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summer calendar 2026

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

worship together
sundays 9am

pastor adam's sabbatical
june 1 - august 31

salem community meal
june 2, 9, 23; july 7, 14, 28;
august 4, 11, 25

iocp food shelf | june 4, july 2, aug 6
rainforest falls vbs | june 8-11

worship with us

sundays 9am in-person
or watch online



The *Just for Kids Mystery Bucket* is back! Take home and return the next Sunday with a surprise. Pastor Ann must use it to inspire the children's message.
This oughta be interesting.

Summer NIGHTS KICK OFF!



SAVOR THE SUMMER

wednesday, june 10 | 5-7pm

We are thrilled to kick off the 5th annual Summer Nights series featuring the **Roots and Wings Band** from Salem Lutheran in Minneapolis. Enjoy the **Old Southern BBQ food truck**, Lingonberry ice cream sundaes, games, and time connecting with others in the community.

june 10 | **kickoff night**
june 17 | **trinity fest**
june 24 | **trivia night**
july 1 | **red, white & blue bingo bonanza**
july 8 | **christmas in july**
july 15 | **water night**
july 22 | **bbq cook-off**
july 29 | **5th annual car show**
aug 5 | **summer bash**

simpson shelter

june 13, july 11, aug 15

summer stretch | june 17

seeds camp | june 19-21

office closed | june 19, july 3

monthly community meal
june 25, july 23, aug 27

summer stretch | july 16

family camp | july 10-12

contemporary worship | july 19

camp wapo | july 19-24

san diego mission trip | july 24-31

summer stretch | aug 12

salem at state fair | aug 27 - sept 7

trinity women fall kickoff | sept 10

fall kickoff | sept 13 and 16



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songs, stories & the spirit

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This summer, worship at Trinity will explore the stories, voices, and movement of God throughout Scripture. From women whose courage and faith shaped biblical history, to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in our lives today, each series invites us to reflect on how God continues to guide, renew, and inspire.

Throughout June and July, we'll hear powerful stories of faith from women in the Bible — some well known and others often overlooked — and consider how their lives still speak into our own. In August, worship will turn toward the work of the Holy Spirit and how God meets us in times of uncertainty, growth, and new beginnings.

Whether you're traveling, enjoying cabin weekends, or staying close to home this summer, we hope you'll join us in worship whenever you can. Missed a Sunday? Catch up anytime on Trinity Long Lake Live on YouTube.

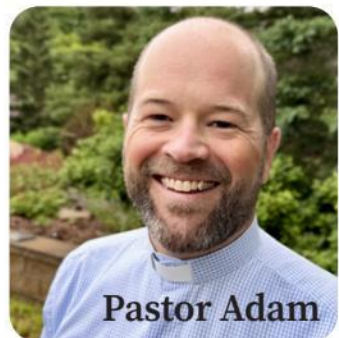
june **GENESIS/EXODUS** july **WOMEN'S VOICES**
august **CATCHING UP WITH THE SPIRIT**

contemporary back-up choir opportunity

Mark your calendars for **Contemporary Worship Sunday, July 19!** We have a full band with guest soloists and exciting upbeat music to inspire our worship.

Be a part of the band's back-up choir! **Contemporary Choir** rehearsals will be on Sundays, July 5 & 12, following worship. Please join us, learn the choruses, and help lead the worship. Open to children and adults; bring the family!

a season to remember



Pastor Adam

About 35 years ago, my late grandfather wrote a sermon for a gathering of “older people,” as he wrote in the margins, based on a piece written by Frederick Buechner entitled *A Room Called Remember*. Buechner’s piece explores a dream he once had about checking into a hotel and being given a room that made him feel “happy and at peace, where everything seemed the way it should be and everything about myself seemed the way it should be too.” He then travels around and eventually comes back to that hotel but is given a different room in which he didn’t feel comfortable. He ventures to the front desk and tells the person there about this room he’d had on his last visit and how wonderful it had been. The man knew exactly which room he meant, even though Buechner could not describe it at all. The name of the room was *Remember*.

