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**FREE**  
BLOCK PARTY

# Summer NIGHTS

WEDNESDAYS @ TRINITY



**OUTDOORS | JUNE 11 THRU AUGUST 6 | 5-7pm**

With lawn games, music, delicious food, and activities for all ages, Trinity's *Summer Nights* feel like a neighborhood block party—relaxed, welcoming, and filled with laughter and connection. Whether you're new or have been around for years, there's a place for you here.

Come as you are. Bring a friend. And join us for a summer filled with joy, community, and unforgettable memories.



## SAVOR THE SUMMER



## summer calendar 2025

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

### worship together

sundays 9am

**grad sunday** | june 1

**iocp food shelf** | july 3, aug 7

**shift: journeys of paul** | june 8

**true north vbs** | june 9-12

**salem community meal**

june 10, july 8, aug 12

## Summer NIGHTS KICK OFF!



### wednesday, june 11 | 5-7pm

We are thrilled to kick off the **4th Annual Summer Nights** series featuring **Nicholas David** of *The Voice*. We'll enjoy burgers, fries or cheese curds from **Squeaky Cow** food truck and the Radintz Family returns with their **Frost Factory** snow cone truck. Invite your friends and neighbors to make this summer memorable!

## worship with us this summer

sundays 9am in-person  
or watch online



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OR TEXT WATCH



The *Just for Kids*

**Mystery Bucket** is back!

Take home and return the  
next Sunday with a surprise.

The pastors must use it to  
inspire the children's message.

Just... maybe no more  
wood planers.



june 11 | **kickoff night**

june 18 | **variety show**

june 25 | **summer jam**

july 2 | **bingo bonanza**

july 9 | **trivia night**

july 16 | **wild water**

july 23 | **bbq cook-off**

july 30 | **4th annual car show**

aug 6 | **end-of-summer fiesta**

Meet some of the team

behind *Summer Nights 2025*!

*This incredible  
crew is ready to  
bring the joy all  
summer long.*



**simpson shelter** | jun 21 and aug 16

**seeds camp** | june 20-22

**monthly community meal**

june 26, july 17, aug 28

**camp wapo** | june 22-27

**summer stretch** | june 25, july 17

**sky ranch mission trip** | july 15-21

**family camp** | july 26-28

**salem at state fair** | aug 21 - sept 1



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## we need your talent!

Our beloved *Summer Nights* tradition returns on **Wednesday, June 18**—an evening of music, laughter, and community fun! Enjoy performances of all kinds and join in a group sing-along that's sure to lift your spirits.

We're looking for performers of all ages and styles—music, comedy, skits, spoken word—whatever brings joy! Invite your friends and family to share their talents too. The evening is open to everyone.

Want to be part of the fun? Contact Mark to sign up and share your gifts!



# pentecost



*Pastor Ann*

Pentecost is one of the major festivals in the calendar of the Christian church, celebrated each year fifty days after Easter Sunday. While often referred to as the birthday of the Christian church, Pentecost is also a recognition of the continued presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our church community, and in the world.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in Jerusalem who had gathered—waiting as Jesus instructed—“all together in one place” (Acts 2:1). There is the sound of a mighty wind, tongues of fire appear above the heads of everyone, and they began proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in many different languages.

Pentecost is the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise to send us an Advocate to empower and enable God’s people (us!) to bring the Gospel to the world. It is a fun and joy-filled day of celebration (marked by the color red which you are invited to wear on June 8) reflecting the ongoing and dynamic work of the Holy Spirit in and around us. It also reminds us that the Holy Spirit has been present and

*a celebration  
of the  
holy spirit  
& the church*

active ever since that day, empowering us to live as one in Christ and to be Jesus to the world around us.

As we move from Pentecost into the summer months, may you follow the Holy Spirit “nudges” you are given, as well as continue to trust that the Spirit is always at work doing something new. May your summer be more than just a break—may it be the Spirit-filled continuation of God’s work in and through you!

*With joyful alleluias, Pastor Ann*

## thank you music ensembles!

Trinity is blessed with a dedicated group of musicians who give generously of their time and talent each season. 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.

