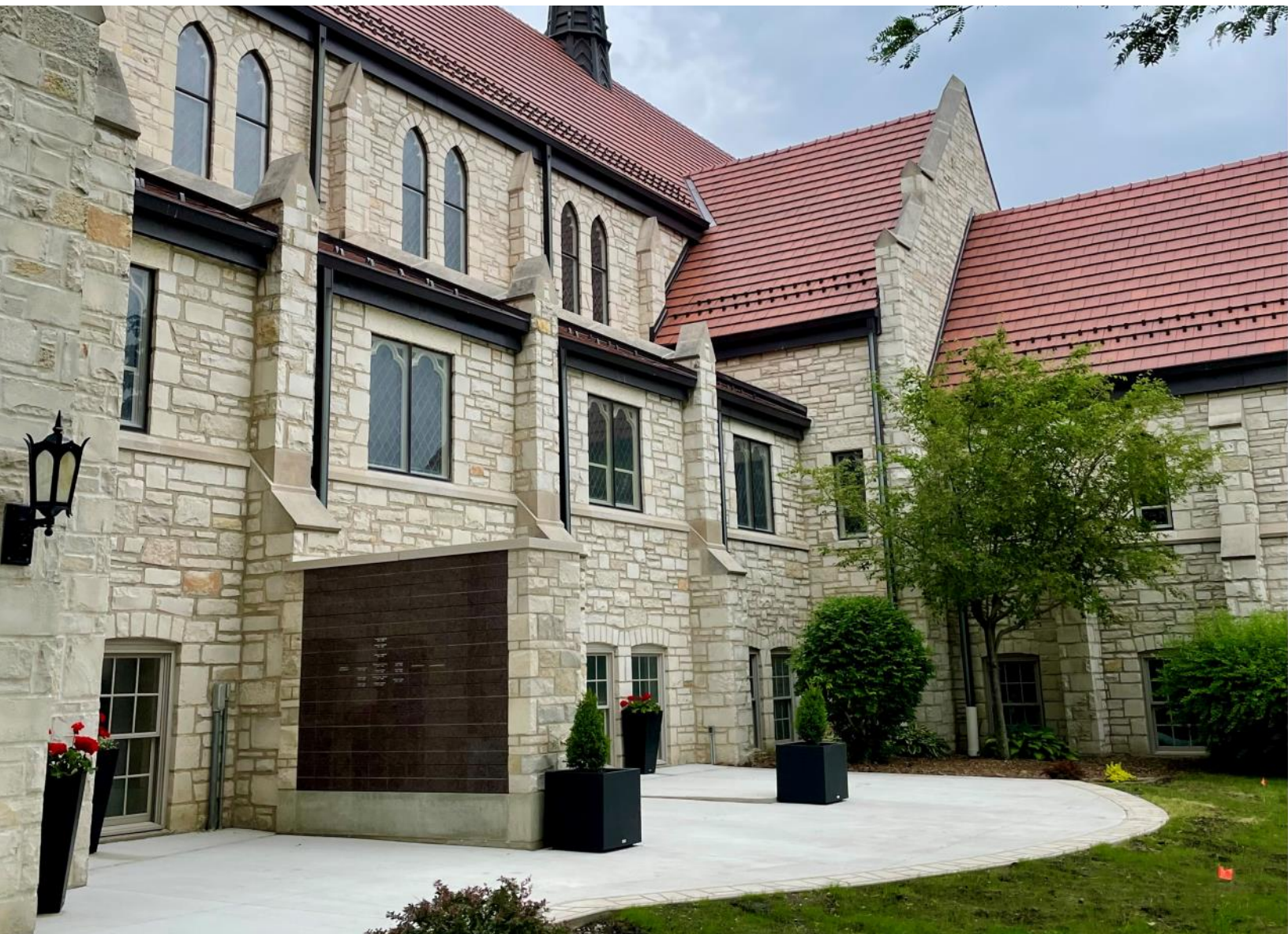


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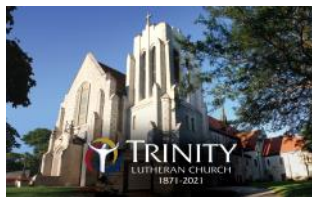
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The Trinity Connection informs the members of Trinity Lutheran Church about the church's mission and people, helping them to grow in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ.



