



## Sanctuary Flooring Project Completed

The Flowers for Flooring sprinter fundraiser was an overwhelming success. The congregation of Trinity donated gifts to the campaign, surpassing the \$19,000 goal, reaching a grand total raised of \$21,970.00.

The new sanctuary flooring is commercial-grade vinyl planking and the platform area in the front of the church are now covered in a durable commercial grade carpet which compliments the sanctuary nicely.

Trinity thanks each of you for your generous giving and helping hands! The congregation came together to empty and reassemble the sanctuary after the install was complete. They also cleaned and dusted the renewed space. THANK YOU EVERYONE! Your sanctuary looks (and sounds) beautiful.



Green Carpet



New Flooring



A Sanctuary Blessing



**JOIN US!**  
Mark your  
calendars!



Join Trinity on Sat., 9/23, for a **Church Grounds Clean Up Day** (9-12pm). Bring a water bottle & work gloves. Coffee & treats provided!  
Rain Date: SAT 9/30



**SEPTEMBER  
WORSHIP  
SERVICES  
10:00 AM**

**SEPT. 3**  
**Communion Sunday**  
11AM - FSSF Group Meets

**SEPT. 10**  
**Festival of Cultures  
At North Church**  
(No Trinity Worship/No YouTube)

**SEPT. 17**  
**Robert Hamilton Preaching  
Sunday School 11:15am**  
11AM - A.C.L.O.  
(After Church Lunch Outing)

**SEPT. 24**  
**Robert Hamilton Preaching**



## The Festival of Cultures - Sun., Sept. 10th

*Celebrating Diversity & Unity Through Worship, Food & Fellowship*

Trinity invites you to attend The Festival of Cultures - a four-church worship service on **Sunday, Sept. 10th, 10:00 AM at North Presbyterian Church** (2675 East Highway 36, North Saint Paul, MN). This unique worship service celebrates the diversity and unity of our community through worship in Spanish, Hausa, and English, and uses parables to gain Latino, African, and Western insights on God's grace. The service will also feature music from Latino, African, and American praise bands and choirs. In addition to the spiritually enriching worship, you will be treated to a feast of Latino, African, and American food followed by exciting games. North Church has invited Christian Outreach, Presbyterian Church of Cameron and Presbyterian Church of Ghana. Come and share in diverse worship, music, fellowship, games and to celebrate God's grace that transforms and unites us all!

Please consider representing Trinity by bringing a chili dish to share. Also, parking is much better if you get there early.

*The Festival of Cultures is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity, New Life Presbyterian & North Presbyterian.*

## Visiting Pastors & Upcoming Special Events



While Pastor April is away during the second half of her sabbatical (9/6-11/6), Trinity will welcome back **Rev. Robert Hamilton**. He will preach

at Trinity on several Sundays; 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, and 10/29 (10/22: Rev. Cindy Ray preaching).

**Rev. Cindy Ray** will preach at Trinity on Sunday, 10/22. Cindy is a teaching elder in the PCUSA and member of the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area (PTCA). She serves as Executive Director of the Presbyterian Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (PAHSA). She is also employed as Senior Communication Specialist with Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS), a member of PAHSA. Cindy served for over 25 years as pastor to congregations in Florida, Missouri and Minnesota. She currently serves on the PTCA Pastoral Leader Care Team, the Dementia Friendly America National Council, Minnesota Council of Churches finance commission and the Women in Leadership Advisory Board for Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN. Cindy has been a contributing author to The Presbyterian Outlook, Horizons Magazine and These Days devotional magazine. She is a graduate of the University of Kansas, Princeton Theological Seminary and the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. Cindy lives in St. Paul, MN with her husband, Steve Nicholson. Together they are active in the life of Macalester-Plymouth United Church (St. Paul).



Rev. Cindy Ray

### 10/29 - Bake Bread With Chef Jason Ross

Chef Jason will be coming to Trinity on Sunday, 10/20, from 11:30-1:30pm to instruct bread making! The bread will be for individual consumption, as well as the pastor's communion bread.



- **What to bring:** A large mixing bowl.
- **RSVP required:** By Thursday, 10/19.