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.

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# children, youth & family

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TRINITY

**Children, Youth  
and Family**

## confirmation mentoring: *faith in conversation*

A meaningful Lenten tradition at Trinity is our Confirmation Mentoring program. During the six weeks of Lent, each confirmation student is paired with an adult faith mentor to meet weekly for intentional conversation and spiritual reflection. These one-on-one gatherings are a powerful way for students to explore their faith in a more personal setting, ask questions, and build trusted relationships.

We've loved watching the connections grow each week—some over hot cocoa, others in quiet corners of the church, but all centered on listening, learning, and looking for God in everyday life.

*I really enjoy being a small group leader for Confirmation, but there is something special about the one-on-one time that comes with being a Lenten Mentor. Our middle schoolers are so bright and engaging. I always learned something new and came away feeling inspired by how the Holy Spirit works through all of us. I looked forward to that time every week because it helped me put distractions aside and focus on what is really important during the season of Lent.*

- Laura Wallander

*Mentoring this session has been a wonderful opportunity to build meaningful connections. Our weekly conversations often started with the simple day-to-day moments of student life but naturally opened doors to deeper discussions about how God is actively moving in the lives of teens. And also how to watch for God, because he shows up even when you don't expect it. It's been especially encouraging to build trust and rapport, knowing we've laid a foundation that students can lean on whenever they need guidance or a listening ear in the future.*

- Becky Radnitz

### **Thank you to all of our Faith Mentors**

for pouring into the lives of our confirmation youth. Your presence, stories, and encouragement have helped shape this season of growth.



## confirmation huddle leaders: *consistent & caring*

We also want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our 21 **dedicated Confirmation Huddle Leaders**, who showed up every Wednesday evening to walk alongside our students in faith. Whether leading prayer, facilitating discussion, or just being present with consistency and care, your role is essential. You help create a community where young people feel seen, heard, and loved—and where faith takes root. We are so grateful for the light you bring!

## two events. one awesome summer!

trinity  
ms/hs youth

SUMMER  
STRETCH



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JUN 18 & JUL 1



wed, june 25 | 8:30-4:30pm  
serve at salem church + ballgame



thurs, july 17 | 8:30-5pm





## a night of impact!



Our annual **Children, Youth & Family Fundraiser** was a huge success—thanks to the generosity of our Trinity families, volunteers, and broader community. From delicious spaghetti dinner to spirited bidding on auction items, the event was filled with laughter, connection, and a shared purpose.

# \$11,300 RAISED!

These funds will support youth attending week-long **Camp Wapo** and our **high school mission trip** to Colorado this summer. Your donations reduce the cost for families and ensure that each student has a chance to grow in faith, serve others, and experience God in new and powerful ways.

## gifts that keeps on giving

The **Trinity Foundation** supports the long-term mission and ministry of Trinity through donor gifts given in memory, celebration, or gratitude.

A generous gift received several years ago was designated to support Children, Youth, and Family Ministries—funding opportunities beyond the regular budget and making a lasting impact.



**Thank you to all who support Trinity's mission through the Foundation.** Learn about the Foundation online.

## summer at camp wapo

- **Seeds Weekend** (grades 1–3): June 20–22
- **Week-long Camp** (grades 4–8): July 20–25
- **Family Camp**: July 25–27

This summer, over **90 youth and families from Trinity will be heading to Camp Wapo**—and we couldn't be more excited! We're looking forward to seeing how each person grows in their faith as they experience God's great love in new and meaningful ways.

Our theme this summer is *The Holy Spirit*. Together, we'll explore how the Spirit is our advocate, guide, comforter, and always present with us—no matter where we go.

Camp is a place full of fun, faith, and friendship! Some of our favorite activities include beach time, campfires, gaga ball, crafts, canteen, Bible studies, and making unforgettable memories with new and old friends. Please keep our campers/families in your prayers during these weeks.



## high school mission trip: serving & growing

This August 2–9, **11 high school youth and 3 adult leaders** will travel to **Denver, Colorado** for a one-of-a-kind mission experience that blends meaningful service with mountain adventure.

