

2026-2027

MINISTRY GUIDE



trinity long lake ministry guide

Explore the many ways to connect, grow, and serve at Trinity Lutheran Church. Whether you're looking for worship services, fellowship groups, or outreach opportunities, there's something for everyone to deepen their faith and engage with the community. Discover how you can be a part of our mission to share God's love with all.

When available, details and registration will be shared in weekly emails, online, via text-to-Trinity links, worship announcements, and at the Sign-Up Center.



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education

Focus on the Faith ●

A Trinity Women Bible study Fridays 9:30am (Sept 18-May 21) in the Fireside Room. A video study accompanied by an optional workbook. Text **FOCUS**.

Kari Newell, KariNewell05@gmail.com

Friday Guys ■

Fellowship and discussion on upcoming preaching text with Pastor Adam. Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays 7am, Blackwater Coffee & Café, Maple Plain. Text **ADULT**.

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Gather Women's Study ●

Join Pastor Ann for conversation and study of Women of the ELCA's *Gather* magazine (subscription helpful). Meets Tuesday 1:30pm, begins Sept 29. Text **ADULT**.

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Men's Study Group ■

Every other Wednesday 7-8am in the conference room. Study includes discussion on various books.

Ron Schulte, RonaldSch@msn.com

SHIFT

A community engagement program offered twice monthly after Sunday worship. You'll hear inspiring and educational interviews along with Q&A. Up next, Bill Sherck on October 11.

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Women's Study Group ●

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays (Sept-June) 9:30am Fireside Room for book studies.

Barb Schulte, RonaldSch@msn.com

fellowship

Bless the Years

An annual celebration honoring our members 80+ year-olds. These members are cornerstones of Trinity. Volunteers needed to serve. Next event May 2, 2027.

Jennifer Larson, LarsonOrono@aol.com

BBQ Dudes ■

For men interested in fellowship and BBQ; doesn't matter if you like cooking it or just eating it. Upcoming TBD.

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Bunco! ●

Connect over a fun, easy-to-learn dice game in the Narthex. Beginners welcome! Bring snacks & beverages. Meets 2nd Tuesdays, beginning Oct 13. Text **BUNCO**.

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Caring Connections

Supporting a loved one through aging, illness, or changing needs? Connect with others for relaxed conversation and encouragement. Gathering details to come. Text **ADULT**.

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Dorcas Circle ●

Meets first Thursdays 9:30-11am (Sept 3-May 6). Time together includes devotion, Bible study, socializing, and opportunities to support women in need. Everyone is welcome!

Marlys Jenson, MKJenson7@gmail.com
Joan Ziemer, JaZiemer41@gmail.com

Empty Nesters

Connect with other Empty Nesters from Trinity in a social setting. Next event coming Nov 7, 2026. Text **ADULT**.

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Faith & Justice

Explore how Scripture and faith shape your response to the world through discussion, learning, and service. Seeking leaders to help guide this group.

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Pop-Up Events

A variety of one-time events throughout the year such as game days, museum tours, trivia nights, etc. Text **ADULT**.

Sunday Supper Group

Trinity families and friends gather 2nd Sundays (Sept 13-May 9) 4:30-6:30pm in the Great Hall. It's more than just a meal—it's a special gathering that celebrates community & the joy of sharing stories. Text **ADULT**.

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Trinitarians

Seniors gather during the day for fun social events, service projects and helpful informational sessions. Upcoming events can be found online and at the SignUp Center. Text **ADULT**.

Ron Schulte, RonaldSch@msn.com

Trinity Moms ●

Build friendships, grow in faith, and share joys & struggles of motherhood. Meets 2nd Thursdays (Sept 10-May 13) 9:30-11:30am. Childcare provided. Text **MOM**.

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Trinity Women ●

Opportunities for fellowship, growth, and education such as speaker events, retreats, pickleball, walks, book club, & more. Fall Kickoff Sept 10 at 6pm. Text **WOMEN**. Text **TWPickle**.

Stacey Royal, SRoyal@PhatMinds.com

life events

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Baptism

One of the most important events in a Christian's life, marking God's deep love, making us new, and assuring us of life and salvation. Text **BAPTISM**.

