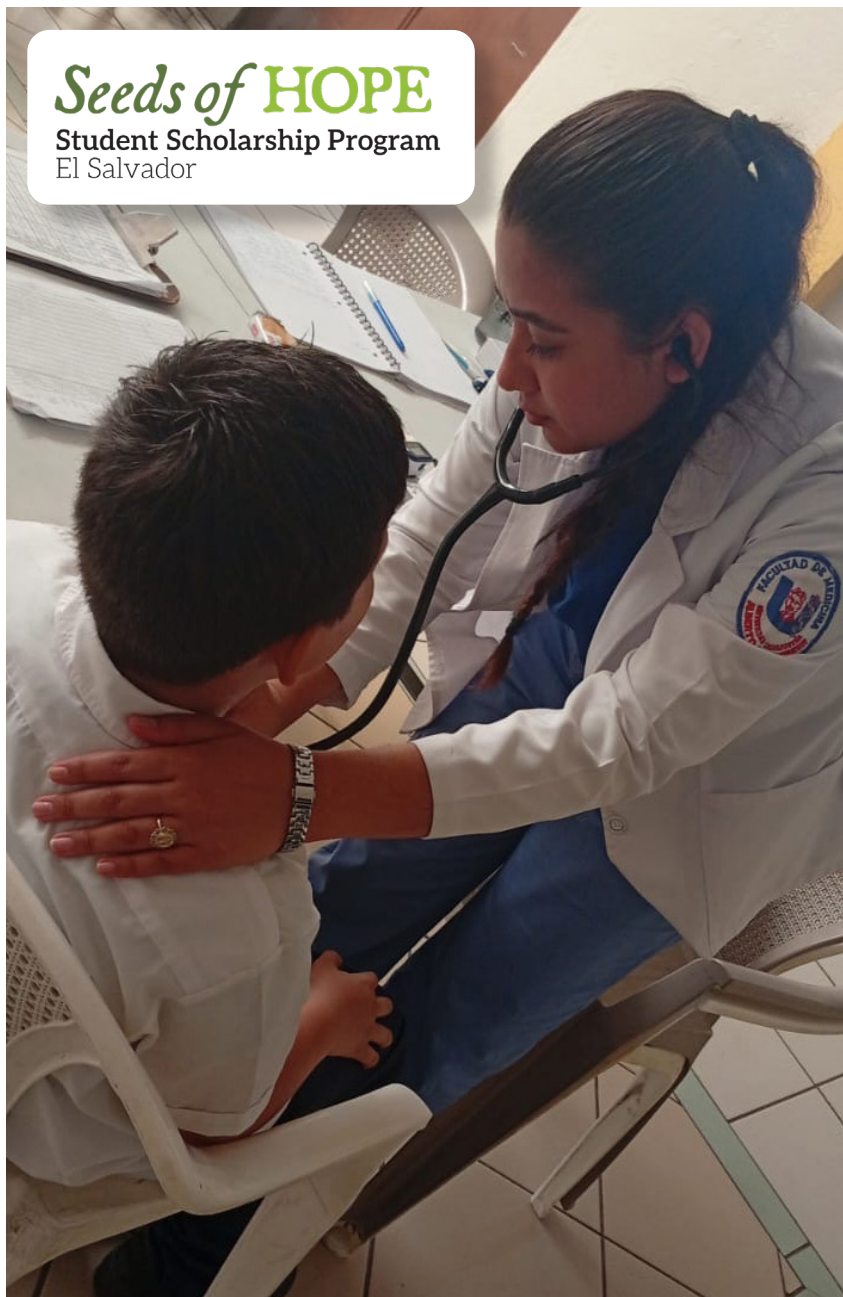


HOPE GROWS HERE



Seeds of HOPE

Student Scholarship Program
El Salvador



GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

seeds of hope

For more than a decade, relationships between Trinity members and students in El Salvador have grown through the *Seeds of Hope* sponsorship program. Since 2012, sponsors have provided financial support and encouragement through letter writing, helping students with expenses such as school supplies, uniforms and other educational costs that can be difficult for families to afford.

For some students, that journey continues all the way to university. Over the years, Trinity members have provided some level of support to 31 university students during their studies. One of them is **Diana**, sponsored by **Julie and Rob Wiens**. Today, Diana is in the final years of medical school, completing her internship and providing consultations in the community.

Her story offers a glimpse of what can grow from an opportunity to pursue an education—and from people willing to encourage a student along the way.

31 University students supported during their studies

11 of 50 Trinity-sponsored students currently attending university

SEPT Sponsor renewals begin
OCT New sponsorships begin

Learn more. SCAN OR
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\$10
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TRINITY KIDS FAMILY
=
\$400
(JORGE'S EDUCATION
FOR ONE YEAR)
+
additional funds will
help kids closer to home

kids helping kids

Each year, *Trinity Kids* has a special connection to El Salvador through **Jorge**, the *Seeds of Hope* student supported by their offering. Jorge is currently in high school, where his annual education costs \$400.

This year, there's a simple goal: if each registered Trinity Kids family gives just **\$10 during the program year**, together they can fully fund Jorge's education—with money left to share with another organization serving kids closer to home.

Through their **offering**, *Trinity Kids* get to practice generosity while helping another young person continue his education and work toward a brighter future.

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find your place at trinity



For Mark Irhke, volunteering at Trinity has taken many forms over the years. He currently serves his second term on Trinity's Church Council and "has served two terms on the Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation,

including as its president. He also regularly helps welcome people on Sunday mornings and was a Summer Nights greeter for eight of the nine events this summer.

Why does Mark continue to volunteer?

"I volunteer because I know there's a need for people to help make our worship services effective and strengthen Trinity's impact in the community,"

Mark says. *"But beyond that, I really enjoy the time I spend with the friends I've made through volunteering."*

For Mark, volunteering is both a way to give back and a way to stay connected. His advice to others is simple: step up and give it a try.

"I would encourage all Trinity members to volunteer. There's a need for volunteers, but it's also fun and rewarding. The experiences you have can really enhance your time at Trinity."

Mark's story is a reminder that volunteering is about more than filling a need. It's a chance to contribute, build friendships, and become more connected to the Trinity community.

**Find something that fits you, and
find your place at Trinity.**



Let's get social!
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