The first part of the trip will focus on **urban service projects**, where our students will learn about systemic poverty and homelessness while partnering with local organizations to meet real community needs. These experiences are designed to spark empathy and a deeper understanding of justice and compassion.

In the second half, the group heads into the mountains to **Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp**, where they'll recharge with team building, hiking, worship, and campfire conversations. This part of the journey helps strengthen their bonds, reflect on what they've learned, and deepen their faith through nature and rest.

Please keep our youth & leaders in your prayers as they prepare for this transformative trip!



APRIL 22-MAY 3, 2025

# 12-day Trip to Greece & Turkey

# Journeys of Paul

## Trip Reflections

We had an incredible adventure traveling in the Footsteps of Paul in Greece and Turkey! By airplane, bus, cruise ship, taxi, and foot, 34 members and friends of Trinity spent almost two weeks learning about the missionary journeys of Paul and the context of history into which he preached the good news of Christ.

The Bema at Corinth



### Connie Francis

## resilient

[I'm writing this on the plane returning from Greece - my first international trip ever!] To sum up the trip in one word it would be resilient. Paul was resilient in his travels and converting people to Christianity. We had to be resilient with weather, coughs, over-eating and interacting with other people as we ventured along the path. The weather was not idyllic for Greece but we had a bus, umbrellas and jackets, Paul had none of that. We had great food and warm beds, Paul slept on rocks and depended on others for food and rest. We visited islands by cruise ship, Paul had a wooden ship that was at the mercy of the weather and wind. All of this led us to nurture deeper relationships with each other, God, and our faith. **We remembered our baptism where Lydia was baptized** (Acts 16). We had **communion where Paul was brought before the judge at Corinth** (Acts 18). We learned that without Paul there may not be the large Christian church across the world. We are the benefactors and must continue to share the message!





## Jan Tift

Getting to know the Apostle Paul and the influence he had on spreading Christianity through the Jewish and pagan world was why we chose to do this journey. But it has been so much more! Being fairly new members, it was a great opportunity for us to get to know fellow travelers from Trinity and beyond.

What we have learned and experienced was way beyond my dreams and expectations. It was life-changing for me. I feel like I've had a college course in Greek mythology and the impact it had on the beginning of Christianity as well as learning about the history and culture of Greece. Traveling by coach through the most incredibly beautiful mountains and realizing the engineering it took to enable us to go through the very long tunnels and bridges to see these places was amazing. Our highly educated Ministry of Tourism guides shared their faith and knowledge as we traveled the Footsteps of Paul.

We began our journey in **Thessaloniki** where Paul established a Christian church. He made several long trips to Philippi where he preached his first sermon. We had the opportunity in **Philippi to remember our baptism and dip our hands and feet into the river where Lydia was the first European baptized by Paul** (Acts 16). Praying and singing hymns together made this time very moving.

The **ancient Greek and Roman ruins** gave us an understanding of the challenges Paul faced navigating the many places he went for his missionary journeys. We climbed the **Acropolis to the Parthenon** for a breathtaking view of **Athens**. It was a hike that challenged my leg muscles, but I feel much better for it.

This is only a small snapshot of what we experienced on this journey as I am still trying to comprehend the impact this experience had on me. I'm very grateful to have had this opportunity to grow in my faith and give me direction to keep learning and sharing what it has meant to me.