In his sermon, my grandfather draws upon this story to tell the people to whom he was preaching that “when we grow older, it is the best time to go to the ‘Room Called Remember.’” He talks about how being there in that room is “almost like praying as we search our memories for truth and meaning in our lives.”

I’ve been a pastor for almost thirteen years, navigating some of the most challenging years of being in this calling, and I find myself beginning to forget who I am and why I do what I do. Rather than wait until I’m older to look back and remember, risking burnout and losing my way, I want

to remember now what made and formed me, so I might renew the calling of my heart and reconnect with the God who always remembers me.

As I intentionally seek to **rediscover the heart and spirit I have for ministry** through sabbatical this summer, and to feel it with the same vigor I did when I was first ordained, I hope we can do this same work together. At Trinity, we have an opportunity to do our own collective, prayerful remembering – looking to our past to prepare us for our future as a congregation. As our Vision Team works on a refreshed mission and vision to be presented this fall, our church remains committed to remembering who we are and whose we are as a congregation, and to feel it with the same vigor as when we first gathered almost 100 years ago.

Our vision comes to life remembering who we are and whose we are.

“Remember the Lord, what he has done, and proclaim his salvation day to day.” (Psalm 96)

May we join the chorus of this song of David, remembering for the sake of hope that what God has done in Christ, God will continue to do among us.

To learn about Pastor Adam's sabbatical scan code for TrinityLongLake.org/News.



changing things up



Pastor Ann

With Pastor Adam on sabbatical this summer, Sunday mornings will look a little different—but in some good ways.

We already have a couple of guest preachers lined up—both members of Trinity—who will be reflecting on scripture with us. I’m really looking forward to what they’ll bring, and I think you will be too!

You may also notice more of our own people helping lead worship—and honestly, that’s one of my favorite things. It’s a reminder that worship isn’t something we watch—it’s something we do together.

If you’ve ever been curious about being part of that, I’d love to talk with you. You can also connect with Linda to learn more.

However the summer unfolds, we’ll continue to gather, held together in Christ.

find your people

Adult ministry at Trinity isn't about adding more to your schedule—it's about **creating space for relationships to grow**. Often, that begins with something simple: **an idea or activity you already enjoy**.

Summer offers a great opportunity for more informal or "pop-up" groups—**walking, biking, touring the arboretum or Paisley Park** (Prince's home and studio), **trying a new restaurant, hosting a movie night, and more**. These don't have to be long-term commitments—just a chance to gather.

Many of Trinity's small groups began with a desire to serve—think **prayer shawls or quilting**—or to **study scripture or read and discuss books** together. More recently, people have been gathering to spend time together doing

things they enjoy, such as playing **Bunco** or **Mahjong**. Whether a group forms around service, scripture, or simply fun and fellowship, at the heart of each has been connection.

One meaningful example is Trinity's **MomCo** group, where relationships have grown over time through shared life experiences:

"I am grateful to be part of the Moms group at Trinity. Some of us have been meeting for five years, and we have gotten to know each other well, walking alongside one another as our children have been growing. I have felt so supported by these women and found the group to be open, caring, and a place where I feel heard. We share burdens and joys, laugh and cry, and we pray together, too. Thanks be to God for



the Moms group!!" —Stef Kleven

And we'd love to see more connections like this.

If there's something you enjoy and would like to share with others, please connect with Pastor Ann. We would love to help you get a group started and invite others to join in!



summer merch store

STORE CLOSES JUNE 12

SCAN CODE OR TEXT **MERCH**

style, strength, sisterhood

On May 5, about 50 women gathered for the **Trinity Women Spring Gathering**, an evening of connection, encouragement, and purpose. Attendees heard from **Dress for Success Twin Cities** CEO Stephanie Silvers, who shared how the organization empowers women in ways that go far beyond providing professional clothing.

"I wasn't aware that the program does so much more than provide work-appropriate clothing," shared Andrea Henneman. "I was very impressed with the number and quality of classes offered to build confidence and skills."

Dress for Success offers a wide range of classes—both online and in person—allowing women to access support when it fits their schedules. These resources, available across locations world-wide, help women build confidence, develop skills, and move forward into new opportunities.