FRONT PAGE: Landscaping finished around Trinity's Columbarium

In 2018, movie star Chris Pratt (*Guardians of the Galaxy*, *Jurassic World*, *Parks and Rec*) received the Generation Award at the MTV Movie & TV Awards. Pratt, in his acceptance speech, spoke to the mostly younger audience (he was 38 at the time) as an elder with wisdom to impart. He was both silly and deeply profound. Clips of the speech quickly went viral.



PASTOR DAN GERRIETTS
SENIOR PASTOR

Rule number one was: "Breathe. If you don't, you'll suffocate." Pratt went on to talk about prayer, the reality of God's love, and how to give medicine to a dog. But it was his advice about community and how we treat one another that garnered the most attention: "Don't be a [jerk]. If you're strong, be a protector. If you're smart, be a humble influencer. Strength and intelligence can be weapons. Don't wield them against the weak. That makes you a bully. Be bigger than that."

In a Gen Z kind of way, Pratt expressed what has been a core tenet of the Christians faith for centuries – that we are made for community. Our particular gifts should be used for the good of our neighbors. And we are better together than we are as individuals. God made us this way.

This month at Trinity, we are celebrating two new members to our faith community – Pastor Beverly Butler and Dani Vogel. Pastor Butler joins our staff as our new pastoral lead for care, bereavement and visitation ministries. Dani comes as our new Youth Director with particular focus on high school ministry and support of middle school and elementary programming. Both Beverly and Dani bring great gifts for building community. We are thrilled to have them.

As we welcome these new staff, we also need to recognize the gifts of our current staff and members who have bolstered our community and helped us care for one another. I am especially grateful for Becky Elsbernd, who expanded her hours last fall to help support our Care Ministries – and Pastor Daniel Hanson, who has shepherded our High School Youth as they get ready for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Scores of lay leaders have also stepped up, proving we are most certainly better together than we are as individuals.

Finally, we want to celebrate our community that is the Northeastern Iowa Synod. Ten staff and lay people attended the C3 Event in Waverly a few weeks ago. This gathering of synod church leaders reminded all of us of the power of Christian community. (You can check out their reflections on page 3.)

We are better together. God made us this way. What a gift.

- Pastor Dan Gerrietts

NEW SUMMER SERMON SERIES

Summer Stories: Lessons You Learned as a Kid

Even if we don't remember it, most of us recognize that we saw the world and people differently when we were young. We learned lessons that continue to shape us as adults. This eight-week preaching series looks at familiar Sunday School stories and the truths that persist – or have changed – as we've grown older. Begins the weekend of July 13-14, 2024.

C3 (CREATIVE COLLABORATIVE CONGREGATIONS) MINISTRY FAIR

Ten Trinity members and staff attended the NE Iowa Synod C3 Ministry Fair on June 1 in Waverly. Through workshops, fellowship and worship they connected with other leaders and sharpened their skills for ministry.

"With over 30 workshops on every aspect of ministry, 13 discussion groups, 13 information table displays, great worship, more than 150 people from many churches -- there was certainly something for everyone. My favorite activity, however, was having lunch with a full table of Trinity friends, old and new, and getting to know them all on a deeper level." - Rich Murray

From Tiger McLuen's session on leadership: "Any ministry without a vision becomes an obligation" & "It's not about me." I loved the day. Thanks for the opportunity. - Bob Mason

I found it very enriching and enjoyable. Especially faith formation and enjoying outdoor ministry. - Earl Kiefer

Well-organized with thought-provoking subjects. The church has new ideas and plans to meet the social changes that are taking place in our society. I enjoyed the privilege of talking to pastors and lay people who look to the future with a positive outlook. I hope our synod will see fit to do this again next year and would encourage others to take part. - Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson

One of the parts of the day I appreciated most was not just the learning sessions but having large group worship. The resounding praise of dedicated Christians was powerful. On my long drive home, I reflected a lot on how this day fed my soul. I am full. I appreciate the feast of fellowship, worship, and education. I came away nourished. Thank you, Trinity Council and congregation, for enabling this. It was a blessing. - Janet Christensen