## Peggy Ettestad

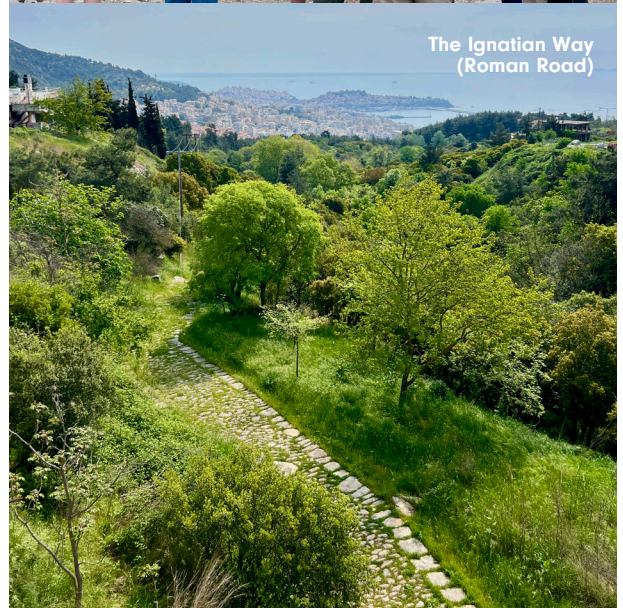
One of my favorite locations on the trip was actually our starting point - the archaeological site of **Philippi**, a UNESCO Heritage site. We had visited **Kavala** to see the port where Paul's ship would have brought him to Europe (Greece/Macedonia) and **we saw the remains of a Roman road where Paul would have walked the 10 miles to Philippi**. The remains of the city are clear to see, and a likely **location of the jail Paul was imprisoned** (Acts 16) is near the main market (agora) of the Roman ruins. We also visited the location where Lydia was baptized (Acts 16) and we had a wonderful opportunity for prayers and community while affirming our own baptisms. A very special start to a faith affirming journey.



Ephesus



The Parthenon

The Ignatian Way  
(Roman Road)

Prison in Philippi





## a great time to clean and declutter

I'm often asked, "I have these items I'd like to donate—where's a good place to bring them?" You might already have your favorite donation spots, but many people wonder where their items can do the most good—either for the organization or for the people they serve. Here are my favorite go-to places to donate—and why I choose them:

- **Interfaith Outreach's Resale Select store** – They accept clothing, jewelry, books, and a variety of household items including some furniture pieces. 100% of the sales go back into supporting the work of Interfaith Outreach supporting individuals in the local community. [Donate MWF, 10am–5pm]
- **Bridging** – A new location has recently opened in Plymouth, making it even more convenient to donate. Bridging helps people transitioning out of homelessness into their own home. Bridging accepts household items including mattresses, box springs, furniture. [Donate Tuesday-Saturday, 9am–5pm]
- **Habitat for Humanity Restore** – They accept gently-used furniture, appliances, housewares, building materials and more. Proceeds from sales support the work of Habitat in the community.

## summer serve & giving opportunities

### • Simpson Shelter



Help with an upcoming monthly lunch service: June 21 & Aug 9. Any age can help. Text SIMPSON.

### • IOCP Food Shelf



Help with one of Trinity's upcoming shifts: June 5, July 3, & Aug 7. Must be 18 or older. Text IOCP.

### • Salem Monthly Community Meal



Serve with Salem: June 10, July 8 (BBQ), & Aug 12. Any age. Text SALEM.

### • Food Shelf Donations

Support the food shelf throughout the summer with a \$25 gift for Summer Groceries. This will help the food shelf purchase the much-needed items especially when donations drop but usage and need increases.

### salem lutheran church

This spring marks the beginning of our fourth year partnering with Salem in North Minneapolis. We're so grateful for the many ways you've supported and built meaningful relationships with Salem throughout the year. As we look ahead to summer, here are some great ways you can stay involved:

- **Summer Nights June 25** | Come for Salem's night. Their Blue Grass Band will share music, and we will serve up their famous State Fair meatballs and Lingenberry ice cream sundae! Come and be in community together.
- **State Fair Aug 21-Sept 1** | Help with a shift at Salem's State Fair Dining Hall. All youth in school get a stipend for helping. Sign up in June.
- **Community Meals** | Help prepare & serve. More volunteers needed for the July BBQ.

### bricks to bread

Plans continue for an oven build in El Salvador! To help fund the project, we'll be making and selling pretzels this summer—watch your email for dates.

### habitat for humanity

Trinity's Day at a house project in Bloomington is Aug 13. Details to come.

### agape gift market

Our AGM team and volunteers have been busy creating items this winter/spring. We are always looking for people that can help with our work mornings or projects at home (sewing, woodworkers - we will have project kits prepared). Contact Jill.