**More about Chef Jason:** Jason grew up and completed his culinary training in New York City, then built a successful career at high-profile restaurants including Bouley, Aquavit, and Solera, where he served as executive chef. He has been an instructor at Saint Paul College since 2006, where the best part of the job is getting the opportunity to work with former students in the field.

### "Taste of Italy" Sabbatical Meal On 10/8

During her sabbatical, Pastor April & family will be touring Rome, Italy. Trinity's congregation will also get a taste of Italy with a catered Italian lunch. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall on Sunday, 10/8, 11:30AM. **RSVP's are needed by 9/28.** Please RSVP on the clipboard in the church office.



### 11/12 - A Welcome Back Meal for Pastor April & Generosity Sunday Celebration!

On Sunday, Nov. 11, Trinity invites you to attend a **Welcome Back Meal** in honor of Pastor April's return from the second part of her sabbatical. Pastor April plans to share sabbatical photos with you. Gather in the fellowship hall (11:30am) to share this meal together and also to celebrate a successful generosity campaign to fund the 2024 church budget. RSVP's are needed to plan for the meal, so please submit your **RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 9th.**





## Worship Service News



### Communion Changes

In an effort to streamline communion preparation, the church is moving to a new communion format. Beginning in September, the communion serving and preparing functions

have been combined, meaning if you sign up to prepare you are also signing up to serve. The team of two individuals will work together to prepare & serve the meal. If you sign up to prepare & serve, please be sure to arrive at Trinity no later than 9:15am. Thank you in advance for your generous and thoughtful service to Trinity. Also, Thank you from Trinity's Worship Committee.

### Communion Instruction & Supplies

In the Christian Education supply room, you will find the yellow, 3-ring binder labeled Communion Instruction. It is located in the cupboards within the "island" in the center of the room. The cupboards have been clearly labeled with signage for the various supplies. The yellow binder contains updated communion instructions for the congregational meal, preparation of the pastor's communion elements, as well as descriptions of supplies used for normal usage and holidays. Please take a moment to familiarize yourselves with this new information.

**Communion Sign Up:** Volunteers may sign up on the sheet affixed to the church office door. Thank you very much for your assistance with the communion elements at Trinity.



### Peace & Global Witness 2023

## Peace

BEGINS  
WITH EACH  
OF US.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering are helping our neighbors in need — those who live next door, down the street, and across the globe.

Our neighbors need us. Please give what you can to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

**WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.**

*Thank you!*



**50%**  
of this offering unites us with peacemakers around our nation and the globe.



**50%**  
of this Peace & Global Witness Offering stays with our congregation and in our region for local peacemaking and reconciliation.

## Peace & Global Witness Offering - at Trinity on Sunday, October 1st!

**2023 P&GW publications will be available 9/3 through 10/1.**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.

## Confronting hopelessness & thwarting division...

**Empowering congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves.**

**Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, congregations are encouraged and equipped to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world.**

Please join Trinity Presbyterian for the Peace & Global Witness 2023 Offering on Sunday, October 1st. The P&GW campaign runs Sunday, 9/3 to Sunday, 10/1. Throughout the campaign, Trinity will share P&GW details through *Moments for Mission* during worship services, display materials throughout the church, and by sending P&GW materials via congregational email and church news communications. The offering will be presented at Trinity Presbyterian Church on World Communion Sunday, October 1st.

To place an offering, please pick up a P&GW Giving Envelope at Trinity. You may also mail a check to Trinity (write P&GW in the check memo line). ***If we all give a little, it adds up to a lot!***



## August Session Activity Highlights:

Pastor April's last day in the office before her final phase of the sabbatical will be Tuesday, 9/5. She plans to return as liturgist on 11/5 and will be preaching beginning 11/12. During her renewal time away, Pastor Robert Hamilton will be preaching Sept. 17 & 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15 & 29, and Nov. 5. On Oct. 22, Pastor Cindy Ray will join Trinity to preach.