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS

One way that MercyOne North Iowa is addressing recent employment challenges is by recruiting skilled workers from the Philippines. Many come to make higher wages in the U.S. and must borrow money at high interest in order to relocate. These employees find homes and ways to get to work but need help with transportation and home items. MercyOne is asking for your support in donating:

- furniture
- home goods like towels
- pots and pans
- transportation to work and the grocery store
- bikes or cars
- toiletry products

Please make sure everything you donate is in good condition and working order. Items can be dropped off at the Mercy Foundation office. Questions? Contact Julie Kline, Human Resources office at MercyOne North Iowa.

GLOBAL CHURCH FESTIVAL



Experience and discover God's work in the world during the Northeastern Iowa Synod's Global Church Together Festival, set for Saturday, August 24, at Trinity Lutheran, Mason City.

DISCOVER GOD'S GLOBAL CHURCH

Sponsored by the synod's Global Church Together Network, this event will feature a guest keynote presentation, seven workshops, a "world of 100" global simulation activity, global music sing-along, and lunch featuring global flavors. It is set for 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, with registration beginning at 8:30 AM.

Presenters with global connections will lead workshops on these topics:



- Hungarian Cooking Demonstration
- Young Adults in Global Mission
- The Lutheran Church in Hungary
- Namibia Yesterday & Today
- Make Your Own: 7-Stranded Roma Bracelet
- Global Music Sing-Along
- The Art of Hospitality Given and Received

The cost to attend is \$10 per person. Please sign up on the board outside the church office. Call the church office with questions: 641-423-0536.

ROTATING ART GALLERY

Jim Zach has a God-given talent as an artist. Even as a youngster, he liked to draw pictures and even created a book of dinosaur drawings, with the help of his mother. Jim has donated many hours creating a number of posters, banners and buttons to promote Mason City, and worked for North Iowa Area Community College as their Art Director for many years. Visit the Trinity Rotating Art Gallery *now* to view Jim Zach's work!



WELCOME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AT TRINITY

If you had fun at Day Camp, you'll enjoy what we do the rest of the year!

Church School is the core of our Christian ministry. We meet each Sunday morning at 9:15 AM, fall through spring in the Sunday School wing. Classes are provided for children age 3 through high school. There is a children's sermon at both Sunday morning services (9:00 & 10:30 AM). If you attend the 9:00 AM service, your child will be dismissed to Sunday School after the children's sermon; or you can attend the 10:30 AM service.

Age 3 – Grade 6 participate in rotation Sunday school which includes different stations such as Art, Games and Theatre.

IGNITE is for older students, Grades 7-12. This group meets in the Youth Room on the first floor.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/DAY CAMP RECAP

Led by four awesome Riverside Bible Camp Counselors, Trinity presented **Cultivate Life**, based on John 15:5: *"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"*. There were 16 preschoolers, 39 day campers, and 13 youth & adult helpers at Trinity June 10-13.

The Day Camp service project for the week was to bring items for the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank. The young people this week brought 78 items the Food Bank needs the most.

Special thanks to Lisa Wulf, who led the preschool for the week, the helpers for all the age groups, and all who provided snacks and supplies. Thank you to Pastor Daniel (who spent his birthday traveling to Riverside in Story City for a day) and all the helpers who went with him! Big

thanks to John & Marcy Colvin who had the counselors for dinner and thanks to the Youth & Family Committee for hosting a walking-taco supper after Thursday's closing celebration. A HUGE thank you to The Dettmers for providing housing and meals and a very good time for the counselors. Trinity is truly blessed to have such wonderful people who give of their time and talent to make this week possible!



YOUNG ADULT CAMPFIRE

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

8:00 PM / Elsbernd Farm -19050 Thrush Ave, MC

Gather with other young adults (High School Graduates -30ish years old) for an informal campfire on the farm. Kubbs, Bocce Ball, and kittens available for your enjoyment. S'mores and other snacks will be served. Feel free to bring a friend or two or three...



CAMPFIRE NIGHT

Our middle schoolers had a great time at Campfire Glow Night!