**Vendor Applications** available now for Trinity members and will be open to the public July 1. See the office or website. Text AGAPE.



**AGAPE is collecting donations** (please drop off at Sign up Center).

**FOR REPURPOSING:** license plates, quart jars (lids/rings), 100% wool yarn (can be partial skeins, virgin preferred), spiritwear, fleece, brooches/jewelry pieces, pillow forms (16" sq max and bolsters), 2-1/2" wood finial (ends of drapery rod), decorative napkin packages, wool fabric: solids, plaids and houndstooth (can be coats/jackets)

**FOR RESALE:** gently-used puzzles, legos, games, books (current titles)

### monthly community meal

Join us for a meal—or sign up to help when Trinity hosts in June! All are welcome. 5:30–6:30pm.

- **Jun 26** (Trinity hosts) & **Jul 24** (St. George hosts) | Served at Dexter Park.
- **Aug 28** | Served at & hosted by Calvin.



# spring serve and orono wellness expo



Grateful to all those that helped with projects around Trinity and the community. We made May Day baskets for local care/residents, personal care kits for homeless, spring cleanup, highway clean up, VBS decorations, and hosted BINGO at local senior housing. Your time and care made a difference—thank you!

# sharing success!

## Seeds of Hope Sponsorship, El Salvador

Since 2012, Trinity members and our Seeds of Hope (SOH) University Fund have supported students in El Salvador—from kindergarten through university. **This spring, three students are completing their degrees, and a fourth, Alejandra (pictured), recently graduated with a degree in Marketing!**

This is a major achievement—only about 5% of Salvadoran youth reach this level of education.

Alejandra was sponsored by Dick and Cookie Steiner and, more recently, by Trinity's SOH Fund through member donations.

To learn more or donate, visit our website or talk with Jill Cornell.



From Alejandra:

*"I'm very grateful, first of all, to God—without Him, nothing is possible—to my family, especially my mom, and of course to you, the Church. I'm eternally grateful for everything you've done for each of us. My blessing has finally arrived—I've achieved it."*



# a sign of hope



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

## Thank You for Your Support!

Our Lenten project for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) exceeded expectations—raising \$9,050, surpassing our \$8,000 goal!

Thanks to your generosity, we assembled 1,000 Personal Care Kits at our April 6 event, covered shipping costs, and provided an additional donation to support LWR's global work.

When families lose everything, these kits offer comfort, dignity, and a much-needed sign of hope.

GOAL . . . . . \$8,000  
RAISED . . . . . **\$9,050**  
KITS ASSEMBLED . . . **1,000**  
SHIPPING . . . . . Covered!  
EXTRA DONATION . . . YES!



From Kathi Tunheim,  
LWR Champion for Trinity:  
*"Thank you to everyone who contributed time, talent, and treasure to the Lutheran World Relief Lenten project. At Trinity and LWR, we serve our neighbors as God calls us to do, in ways that positively impact others' daily lives with love and support. Blessings to you."*





- Jennifer Larson

# bless the years

So let the years flow, like a gentle stream,  
And embrace the beauty of a walking dream.  
For in this aging, a new strength we find,  
A tapestry of life, forever intertwined.

What began in 1998 as a simple gesture to honor 25 members over the age of 80 has grown into one of Trinity's most beloved traditions. This year, on Sunday, May 4, we celebrated ***Bless the Years*** by recognizing an incredible **110 members aged 80 and older—including 18 who are over 90!**

This springtime celebration has become a highlight of our church calendar. More than 60 honored guests were in attendance, receiving recognition during worship and joining afterward for a joyful reception filled with cake, punch, flowers, photos, and warm conversation.

Many guests shared how meaningful it was to reconnect—"It's so good to be back together after the winter," one said, while another noted, "What a joy it is to see young and old come together in fellowship."

We are deeply grateful for this remarkable group. Their faith, wisdom, and spirit continue to enrich our community in countless ways.