Marriage

Marriage is a gift from God and a public declaration of love. Marrying at Trinity reflects your faith and includes Jesus and the church in your commitment.

Funeral/Memorial Service

God's promises ensure we are never alone in grief. Trinity will support you in honoring your loved one and celebrating the hope of the resurrection during a Christian funeral or memorial.

Memorial Garden

A serene place to remember loved ones, offering Columbarium Niches, a Raised Garden for ashes, Memorial Wall plaques, and a Scattering Garden for members and non-members.

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music

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Chancel Bells

Advanced adult Bell Choir rehearsing Mondays (beginning Sept 14) 7-8:30pm.

Concert Singers & Musicians

Share your gifts during the holidays.

Community Christmas Concert

Join singers from the community, along with a 25-piece orchestra and professional soloists. Sunday and Wednesday rehearsals begin Oct 11. Concert Dec 6, 2026.

Christmas Thunder Band

All experience levels welcome to join the band from 5th grade on up! Rehearse Sundays in December.

Trinity Choir

Adult choral ensemble rehearsing Wednesdays (begins Sept 2) 6:45-7:30pm. All are welcome, join anytime!

Wednesday Worship Team

Share your voice or instrument to help lead worship on select Wednesdays 1-2 evenings a month. All ages and experience levels welcome! Music and listening links provided, with brief rehearsals before worship.

Youth Choir (grades K-5)

Grades K-5 rehearse Wednesdays 4-5pm with transportation from Orono Schools. Begins Sept 16. Text **TK**.

serve & outreach

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AGAPE Gift Market

Trinity's annual market is a community highlight. Net profits support disaster relief and local & global missions. Volunteer before and during the market, including off-season workshops. Shop November 14-15. Text **AGAPE**.

Art 2 Heart

Our new partner, Art 2 Heart, is a Christian gift shop in Hamel where 100% of net sales supports mission outreach. Creative Hearts blesses others with prayer, notes, and care packages.

Bricks to Bread

A Twin Cities nonprofit, builds brick ovens for Costa Rican families seeking sustainable income. A future oven build trip to come.

Can Do Canines

Explore opportunities throughout the year to learn about and support the work of this community partner.

Garden Share

Hosted by Trinity's Outreach Team. Produce is donated and proceeds support mission outreach efforts. Sundays, mid-Aug through mid-Sept.

The Giving Tree

The team coordinates requests for donations to support various Twin Cities organizations. Select tags from the tree, purchase the items, and return them to the church (mid-Nov thru Christmas).

Marlys Jenson, MKJenson7@gmail.com

Habitat & Global Trips

Travel with purpose and serve alongside others through visits with Seeds of Hope students in El Salvador, Habitat trips in the U.S. and abroad, and Bricks to Bread oven builds.

Habitat for Humanity Twin Cities

Help build homes during Trinity-sponsored build days, typically in spring or fall. Ages 16+. Plans are underway for a build week in 2027! Text **HABITAT**.

Hospitality

Assist in showing hospitality to all by serving meals and refreshments.

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Funeral Receptions

Join our sign-up list of funeral volunteers to help serve (when available) at funeral receptions.

Special Events

Occasionally, there are additional opportunities to serve such as Stewardship dinners.

Summer Nights Dinners

Serve a pre-prepared meal to around 200 people on Wednesdays (June-Aug) 5-7pm. Text **NIGHTS**.

Wednesday Night Dinners

Serve pizza dinner for up to 100 people on first Wednesdays (Sept 16-May 5) 5-5:45pm. Text **WEDNESDAY**.

Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners

Support IOCP with seasonal donations based on their needs and Trinity's Food Shelf shift on first Thursdays 4:45-7:30pm. Text **IOCP**.

Lutheran Social Services

A partner of Trinity's supported by Dorcas Circle, with serving opportunities at various times during the year.

Lutheran World Relief

Support those in need around the world; opportunities offered throughout the year, including purchasing coffee and chocolate at the AGAPE Gift Market.

serve & outreach continued

Monthly Community Meal

Trinity Lutheran, Calvin Presbyterian, and St. George churches provide monthly meals for the community. Help is needed when Trinity hosts.