PARENTS VS. KIDS SOCCER SCRIMMAGE & SOCIAL

Sunday, July 21, 2024

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM / North Iowa Area Community College

Soccer is a popular sport with our Trinity youth. Therefore, we'd like to offer an entertaining and fun event for youth, their parents, and our members (as spectators) to enjoy the game. All interested participants are asked to show up at 4:00 PM to NIACC. High School and college players will be ready to coach and ref the short games. The first game will be for fourth graders and younger vs. their parents. The second game will be for the 5th grade and older vs their parents! Walking tacos will be served after the games, tailgating style. Any questions, please contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.



TRINITY KIDS & FRIENDS CAMP ATTENDEES

JULY 2024

Please pray for a safe and exciting time at camp in July!

Jude Kirby
Melah Klobberdanz
Ginny Lindsay
Oliver Lindsay
Aubrey Otto
McKenna Schlitter
Gretta Miller
Daphne Dirksen

Sophia Fitzgerald
Evelyn Hunt
Jack Dettmer
Henry Hansen
Miles Hansen
Jaxson Rattay
Weston Thomas



YOUTH GATHERING

In mid-July, thirty-five youth and adults from Trinity, St. James, Cross Roads Parish, and St. Paul Lutheran in Hampton will be leaving for the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Please hold our group in prayer, that we might have a safe and fun trip, and that each of us may grow in our faith and relationship with God through this experience.



MATTHEW WEST AT MASON CITY ARENA **Sunday, August 4, 2024**

All Trinity members, including families with school age children, are encouraged to attend a concert for Matthew West (with Megan Danielle) on Sunday, August 4. We will meet at Trinity for a potluck meal at 5:30 PM, and walk to the arena together at 7:00 PM.

Please order your general admission tickets by calling Mason City Arena, or by visiting the link: <https://mcarena.na.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/16759>

Any questions, please contact Carol Dettmer at carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org.

MEET PASTOR BEVERLY BUTLER

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Beginning July 1, Trinity will officially have a new Pastor of Spiritual Care! Pastor Beverly Butler will be working 15 hours each week at Trinity to provide bereavement support (including funerals) and working with Parish Nurse, Becky Elsbernd, with the care team.

Pastor Beverly has a unique background as she grew up in Panama City, Panama. Both parents were United Methodist missionaries, so she is very much in the family business! The youngest of three (she also has a brother and sister), she said her mom grew up on a farm here in North Iowa... the same farm Pastor Beverly now calls home! As a young girl, Pastor Beverly remembers visiting her grandma's farm and dreaming of raising sheep as her grandma did. In 2011 she began fulfilling that dream, and soon found out that she was not really "raising" her sheep—they had become her family. The sheep that remain are all 13 years old. A 19-year-old llama is also in the mix, and Rosa "very much guards the sheep!"

To listen to Pastor Beverly talk about her animals, her story about growing up and living in different places, and her desire to be in this role at Trinity, a sense of "the right person at the right time" came to my mind. She is an extremely easy person to talk to, and although I wanted to find out more about HER, at times she had such a caring way of turning the conversation around...so much so that I can honestly say she is one of the best listeners around.

For a quick glimpse at her life story, she graduated from Balboa High School, in what was then the Canal Zone, went to college in Alabama (her dad's home state), and after college helped her parents in their churches in southeastern Iowa where they had moved in 1982. She then felt God's call to ministry and attended the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Pastor Beverly is an ordained United Methodist pastor and has served churches in Iowa, Upstate New York, and Northeast Pennsylvania, as

well as serving as a chaplain for independent living apts. and skilled nursing facility in Norwich, NY, and also for Pathfinder Village, a residential community for children and adults with Down Syndrome in Edmeston, NY.

Pastor Beverly's most current experience includes a "Preaching Only" pastor at the United Methodist churches in Plymouth, Rock Falls, Nora Springs, and Rudd, while also serving at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center as part-time Chaplain. She will keep her Chaplain post at the hospital while also serving in her new role at Trinity.

Of course, she's not a brand new face at Trinity as she's been involved here since 2016 in Healing Touch Spiritual Ministry, and has also participated in the Monday morning activities (Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina) at Trinity for a number of years. She "loves the way Trinity is so welcoming of people coming to activities." She added, "It felt so good that the activities are available for everyone!"