One of the congregation's activities while Pastor April is away will include a catered Italian meal on 10/8 while she is in Rome, Italy learning about the early Christian church. We will have a bread baking opportunity with professional Chef Jason Ross after the worship service on 10/29 from 11:30 to 1:30. On 11/12 we will have a catered welcome back meal that will also celebrate Generosity with Pastor April sharing some of her sabbatical photos.

On Sunday, 9/10, instead of worshipping locally, we will be joining North Presbyterian Church (North St. Paul), New Life Presbyterian and El Shadai New Hope Ministries for the Festival of Cultures at the North Church site. Please consider representing Trinity by bringing a chili dish to share. Also, parking is much better if you get there early.

The Session wishes to thank many generous members of the congregation for donating the full cost of the new flooring in the Sanctuary. The old flooring had been there since the building was constructed in the 1980s. If you haven't seen it yet, please do so. It looks great! Thanks, also, to the Building & Grounds Committee for spearheading this project!

The Building & Grounds Committee and the Session have begun planning for a much-needed replacement of the parking lot pavement and lighting. You will hear more about this early in 2024.

Speaking of 2024, we are already beginning to plan our budget for the new year. You will be receiving information on this from the Generosity & Finance Committee in October with Generosity Sunday planned for Sunday, 11/12 upon Pastor April's return.

The Session has approved a recommendation of the Worship Committee for year-end holiday worship services. We are planning a Blue Christmas service on 12/17. On Sunday, 12/24, we are planning one Christmas Eve worship service that evening (no service morning). On New Year's Eve, Trinity will have the usual 10:00 am Sunday morning service.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 3rd, the First Sunday Soul Feast group will begin discussions of Old and New Testament figures using the Presbyterian resource "The Thoughtful Christian." FSSF group meets the 3rd Sunday each month following worship.

Sunday school resumes Sunday, 9/17 (meets on the 3rd Sunday monthly). We will finish the Beatitudes lessons on 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17. Class meets from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

In lieu of collecting items for school children at the beginning of a new school year, the Mission & Action Committee will be donating to South Washington County Cares. The Peace & Global Witness special offering of our denomination will be publicized soon and collected Sun. 10/1. Between 10/15 and 11/12, the congregation will have the opportunity to donate socks, gloves, or mittens for the SoWashCoCares project for school children. The annual Christmas Joy Offering will be offered at Trinity in December.

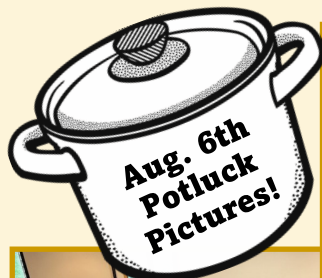
As always, the Session appreciates each of our members and friends and encourages feedback on the mission and ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Please consider joining one of our committees. **-Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session**

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary			Thru month of	Jul-23
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$15,140.38	\$156,579.38	\$147,074.87	\$252,128.37
Total Program Expenditures	\$22,072.99	\$163,240.01	\$163,317.20	\$279,942.42
Donations Less Expenses	(\$6,932.61)	(\$6,660.63)	(\$16,242.33)	(\$27,814.05)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$12,000.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$5,932.61)	\$339.37	(\$9,242.33)	(\$15,814.05)
Program Mortgage Expense	\$4,344.90	\$30,414.30	Actual program donations for 2023 thru July: <b>\$156,579</b> Budgeted program donations through the month: <b>\$147,074</b> Difference: <b>\$9,504</b> Prog. don. w/JAN lg. donations prorated for 23' thru JUL: <b>\$149,079</b> Budgeted program donations through the month: <b>\$147,074</b> Difference: <b>\$2,004</b> <small>Placed for Sept</small>	
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$3,912.02	\$27,079.95		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$432.88	\$3,334.35		
Mortgage Balance	\$126,029.35			



## Trinity Events Photos

On 8/6, all came together to reassemble the sanctuary and enjoy the potluck afterward. Thank you to everyone!



\*The photos are courtesy of Debi Espe. Thank you for documenting the event Debi!