"This organization is incredible," said Joyce Trio. "I want to continue supporting these women as they begin new journeys. What a gift it is to help build their confidence and self-esteem."

Thank you to all the Trinity women who generously donated purses and jewelry to the mobile Dress for Success boutique, which traveled north the weekend after Stephanie's visit to serve even more women.

If you would like to support Dress for Success Twin Cities, visit their website (scan code) for more information or plan to participate in one of their upcoming 2026 **Donation Days**, held on Saturdays, June 6, August 1, October 3, and December 5.



felt like home

- Miranda Campbell, Trinity member and Trinity Preschool mom

I was nervous. After my husband and I moved to the area in October of 2022, we knew we had to find a preschool to send our boys to. The majority of those we found were larger than what we were comfortable with - as we both grew up in very small towns in Iowa and were used to smaller class sizes. Our eldest, Conor, was a true pandemic baby — he was shy, sensitive, and quite uncomfortable in social settings — and the thought of dropping him off somewhere new with a bunch of kids he didn't know kept me up at night. I just wasn't sure he was ready.

And then we found Trinity Preschool. From the moment we walked in, something felt different. You feel it in the warmth of the teachers, in the way the kids move through their days with curiosity and joy, in the faith-filled values that quietly show up everywhere. Love your neighbor isn't simply a poster on the wall....it is lived by the staff and students who walk the halls. I knew right then and there that this was the place for us, withdrew Conor's enrollment from another preschool, and registered him after my first meeting with Kelly.

His teachers immediately made Conor feel loved and safe, met him where he was at, and allowed him to gain his footing at his own pace. He wakes up disappointed on days he doesn't have school and is absolutely thriving.

When our younger son Leo started this fall and needed a little extra comfort, Conor's teachers made space for something really sweet. Leo could come find his big brother for a hug during the day when he needed one and was also able to start off the year eating lunch with him - which helped give him a little bit more confidence and comfort during his days away from home. Watching Conor step into that role, in the halls of the same school that helped him find his footing, was so meaningful to me as a parent.

The nature walks in the nearby woods, the variety of enriching experiences, and the flexibility of before and after care have all meant so much to our family. And it isn't just my boys who have found their people here...I have too! The friendships I have made with other Trinity moms are ones I know I will carry for a long time.

Conor heads into kindergarten this fall alongside a class of kids he has grown to love. He is so ready (I think I'm the one who's not.) I know that in two short years - just a blink - I will be watching Leo seamlessly make that transition as well. I will be forever thankful to the staff at Trinity Preschool for helping lay such a solid foundation and love of learning in my boys' early lives. **We found our people here — all of us.**



salem enters a new chapter

-Pastor Eric & Pastor Kim



God is busy making some changes at Salem!

For years, Salem has gathered and worshiped with its neighboring Lutheran churches in North Minneapolis for fun and to build community. As

the Spirit has brought them closer together and economic conditions have evolved, these congregations are now being church together via a parish model. After discerning throughout 2025 and voting on Reformation Sunday, Salem, Redeemer, and Christ the River of Life Lutheran Churches are now part of the North Minneapolis Lutheran Parish. Each congregation maintains councils, separate spaces and Sunday worship services, but have formed a combined leadership team and now share **Pastor Eric, Pastor Deanna Kim** (who has been called to Christ the River of Life), and **Rachel Carmichael**. God is busy teaching the parish how to live together in new ways, but Salem and its partners foresee a bright, more sustainable future together!

If these structural changes weren't enough, Trellis, a local affordable housing developer, approached Salem in late 2025 with a bold idea. They proposed purchasing Salem's property, removing existing structures, and constructing a new building for affordable housing (leaning toward families), a childcare center, and space for Salem (both designated and shared). Salem discerned that—though filled with challenges and grief—this opportunity was too good to pass up, as it would meet neighborhood needs, address some long-term financial concerns, and free Salem to focus more deeply on its core calling to worship and build community around food rather than maintain building. So, at its annual meeting in January, Salem voted to sign onto a Letter of Intent and enter into the process of selling its building and partnering with Trellis and Rise Early Learning Center to imagine the new space and vision together.