One thing she loves about Trinity is that "it's a community!" Pastor Beverly looks forward to "meeting people and supporting them in their spiritual journey...their LIFE journey!" She loves to visit with people and get to know them. She stressed, "I'm not new to Trinity—I'm new to being on staff!" Welcome, Pastor Beverly! We are glad to have you here!†



PASTOR BEVERLY BUTLER



DANI VOGEL

MEET DANI VOGEL

My name is Dani Vogel, and I am super excited to join the staff at Trinity Lutheran Church as the new Youth Director. I grew up in Spring Valley, MN, and graduated from Wartburg College, and am happy to

return to northern Iowa. When I'm not at church, or out and about supporting students at their events, you can find me reading, cheering on the Cubs and the Vikings, or on a never ending quest for the perfect cold brew coffee. I'm excited to be part of the ministry team at Trinity, and love all things Marvel, Ted Lasso, and have recently been welcomed by the Swiftie community as a football fan. I love blending faith and pop culture into Bible studies and different activities for the church, and look forward to seeing you all soon. - **Dani**
Dani will begin her ministry with us on July 1.

TRINITY QUILTERS VISIT GLOBAL HEALTH MINISTRIES

BY MICHELLE MURRAY

Sixteen women took a trip to Fridley, MN to visit the Global Health Ministries offices and warehouse. This is a Lutheran-owned mission that ships medical supplies, newborn kits, rolled bandages, hospice kits and financial support to those in need. On an annual basis, Global Health Ministries (GHM) provides support by filling 13 shipping containers filled with over \$4 million of medical supplies and equipment, assisting 500,000 people with community-based initiatives, 1000 Community Health Workers, 1100 trained leaders, and over a million people with access to healthcare. This was a working stop for the Trinity group as all were involved in putting together “newborn kits” which consisted



PACKING QUILTS

of a bar of Ivory soap, a washcloth, an infant crocheted cap, an undershirt, two diapers, and a receiving blanket wrapped in a bath towel. This package was then tied with cord and put into a shipping box that holds seven of these packages. The Trinity group filled 23 shipping boxes while they were there. Their adventure included a wonderful meal at Sunlight Restaurant before they were off to the LWR (Lutheran World

Because 80% of the Global Missions donations come from individuals and congregations such as Trinity Lutheran Church, the Trinity Quilters are always appreciative of donations that assist them in their mission as

there are shipping expenses, sewing machine repair costs and other expenses. Clean white sheets (cotton or cotton blend) are always in need as they are used to make bandages. Baby care kits are in need of monetary donations, dark hand towels, Ivory soap, baby socks (6-24 month size), and at least one yard of flannel fabric. The quilters have added bandage making to their Monday gatherings and invite interested people to come and help them! The group says, “It’s an easy, worthwhile project that allows us to socialize as we do it!” Last year Trinity donated 29 personal care kits, 7 blankets, 54 baby care kits, 48 school kits, and 142 quilts.

Thanks for serving in this important ministry!†



TRINITY QUILTERS GROUP



NATHAN ELSBERND

NATHAN ELSBERND ORGAN RECITAL

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 / 6:00 PM / Trinity Sanctuary

Join us for an organ recital featuring Nathan Elsbernd! Nathan Elsbernd is a church musician who advocates for community-centered music. Currently, he is the Organist and Director of Music at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Additionally, he studies at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music. Last year, Nathan graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa where he was the first Luther College Church Music Fellow, serving as an organist, collaborative pianist, and conductor. Nathan was named as a member of The Diapason’s “20 Under 30” Class of 2023 and

played as a “Rising Star” at the 2024 National American Guild of Organists Convention. He looks forward to presenting this recital at his home church, Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa.

PREPARING THE ALTAR

Servant Spotlight

The Trinity Altar Guild is “a ministry of faithful people who serve with reverence, devotion, and attention to detail that may be acceptable unto the Lord. To serve in the Altar Guild is a privilege of the highest order.” This is the formal description of this important ministry. Recently, 12 of the 16 Altar Guild members were together to explain their involvement in the Altar Guild. “I always admired the women in the Altar Guild. They were wonderful women!” was one response to why a member joined. “I wanted to be a part of something with the church.” “It’s all behind the scenes and I wanted to join when I retired.” “I love it!” “What could be more important than preparing the altar for Communion?” These answers are testament to the devotion shared by the Altar Guild members.