Susan Vickerman, SSV7410@gmail.com

Office Help

Periodically throughout the year, volunteer help is needed with mailings and other special projects.

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Orono Sparks

An after-school program for elementary and middle school students, where community mentors provide academic support and encouragement.

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Property

Trinity Gardens

Help to care for and weed the gardens & plantings around Trinity.

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Trinity Repairs

Help with a variety of simple fix-it projects from patch work to touch-up painting, and more.

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Quilters ●

Fellowship and service. Meets year-round every other Monday 9am-noon in the Art Room. Tie quilts for those experiencing homelessness, chemical dependency, endangered women and their children, and others in need. New sewers needed to prep tie quilts.

CarolKetcham@hotmail.com

Salem Lutheran Church

Trinity's partner church located in North Minneapolis. Help with community meal on 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Salem State Fair Dining Hall, and the Christmas store. Text SALEM.

Seeds of Hope Sponsorship

A collaboration with Family of Christ's sponsorship program to support students' education and increase access in El Salvador. Members choose to sponsor a student(s), provide financial support, and write letters. Fall drive.

SERVE Weekends

Volunteer opportunities around Trinity and community every Spring & Fall.

Simpson Shelter

Support with donations, preparing and serving lunch one Saturday per month 10am-1:30pm. Text SIMPSON.

Walk for Water

Trinity, a sponsor of the Twin Cities *Walk for Water*. Walk on Sept 26 (Upper Landing St Paul) or Sept 27 (Trinity) to support Water Mission. Text WATER.

WeCan

Support neighbors in need through *Giving Tree* gifts and food shelf donations throughout the year.

Worship Assistants

Be a friendly face to welcome people. Tasks are simple with a quick training before the service. Text ASSIST.

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Altar Care Team

Set the altar before Sunday worship with the items needed for communion and clean up after worship.

Bread Baker

Bake the bread served for communion. Recipe will be provided.

Coffee/Refreshment Host

Set up coffee and refreshments before Sunday worship, serve after worship, and clean up after serving.

Communion Assistant

Help serve bread or wine alongside the pastors, or refill trays.

Greeter

Stand at entrance welcoming members & visitors. Sundays 8:40am.

Scripture Reader

Read the scripture during the service. Text will be emailed the Friday prior.

Usher

Distribute bulletins, count attendance, collect offering, guide congregation for communion. Sundays 8:40am and Wednesdays (Sept-May) 5:45pm.

support & care

Congregational Care Ministry

Foster community and belonging by supporting members through life transitions, health issues, grief, and other challenges. Drive members to appointments, deliver meals, and more. Text PRAYER.

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Meal Ministry

Prepare and cook meals for members of the congregation that may benefit from prepared meals in times of need. Text MEAL.

Stacey Royal, SRoyal@PhatMinds.com

Prayer Shawl ●

Gather 3rd Tuesdays 12:30pm in the Fireside Room for fellowship, support and knitting or crocheting. Items gifted to members and others in need. Beginners invited!

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Visitation Ministry

As a Lay Minister, help to show compassion and care to others through visits that include prayer, reflection, and listening.

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youth & family

Trinity Kids (age 2 thru grade 5)

Sunday school program (Sept 13-May 3) during worship. Kids learn Bible stories, play games, do crafts, sing songs, and participate in milestones and Grow in Faith events. Text TK.

JulieV@TrinityLongLake.org

Club45 (grades 4-5)

A ministry meeting first Wednesdays (Oct-May) 5:15-6pm. Text CLUB45.

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Confirmation (grades 6-8)

Meet Wednesdays (Sept 16-May 5) 6:30-7:30pm to learn about the Bible and sacraments, build friendships, participate in service and fellowship events, and prepare for Affirmation of Baptism in the fall of 9th grade. Text **MIDDLE**.

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Friday Nite LIVE (grades 6-8)

Bring your friends for food, games, loud music, and fun! Includes **THISS** (The Huge Interchurch Service & Social), where middle schoolers and high school leaders serve neighbors together and play. Adult volunteers needed. Text **FNL**.