You are invited to continue praying for Salem amidst these changes, and stay tuned for ways to learn more and show up in support.

*thank you
from salem*

Dear friends at Trinity Lutheran,

We wanted to take a moment and thank you for all of your support of Salem and our mission. The ways you have supported us- volunteers, food, resources- have allowed us to better serve our community. We have had a surge lately of more people needing support and we've been able to meet their needs. We wouldn't have been able to do that without you.

Your incredibly generous recent monetary donation is so, so appreciated. This all goes to help support our work and show up for the most vulnerable in our community.

We hope to continue to grow in friendship and partnership with you, as well as support your congregation and mission any way we can.

Thank you,
Rachel & friends at Salem



what's coming up...



- **Salem Community Meal** | Opportunities to serve on the first, second and fourth Tuesdays of June, July & August (4-7pm). All ages can help. Scan code or text SALEM.
- Salem's **Roots & Wings** bluegrass band will be joining us for the **Summer Nights Kickoff** on June 10. Salem's State Fair dessert, Lingenberry Sundaes, will top off the night.
- **Salem State Fair Dining Hall** | Work a shift at the Dining Hall August 27-September 7. All youth in school get a stipend for helping. Information will be available at Summer Nights when Salem's staff is here.

summer groceries

Support the food shelf throughout the summer with a **\$30 donation**. This will help the food shelves purchase much-needed items during the summer months.

IOCP's food shelf has seen a 24% increase in usage in just a year.



SCAN OR
TEXT FOOD





how about a brick oven?

Since January 2025, Trinity's Outreach Team has been exploring the idea of building a brick oven on our church grounds—both as a ministry tool and a way to bring people together. Rooted in Trinity's commitment to community and outreach, an oven would create new opportunities to share meals and build relationships.

Over the past year, a small group has met with experts, visited churches with brick ovens, and received church council approval to continue exploring the idea. Interest is growing, with members eager to help design, build, and fund the project.

This summer, the next step is gathering input from the broader congregation:

- **june 13** | Help with pretzel-making (par-baking) at Bricks to Bread in St. Louis Park (contact Jill to participate).
- **june 17** @ Summer Nights | Nancy Alvarado from Bricks to Bread will bring a portable oven for a demonstration. Pretzels will be finished and served, and you can share feedback through a brief survey.
- **july 15** @ Summer Nights | Lion's Fire food truck will demonstrate pizza-making with a brick oven.
- **september 10** | Trinity Women's Event featuring pizza baked in the portable oven.

A survey (June 17 online and at church) will help guide next steps. In addition to fostering community, a brick oven could also support fundraising for Trinity ministries and community partners.

Please complete the survey online, at a summer event, or a Sunday morning. After gathering congregation feedback, the proposal will return to church council this fall.

known by love in action



Thank you for your generous support this Lenten season! Our theme, *Known by Love*, came to life in powerful and meaningful ways through both storytelling and service.

Throughout Lent, we heard compelling stories from five partner organizations—Coated in Love/3,000 Acts of Kindness, Simpson Housing Services, our partners at Salem Lutheran Church, Interfaith Outreach, and Outreach Development Corporation. Each shared how they serve their communities with compassion, reminding us of the many ways love and kindness are lived out every day.

Inspired by their work, our goal was to raise \$8,000 to support these ministries. Thanks to your generosity, we not only met that goal—we surpassed it, raising a total of \$8,700. These funds have been distributed among the five organizations

to further their impactful work.

In addition to financial support, our Love & Kindness Service Event provided an opportunity to serve in tangible ways. Together, we assembled laundry pod kits and Welcome Home Baskets, collected and distributed warm coats and boots, packed snack bags, and completed several other projects to meet local needs.

Simpson Housing Services shared their gratitude, writing:

"Thank you so much for your donation of ten Welcome Home baskets. Generous donations like yours are the reason we're able to support people experiencing and transitioning out of homelessness. Thank you for standing alongside us in our belief that every human being has a right to safe, affordable, accessible housing, and that by caring for our community, we all grow stronger."