Some of the responsibilities have changed over the years, but the main duties consist of the following: dust the altars in the sanctuary and chapel, order and pay for baptism towels, change linens, prepare Communion (including buying the grape juice and making the Communion bread), prepare Home Communion kits, and take care of the acolyte robes, washing and mending as needed. In the past, the Communion glasses were made of glass and the Altar Guild had to wash them by hand. “It’s changed throughout the years. We’re getting older. It’s gotten a little easier,” one Guild member said.

Another area that falls under the Altar Guild’s realm of responsibility is putting on the luncheon for the Kings and Queens (or band royalty) for Band Fest each year. They prepare the luncheon, make salads and cookies and come the day before to make sure everything is ready for royalty the day of Band Fest. Trinity has been hosting Band Fest royalty for over 25 years, even holding the interviews here.



L TO R: AMY DODGE, AUDREY WARNER, MARILYN STRANDBERG, MARLENE FREUDENBERG, PATTY FLATNESS, NANCY CLARKE, LINDA NOLTE, JULIE SANCHEZ, MARY GALAZIN, NADINE PALS, GLEA BRUNNER, MARYLOU BRITVEN

Most of the members have been in the Altar Guild for ten years or more with two members (Marlene Freudenberg and Audrey Warner) having the most longevity. These two women also serve Communion at Good Shepherd once a month. Men and women are welcome to join Altar Guild. In fact, Tom Dettmer is the one male in the group currently and just might appreciate a little company.

As President of the Altar Guild for 15 years, Julie Sanchez has everything under control and loves to serve in this capacity. Her fellow Guild members praised her for the work she is doing. “Julie is a super organizer and leader. Anything you need...Julie helps!” exclaimed one member. Sanchez shared the reason Altar Guild has meant so much to her. Like many other women, she watched her own mother participate in the Altar Guild and thought she would like to follow in her footsteps someday. It so happened that her mother died when Sanchez was nine years old. The Altar Guild always celebrated around Christmas with a big meal at the Holiday Inn, where the members dressed up and invited the pastors to join them for the meal. For two or three years after her mom died, Sanchez said she and her sister were invited to this special dinner. This is just one example of how Altar Guild members took care of each other like family...and they still do.

Another Guild member shared her “why” she was a part of Altar Guild. She shared that she joined after her husband died. “They pretty much helped me through all that!” she said. And then to lighten the mood, Marilyn Strandberg, one of the newest members, said that when she and her husband moved back to Mason City and Trinity, she “flunked bells and crochet...so quilting was out. And no one would want to taste my cooking...but I can talk!”

She joined Altar Guild and found it to be a great way to serve the church. The Altar Guild is always looking for more hands. "It's easy!" one member exclaimed. "Nobody ever does it alone. Two or three people work together!" Another member chimed in, "We know WHY we do it...it's a sacred thing to do

and we're doing it for the Lord." Julie Sanchez made sure to add, "We don't try to push people to join." And then Mary Galazin said, "On the other hand... there's Nancy Rockman. She called me and said, 'Altar Guild is meeting Monday night at 7:00. I'll pick you up!'" And Galazin has been a member ever since.†

CURRENT ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS
(MEMBERS PICTURED):

*Patty Flatness, Linda Nolte, Amy Dodge,
Audrey Warner, Nadine Pals, Marilyn Strandberg,
MaryLou Britven, Mary Galazin, Glea Brunner,
Marlene Freudenberg, Julie Sanchez
and Nancy Clarke*

(MEMBERS NOT PICTURED): *Tom Dettmer,
Linda Hunt, Mary Wicks, and Nancy Rockman*

Altar Guild meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:30 AM. Call Lou Ann Rossler in the Trinity office at 641-423-0536 for more information.