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Youth Fundraiser (grades 4-12)

Hosted annually to help support the youth going to camp and summer trips. Next coming up April 18, 2027.

Text **CYF**.

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HS Youth Group (grades 9-12)

Meet Wednesdays (Sept 16-May 5) 7:30-8:30pm to build meaningful relationships, deepen their faith, and have fun together.

Text **HS**.

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Kassy Heinrich-Wydra,
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youth summer

2027 Crave

Vacation Bible School (age 3-grade 4)

Four fun-filled mornings June 7-10. Learn about God through games, Bible stories, music, and more! Youth and adult volunteers required. Text **VBS**.

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2027 ELCA Youth Gathering

Jun 27-July 2 (grades 8-12)

Every three years, thousands of youth from across the country come together for the ELCA Youth Gathering—and in 2027, it's happening right here in Minneapolis! Youth will worship, serve, learn, deepen friendships, and experience the wider church in a powerful way.

Informational meeting Sept 16, 2026 at 7:15pm. **Registration is due Oct 18, 2026.**

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2027 Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp

Trinity's camp partner in Amery, WI offers diverse experiences. Registrations open mid-Jan thru mid-Feb. Text **WAPO**.

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Seeds Camp Weekend - June 25-27

An intro to camp for 1st-3rd graders - a weekend of fun and meaningful opportunities to learn and grow.

Camp Wapo Week - July 18-23

4th-8th graders make friends and grow closer to God in a loving, grace-filled environment that includes beach time, Bible study, games, & campfires.

Ox Lake Roots - July 18-23

High schoolers dig deeper into faith, build lasting friendships, and level up their leadership — plus a low ropes course at Ox Lake and a canoe trip on the St. Croix River.

Family Camp Weekend - July 30-Aug 1

For all ages and families of all kinds, with fun activities, free time, and Sunday morning beach worship.

Summer Stretch (grades 6-12)

Impactful & exciting days combining service with fun activities. Text **STRETCH**.

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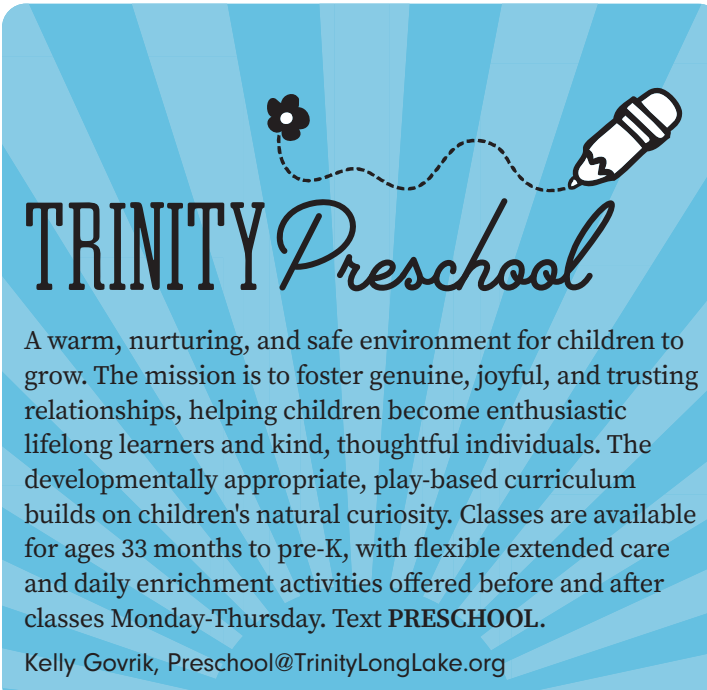
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Summer NIGHTS WEDNESDAYS @ TRINITY

FREE BLOCK PARTY

These fun-filled nights occur mid-June through mid-August on Wednesdays 5-7pm. They include community, food, and lots of fun! Each night has a different theme such as a Car Show, Water Night, BINGO, Variety Show, musical singers and more. Food, wonderful fellowship, and community are always a part of each night. Volunteers are needed to help plan events, serve meals, and help make each night run smoothly. Text **NIGHTS**.