This Lenten journey also made a lasting impression on our congregation. As one participant, Chuck Ritchie, reflected:

"Trinity's relationship with the five organizations we highlighted during Lent made a very strong impression on me. Each of them represents a significant commitment on our part, and their stories reinforced the breadth, depth, and importance of our outreach efforts. I came away with a deeper understanding and appreciation for what we do here at Trinity. Surely love and kindness do abound!"

Thank you for being part of this meaningful season of generosity, service, and learning. Together, we are truly...

**known
by love**

where faith finds its voice



It has been another wonderful season of music in our worship presented by the dedicated large music ensembles at Trinity. Their countless hours of rehearsing, preparing, and refining music bring inspiration and depth to our worship every Sunday.

This past year was another joy-filled opportunity to gather weekly, grow in community, and explore a rich variety of music together. **We are deeply grateful** to each person who makes music ministry a meaningful part of their week. All our ensembles are always open to more musicians, if you feel a calling to be part of our ministry, please give it a try. You can talk with Mark, or one of the musicians to find out more.

Your commitment and presence shine the Light of Christ in a world that truly needs it. **Thank You** to the Youth Choir, Chancel Bells and Trinity Choir!

summer music opportunities

We're always looking for musicians to provide special music during our summer worship services! Whether you play piano or another instrument, sing solo or with others—all ages and groupings are welcome.

Mark is happy to help you choose music, rehearse, and accompany as needed.

Interested?

Talk to Mark to schedule a Sunday and share your gifts with our church family.

children, youth & family ministry

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planting seeds of faith & fun

-Christine
Morud



When I was asked to help teach Trinity Kids this year, I said yes pretty quickly—partly because it felt like the right nudge, and partly because it's hard to say no when your four-year-old is already enrolled and excited about it. This is my first year teaching, and I get the added bonus (and occasional challenge!) of teaching in my son Eddie's class. This year has been equal parts joyful, unpredictable, and full of those little moments that make you smile on the drive home.

Some of my best memories growing up were the weekends and weeknights spent at church with friends—learning about Jesus, laughing, playing games, and building friendships. That's what I hope to help create for these kids. At this age, it's less about having all the “right” answers and more about helping them see that church is a place where they are known, loved, and can have fun while learning about Jesus.

If we can plant even a small seed of faith and build a sense of community along the way, I'd call that a pretty great start to their faith journey.

three events. one awesome summer!

trinity
ms/hs youth

SUMMER
STRETCH



SCAN
OR TEXT
STRETCH

Valleyfair
& SoakCity

wed, june 17
valleyfair & soak city

SLICK CITY
ACTION PARK

thurs, july 16
second harvest
heartland + slick city



wed, aug 12
feed my starving
children + twins game



spaghetti, service and a whole lot of generosity!

Our annual CYF Fundraiser Dinner & Silent Auction held on **April 19** was an incredible success—thanks to the generosity and energy of our Trinity community. This year, **150 guests** gathered for dinner and fellowship, supported by **60 parent and student volunteers** who helped bring the evening to life.

The silent auction was a highlight, featuring **over 160 donated items**, including sports tickets, themed baskets, dining experiences, and even boat rides. One attendee shared, *“We have been to many events over the years, and this one was amazing—so well organized, with incredible variety and a seamless experience from start to finish.”* Much of what made the evening special was due to the efforts of our amazing volunteers, along with strong student involvement throughout the night—from serving dinner to sharing their faith journeys.

Another participant reflected on the fundraiser impact, saying, *“This fundraiser makes it possible for our family to be part of these meaningful trips. I’m truly blown away by the generosity of our community.”*

Thanks to this outpouring of support, the fundraiser raised...

\$15,563!

These funds will help make experiences like Camp Wapo and the San Diego Mission Trip more accessible for our youth, supporting them as they grow in faith, build relationships, and serve others.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, and attended. Your support makes a lasting difference—and we’re already looking forward to next year!

nurturing faith, empowering futures

The Trinity Foundation supports Trinity’s long-term mission and ministry through faithful gifts given in memory, celebration, and gratitude. These gifts extend opportunities beyond the regular budget, creating a lasting impact in the life of our congregation and community.