WALK A WAY

September 10 - 12, 2024

HERITAGE TRAIL- Dyersville to Dubuque

An Iowan pilgrimage experience to step away from our routines into a way of being that supports listening and letting go. We depart from Mason City on Tuesday morning, September 10 and return late afternoon on

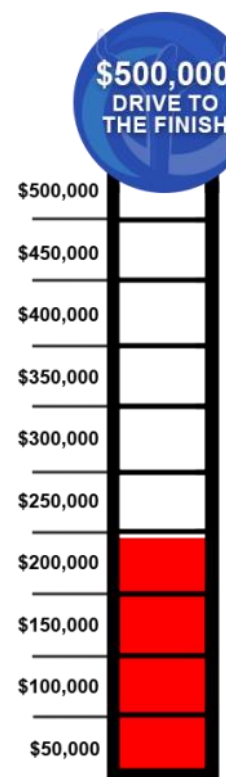
Thursday, September 12. We begin at the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa where we are invited to trust and lean into that still small voice that leads us on a journey of discovery of who we are and who God intends for us to be. We then walk the approximately 30 mile Heritage Trail from Dyersville to Dubuque spread out over the next three days. Overnight accommodations include the New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, IA and Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque, IA. The Reverend Stephen Benitz of St. John's Episcopal Church and Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse of Trinity Lutheran Church, will guide us on our pilgrimage. A support vehicle travels with us to assist as needed and to provide snacks and water along the way. Cost: \$300 (includes transportation, evening accommodations, and meals) Partial scholarships available. Participants will be responsible to pay for their own celebratory lunch on Thursday. Register and pay a \$150 deposit to save your spot. Space is limited to nine people.

Registration deadline is August 1.

T150

CONSTRUCTION LOAN

Trinity continues to pay on the remaining construction loan for the T150 building renovations, technology upgrades, and our mission project. Thanks to the ongoing generosity of many, we have been able to make loan payments from special gifts alone and not the general budget. Trinity's mission and outreach continue to be blessed by this \$4.5 million project. To make a gift, go to trinity-mc.org/trinity-at-150 or write "T150" on your check or envelope.



Total Dollars Received - \$3,912,252
T150 Loan Balance - \$302,298
Loan Interest Paid To Date - \$154,086



CARE MINISTRY APPRECIATION

ICE CREAM BUFFET

Thursday, July 11, 2024

2:00 PM / Trinity Fellowship Hall

All Care Ministry Volunteers and potential volunteers are invited to the Care Ministry Appreciation Ice Cream Buffet on Thursday, July 11 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come and celebrate the successful relaunch of our visitation ministries. Pastor Beverly Butler, Trinity's new Pastor of Spiritual Care, will be our guest speaker sharing about herself and the importance of visitation. Anyone interested in becoming a new Care Ministry volunteer can stay for a brief training. You are welcome to bring a friend or spouse. Please RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, July 9.

VISIO DIVINA

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

10:00 AM / MacNider Museum

303 2nd St. SE, Mason City

Visio Divina or "sacred seeing" is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image, in silence, to see what God might have to say to us. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art. This is a great opportunity to check out the new exhibit Portraits of Dementia by artist Joe Wallace.

More than 50 million people are living with dementia globally. In the United States, one in three seniors suffers with Alzheimer's disease or dementia at the time of their death. And yet despite the millions of individuals and families affected, dementia is often a taboo subject with limited public awareness or discourse. "Portraits of Dementia" destigmatizes those living with dementia through moving portraits and stories of lives well-lived.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Monday, July 8, 2024 / 1:00 PM / The Gathering Space

Our next book is ***The Heart Between Us: Two Sisters, One Heart Transplant, and a Bucket List*** by Lindsay Harrel. Heart transplant recipient Megan has always envied her twin Crystal's "perfect" life. When her donor's parents deliver their daughter's journal complete with a bucket list, Megan decides to fulfill each item and Crystal asks to join her for reasons of her own. They must mend their tenuous relationship so Megan can find a balance between safety and adventure. **Multiple copies are available to check out from Trinity's Church Office.**



BIKE TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, July 14 2024

9:00 AM / Trinity Courtyard

Do you normally drive to church? Save some gas by leaving your car in the garage. Take this opportunity to hop on your bike and ride to church Sunday, July 14 for Trinity's **Bike to Church Sunday**. If you are attending the 9:00 AM service, please park your bikes by the evergreen tree in the courtyard. Chairs and water will be available for all cyclists at the outdoor worship service.