Linda Koltes, LindaK@TrinityLongLake.org



TRINITY Preschool

A warm, nurturing, and safe environment for children to grow. The mission is to foster genuine, joyful, and trusting relationships, helping children become enthusiastic lifelong learners and kind, thoughtful individuals. The developmentally appropriate, play-based curriculum builds on children's natural curiosity. Classes are available for ages 33 months to pre-K, with flexible extended care and daily enrichment activities offered before and after classes Monday-Thursday. Text **PRESCHOOL**.

Kelly Govrik, Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org

trinity long lake leadership

trinity pastors

The pastors at Trinity are responsible for preaching, teaching, pastoral care, spiritual growth, community building, and leading staff and congregation in living out its stated mission.



Pastor Adam Butler
senior pastor

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Pastor Ann Fenlason
associate pastor

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trinity church council

The governing body of the congregation, comprising elected Trinity members, the pastors, and the Executive Director of Church Operations. Church Council members are passionate advocates of Christ's mission at Trinity, providing governance, budget oversight, visionary thinking, and modeling Christian community.

Carl Enzenauer (council president), **Sonja Benson** (vice president),
Todd Hollands (treasurer), **Michelle Edwards** (secretary),
DJ Goman, **Anna Holmes**, **Mark Ihrke**, **Mary Johnson**, **Leslie MacLachlan**, **Jennifer Weiss**,
Pastor Adam, **Pastor Ann**, and **Elisabeth Teichroew Niesche**

trinity staff



Elisabeth



Mark



Kelly



Jill



Julie



Kiana



Linda



Cari



Amy



Stacy



Tiffany



Alana

Elisabeth Teichroew Niesche

executive director church operations

Oversees all aspects of church administration and leads the staff team to ensure excellence.

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Mark Hemingway

director of worship & music

Oversees all volunteer music ensembles at Trinity, directing or supervising directors and professional musicians. Works with pastors to develop and implement worship services, including content, order, music, AV, and printed materials.

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Kelly Govrik

preschool director

Responsible for all preschool operations, curriculum, and staffing. The Preschool Director attends all Trinity Preschool Board Meetings.

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Jill Cornell

director of shared ministries

Responsible for coordinating the outreach opportunities that happen at Trinity and more importantly that happen outside of the walls of Trinity serving near and far. The goal is to build community and relationships with local, city, and global partners.

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Julie Vagle

*director of faith formation
+ children & family*

Responsible for overseeing and coordinating intergenerational leadership, vision, strategies, and activities for all children and youth ministries, with a focus on planning, leading, and directing children and family ministry.

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Kiana Temanson

youth ministry coordinator

Leads awesome programming for youth in grades 6–12 — from confirmation and middle school events to high school youth group, mission trips, and camps — creating spaces full of faith, friendship, and fun!

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Linda Koltes

*congregational engagement
coordinator*

Helps you connect with Trinity through membership, volunteering, and community events. Coordinates Summer Nights, SHIFT, funerals, and hospitality. Supports worship volunteers and helps people find meaningful ways to participate and serve.

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Cari Bullemer

*marketing & communications
manager*

Uses creativity and design skills to share Trinity's story through email, social media, the website, print pieces, video, and more. Works with every ministry area to plan, design, and promote events and initiatives, helping connect our staff, members, and community in meaningful ways.

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Amy Jacobson

office manager

Administrative support and financial management for our church, staff, preschool and foundation.

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Stacy Thoma

early childhood coordinator

Responsible for starting preschoolers on their faith journey through Bible stories, activities, and service projects in Trinity Kids, as well as VBS in the summer. Coordinates childcare, including Sunday morning services and Trinity Moms.

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**Tiffany Hodapp
& Alana Meiresonne**

event coordinators

Assist Pastors and families for weddings and funerals at Trinity.

*Community
for You*

worship with us

sundays 9am

wednesdays 6-6:30pm

(during the school year)

Additional special services for
Christmas Eve, Easter, Lent, and Holy Week.

wednesday dinners

fellowship hall

fall kickoff | sept 16, 5-5:45pm

first wednesdays | oct-may, 5-5:45pm



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