This year, the Foundation reached an exciting milestone: **15 students applied for scholarships**, and **\$19,550 was awarded to support their education and faith formation**. These scholarships go beyond financial assistance—they are an investment in future leaders grounded in Christ.

One scholarship recipient shared how faith has been strengthened through life’s challenges:

“God has shaped my faith throughout the years with numerous challenges that tested my character in countless ways. In difficult moments, I’ve learned to rely less on myself and more on Him... I want to continue strengthening my relationship with God, and this scholarship helps me remain in a university community that challenges me to grow stronger in my faith and become a Christian leader each day.”

Another recipient reflected on the foundation of faith built at Trinity and carried into new seasons of life:

“I am grateful to continue growing as a Christian leader while knowing I have a strong foundation and relationship with God that began at Trinity. As I enter new communities, I look forward to meeting others and sharing love and encouragement—because true success is found in uplifting those around us.”

These testimonies remind us that the Trinity Foundation is doing more than supporting education—it is nurturing faith, leadership, and service in the next generation.

Thank you to all who support Trinity’s mission through the Foundation. Your generosity makes stories like these possible and creates a lasting impact. If you feel called to be part of this ongoing work, we invite you to consider making a gift and helping continue this meaningful legacy.



sending our youth with prayer & blessing

Dear God, bless these young people from Trinity as they journey to Camp Wapo and San Diego. May they be brave to try new things and open to what God might be teaching them. Bless their days with friends, love, joy and laughter. May they hear your voice and feel your presence in the midst of your beautiful creation and know that your loving hand is holding them close.

wapo week – 42 campers
wapo seeds – 9 campers
san diego mission – 12 participants

congregational life

Linda Koltjes, Congregational Engagement Coordinator
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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.

Searles family

[February 3 – May 3, 2026]

baptisms

2/22.....Rowan Larson
4/12.....Isabelle Eidenschink
4/26.....Ralph Searles
5/3.....Maxwell Roffers

deaths

1/28.....Eugene Ziemer
4/29.....David Maass

new members recognized april 12

Paul & Linda Barros
John & MacKenzie Arnold (Taormina)
Jason & Amanda Berglundm (Samantha, Harrison)
Bryan & Leslie Dunn (Vivian)
Bailey & Anthony Reynolds (Crosby, Macklan, Easton)
Trevor Bisping & Ann Rinde (Sophia, Madeline)



Interested in becoming a member?

Simply sign up – it's that easy!

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

New Member Recognition
& Welcome Reception October 4, 2026



spotlight on the dunn family

We recently asked new members Leslie and Bryan to share a little about themselves and what brought them to Trinity. Here's a glimpse into their story:

Leslie and Bryan were drawn to Trinity because of the strong sense of community and the opportunities to grow in faith and build connections. Bryan has a long history with Trinity, having grown up attending the church, and says his grandpa, Jerry Jones, was a very active and memorable part of the congregation for many years. Leslie, originally from Michigan, and Bryan were married in 2024 and now live in Plymouth with their daughter, Vivian, who was born in 2025. They are excited to be part of the Trinity family and look forward to building new connections here.



Happy Retirement, Rindee!



After 10 years of faithful service to our congregation, our Finance Administrator, Rindee Erdmann, will be retiring from Trinity on July 31, 2026. We're sad to see her go but we are infinitely grateful for all she's been to our staff and congregation in her time here. Rindee is a quiet force and it's impossible to overstate her impact and dedication to Trinity's financial stewardship, ensuring your generosity as a congregation does all it can to fulfill our mission and ministry. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her nothing but the best as she pours her energy into her children and grandchildren and crunches a few less numbers!