EVENING BIKE RIDE

ON THE GREEN BELT

Monday, July 15, 2024

6:30 PM / Wilkinson Pioneer Park

Join us on an evening bike ride on the Shell Rock River Green Belt on **Monday, July 15 at 6:30 PM**. Meet at **Wilkinson Pioneer Park at 21425 Vine Avenue in Rock Falls, IA**. The trail is crushed limestone/gravel. It is a down and back trail so riders can do as many miles as they wish. **Weather permitting.**



LEARN TO CROCHET

Tuesday, July 16, 2023

10:45 AM / Trinity Room 307

Come and learn how to crochet with help from the Prayer Shawl Ministry volunteers. All ages welcome. Yarn and crochet hooks provided for beginners.



REJOICING SPIRITS

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. On Wednesday, July

17, our focus is on the risen Jesus appearing to doubting Thomas. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

**Monday, July 1, 2024**

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom
 9:00 AM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK
 1:00 PM Broccoli & Cauliflower Cooking Class TK

Thursday, July 4, 2024

ALL DAY **CHURCH CLOSED** - 4th of July Holiday TLC

Friday, July 5, 2024

ALL DAY **CHURCH CLOSED** - 4th of July Holiday TLC

Saturday, July 6, 2024

5:00 PM Worship** TS

Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:00 AM Worship** TC
 10:30 AM Worship** TS

Monday, July 8, 2024

9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health TR307
 1:00 PM Book Discussion TGS

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

8:00PM Young Adult Campfire EF

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL

Thursday, July 11, 2024

2:00 PM Care Team Appreciation Ice Cream Buf. TFH

Saturday, July 13, 2024

5:00 PM Worship TS

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00 AM Worship - *Bike to Church Sunday* TC
 10:30 AM Worship TS

Monday, July 15, 2024

9:00 AM Centering Prayer TR322/Zoom
 9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH
 10:00 AM Healing Touch Exchange (HTSM Team) TR321
 6:30 PM Evening Bike Ride TLC

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

ALL DAY National Youth Gathering
 10:45 AM Learn to Crochet TR307

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

ALL DAY National Youth Gathering

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 cont...

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL
 2:00 PM Cancer Support Group TR300/Zoom
 5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits TFH

Thursday, July 18, 2024

ALL DAY National Youth Gathering

Friday, July 19, 2024

ALL DAY National Youth Gathering

Saturday, July 20, 2024

ALL DAY National Youth Gathering
 5:00 PM Worship** TS

Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00 AM Worship** TC
 10:30 AM Worship** TS
 4:00 PM Soccer Scrimmage Social NIACC

Monday, July 22, 2024

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

9:30 AM Caregivers Support Group TR300/Zoom
 6:30 PM Trinity Council Meeting TR300

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL
 4:00 PM Trinity at Community Kitchen CK

Saturday, July 27, 2024

5:00 PM Worship TS

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00 AM Worship TC
 10:30 AM Worship TS

Monday, July 29, 2024

9:00 AM Trinity Quilters TFH

Tuesday, July 30, 2024

10:00 AM Visio Divina MAM

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study TFH
 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study TL
 6:00 PM Nathan Elsbernd Organ Recital TS

CALENDAR KEY

TLC - Trinity Lutheran Church (Various locations in the building) / **TFH** - Trinity Fellowship Hall / **TK** - Trinity Kitchen
TR - Trinity Room (Number) / **TGS** - Trinity Gathering Space / **TS** - Trinity Sanctuary / **TPL** - Trinity Parking Lot
TYR - Trinity Youth Room / **CK** - Community Kitchen / **YTFB** - YouTube & Facebook / **TC** - Trinity Courtyard
NIACC - North Iowa Area Community College / **MAM** - MacNider Art Museum
******Holy Communion Served **++**Rite of Healing



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9:00 AM to 5:00 PM M-Th
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM F

WORSHIP

SANCTUARY

- **Saturdays 5:00 PM** | Sanctuary
Traditional Service
- **Sundays 9:00 AM** | Courtyard
Contemporary Service
- **Sundays 9:00 AM** | Sanctuary
& Online - Livestreamed on
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