### 8/23 Speaker, Sahar Karimi (Former Refugee of Afghanistan )

On Wednesday, 8/23, Trinity and the community listened to **Sahar Karimi** (formerly of Afghanistan) tell her story. Karimi was the final speaker in the four-speaker refugee series called "Meet Our New Neighbors." Karimi and her cousin, Arash, described their experiences and later transitions into Minnesota life. The discussion included a question and answer session and dessert was shared. Thank you for listening to each of the individuals as they shared their unbelievable stories. All 4 of them now reside in the Twin Cities area and call MN home.

#### Pictured (L to R):

Kathryn Berger (MN Council of Churches Refugee Services), Speaker Sahar Karimi & her cousin Arash, Pastor April.



## A Note From Music Director, Jane Wasiluk

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you for the mini-sabbatical gift over the summer. That was so very generous, kind and thoughtful of all of you. The rest was nice. Rick and I enjoyed the break — had a chance to relax, and did a bit of traveling. I'm looking forward



to coordinating with Pastor April, Neal and the

talented Trinity musicians as we prepare, plan & rehearse for upcoming services.

With appreciation, Jane

## Candy & Caring Ministry (Trunk or Treat)



Trinity's Community Outreach & Communication committee an-

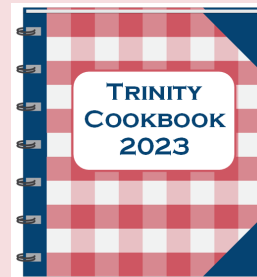
nounced that due to Halloween falling on a Tuesday and Trinity's October 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 - 1:30 bread baking instruction (associated with our Clergy Renewal Grant), there will be no candy and caring ministry event this year. We plan to resume hosting this event next year.



- Community Outreach & Communications Committee

## Trinity Cookbook

As a community building event,



the Community Outreach and Communications Committee is putting together a Trinity cookbook

this fall. Good food has always been a strength at Trinity. We are looking for your favorite recipes with stories or remembrances of them. Look for more details in late September, but please start thinking about it now. We ask that you please try to give some general instructions to follow for those that don't typically use recipes.

## CHURCH EVENTS - AT A GLANCE

### 9/3 - First Sun. Soul Feast

**NEW!** Beginning Sun., 9/3, FSSF will discuss a figure from the Old Testament! 9/3: Abraham (Pastor April will lead the September group), 10/1: David, 11/5: Elijah.

### 9/5 - Sabbatical Begins

Pastor April's last day in the office is Tuesday, 9/5. She returns from sabbatical renewal on Mon., 11/6.

### 9/10 - Festival of Cultures

Join Trinity for a four-church Festival of Cultures on Sunday, 9/10 at 10:00AM at North Presbyterian Church, N. St. Paul. (There is no worship at Trinity on this date). Arrive early for ease in parking. Please consider representing Trinity Presbyterian by bringing a chili dish to share at the festival.

### Sunday School Resumes

The Beatitudes classes resume Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:15-12:15pm. Four lessons remain. Class meets on the 3rd Sunday each month.

### 10/1-P&GW Offering 2023

The Peace & Global Witness offering is SUN., 10/1 at Trinity. *Special Offerings* envelope will be available at Trinity 9/3 - 10/1. Personal checks may be mailed to Trinity (with memo line: P&GW).

### After Church Lunch Outing

ACLO meets SUN., 9/17 at 11am on the 3rd SUN each month. All are invited to this get-to-know-each-other-better lunch outing! Look for Brad W. in the Narthex at 11:00am. The group will agree on a restaurant as a group.

### RSVP For Trinity Events...

By 9/28 - 10/8 **Italian Meal**

By 10/21 - 10/29 **Bread Lesson**

By 11/2 - 11/12 **Pastor April's Welcome Back Luncheon & Generosity Sunday Celebration**

### September Meetings:

**CCMT (Deacons):** Tue., 9/12, 9AM

**Committees:** Thur., 9/14, 6&7PM

**Session:** Thur., 9/28, 7PM



**Happy September Birthday to...**

Eveline S.  
Brad W.  
Lynn B.  
Franklin F.  
Edward G.  
Sue P.

Virginia P.  
JR D.  
Samuel F.  
Julie W.  
Irvine K.  
Bob D. <sup>8</sup>.