If you'd like to share your well-wishes with Rindee you can send her an email at Rindee@TrinityLongLake.org or we'll have a basket in the church office for cards.

transition plan

We are incredibly lucky that Rindee has offered to spend the next few months ensuring our church is in good hands as she transitions. We've spent the last month in conversation with her and establishing a succession plan that we feel sets us up for a bright future. We're excited to share that our current Office Assistant, Amy Jacobson, has accepted an expanded role at Trinity to fill Rindee's position. We knew when we hired Amy that she had the gifts and skills for this kind of work, having done this and more in previous roles she's held. Amy will become our Office Manager, continuing to provide administrative assistance to our staff, assuming financial management for our church, and supporting our Executive Director of Church Operations, Elisabeth Teichroew Niesche, with strengthening our effectiveness as a staff. Amy will transition into this role by August 1, 2026.

honoring service, welcoming new leaders

We are pleased to announce our *new* Trinity Council leadership and extend our gratitude to those stepping into these important roles of service.

President: **Carl Enzenauer**

Treasurer: **Todd Hollands**

Vice President: **Sonja Benson**

Secretary: **Michelle Edwards**

We also offer our heartfelt thanks to the outgoing council members whose dedication, wisdom, and faithful commitment have helped guide our church community over the years. Their contributions have made a lasting impact, and we are deeply grateful for the time and care they have given.

Please join us in welcoming our new leaders and thanking those who have so faithfully served.

onebody knit together mid-year stewardship update

While it's difficult to show a clear midyear picture of Trinity's giving to budget due to the timing and nature of member gifts, here are few things we want to lift up:

- First and foremost, we continue to be overwhelmingly grateful for the faithful and reliable giving of our congregation, shown in fulfillment of pledges and generous one-time gifts.
- In that vein, we received an incredibly generous **\$100,000 gift** in February to cover the 2026 deficit projected at our Annual Meeting! This allows us to save the reserve funds we had initially earmarked for this purpose. **A huge THANK YOU to these awesome Trinity donors!**
- As with any one-time gift, no matter the amount, it's not something we can plan around – that's why it's essential, if you have the ability, to set up recurring giving. This helps us budget effectively and more accurately communicate our financial picture to you.
- We didn't add much to our budget this year, especially in our ministry and mission areas – and we'd like the opportunity to change that, to even better respond to the needs of our people and community. *What could God do through Trinity if we were able to balance or exceed our current budget with pledged and recurring giving?*
- We continue to be *One Body, Knit Together* here at Trinity, gathering regularly for worship and ministry with each other. Since January, we've averaged almost 300 people a week for in-person worship with another 100 views online. On Easter alone, we saw **1,100 people** come to Trinity to give thanks for Christ's resurrection!
- All this to say – we are blessed to be a part of Trinity, and you all show it with your generosity! We hope you'll continue to find your unique way to ensure Trinity keeps its ministry and mission strong!

council president corner

Greetings Trinity Family,

I am honored and proud to serve as your newly elected Council President. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Carl Enzenauer. My wife, Cassie, and I have been Trinity members for nine years, along with our daughters, Cora (10) and Chloe (7).

2026 marks my fourth year serving on the Trinity Council. I am extremely grateful for the committed and passionate council members, both past and present. The way the Lord speaks and works through the congregation and staff at Trinity inspires me and instills a deep sense of care and responsibility in this role.

Being part of this amazing church community has enriched my family's lives beyond measure. Some of our closest and most trusted friendships have grown through Trinity. I pray that the council and I can help keep Trinity safe, strong, and thriving now and into the future.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss anything related to Trinity—or simply to connect. I would truly enjoy getting to know you better.

Blessings,
Carl Enzenauer
Council President



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summer nights:
where community comes alive



For many Trinity families, **Summer Nights** are a highlight of the season—a chance to gather, connect, and enjoy time together. For **Katie Bergstrom and her family**, it’s a tradition they look forward to every summer.

They come for the simple joys: time with friends, relaxed evenings, and a break from cooking. The welcoming atmosphere makes it special—kids can play and connect while adults unwind. With a variety of themed nights, there’s always something fun to experience.

The Bergstroms attend when they can, especially for favorites like bingo, trivia, Wild Water night, and the BBQ and car show events—where they’ve even participated. Reconnecting with friends from MOPS, Trinity Kids, and Confirmation makes each night meaningful.

At its heart, Summer Nights is about community—sharing meals, meeting new people, and feeling a true sense of belonging. The Bergstrom family is grateful for each gathering and looks forward to many more summers together.



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