## trinity preschool

Kelly Govrik, *Preschool Director* | [Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org](mailto:Preschool@TrinityLongLake.org)

As the 2024–2025 school year wraps up, Trinity Preschool is filled with gratitude for another joyful and memorable year. One of the highlights of the season was our annual ***Spring Fling***—a beloved tradition that brings our community together in celebration. This year's event was our biggest yet! Children enjoyed pony rides, a petting zoo, three exciting bouncy houses, and a hands-on planting station where they could dig in the dirt and take home a little piece of spring. With games, music, and delicious food, there was fun for the whole family.

What made the day even more special was the presence of not only our current preschool families but also several new families who will be joining us this fall. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience the warmth, energy, and community spirit that make Trinity Preschool such a special place.

As we look ahead, we are actively enrolling for the 2025–2026 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in a nurturing, faith-based preschool program where children grow academically, socially, and spiritually, we'd love to connect!

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and church community for making this year so meaningful.



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SET UP  
A TOUR!



End-of-Year  
Program



# a joyful visit with dorcas circle

- Jill Cornell

I had the pleasure of joining the Dorcas Circle for their May luncheon—and what a joy it was to spend time with such a dedicated and generous group!

For nearly 40 years, **Dorcas Circle** has been a quiet but powerful force of support at Trinity. Their faithful giving throughout the year uplifts organizations like **Lutheran Social Services' Life Haven Teen Mom Shelter and Mission, Inc.** Beyond that, they've extended their care to **Salem Lutheran Church, IOCP,** and Trinity's **CYF Fundraiser, Giving Tree,** and **Prayer Shawl Ministry.**

Much of their support is made possible through their ongoing **card ministry** and the sale of handmade items at the **AGAPE Gift Market.** Most recently, they were especially grateful for the outpouring of generosity toward their **April Baby Shower** drive—thank you to all who contributed!



*A Dorcas Circle gathering in 1984 – a going-away party for me, Sandy (I am in red in the middle). The necklace was a gift from the circle! Here are some names you may recognize: Harriet T., Arlene Theis, Or Lou Jensen, Clara Halgren, June Droen, Charlotte Erickson, Sharon Johnson, Karen Jackson, Carol Sunde, Thelma Koehler, & June Younger.*



*I hope this helps to remember beginnings of Dorcas Circle. We learned so much about God and developed friendships. We worked also! One job was to clean the kitchen among other projects.*

*It was wonderful!!*

*Blessings, Sandy Veilleux*

## staff sabbaticals this summer

This summer, two of our staff members will be taking a one-month sabbatical—a time set aside for rest, renewal, and reflection. These sabbaticals have been approved by the Church Council as part of our commitment to supporting the well-being of our leaders.

- **Jill Cornell** will be away July 1–29
- **Mark Hemingway** will be away July 21–August 17

We are grateful they have this opportunity to step away, recharge, and return refreshed for the work ahead. Please keep them in your prayers during their time away.

## council president corner

As we begin a new year of monthly council meetings, we offer heartfelt thanks to our outgoing members: **Christy Morse**, who served faithfully as Council President, and **Cami Dahlstrom**. Your leadership and dedication have made a lasting impact.

I'm Gavin Tempero, honored to step into the role of Council President. Joining me on this year's leadership team are **Carl Enzenauer** as Vice President, **Jennifer Weiss** as Treasurer and **John Thiesse** as Secretary.

*gathered into* **one**

There is so much to look forward to! Our **Capital Campaign** is gaining great momentum, and we're excited to move ahead with important improvements—including enhanced security and upgraded sound, lighting, and technology in the sanctuary. (Scan code or text ONE for latest updates.)



We're also thrilled to welcome our new Youth Coordinator, **Kiana Temanson**. Her enthusiasm is already bringing fresh energy to our youth programs, and we're grateful for the passion she brings to this role.

I truly believe this will be a year of growth and connection. Together, we'll continue building a caring, inclusive, and welcoming community of faith.



Warmly,  
**Gavin Tempero**  
Council President



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We welcomed **39 new members in March**—including 17 children (4 families pictured here)!  
Fellowship in the Narthex, Wednesday finale night including farewell to Ben Richter

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