



### Trinity Nut-Free Snack Bar Collection, 8/8-8/28



Hello Trinity members! I hope your summer is going along nicely for you. I have a message for you from the Mission and Action Committee. As you may remember, we have supported kids in the South Washington County District 833 by collecting a variety of things for them in the past.

School will be starting in September. The Mission Committee would like your help with collecting nut-free snack bars for these kids. The collection will run Aug. 8 to Aug. 28. Drop your donation in the collection bins at church on Sundays or anytime someone is in the church office. Call ahead of time to make sure someone is there.

**Thank you to everyone from the mission committee!**

Kathie Wilkinson

### Woodbury Days Parade

Trinity will once again be marching in the Woodbury Days Parade! Trinity representatives will wear their signature, royal blue Trinity attire and pass out Trinity Treats! Interested in being a part



of the fun? Please contact the church office soon, as the number of spots are limited. Thank you!!!



### 9/11/22 - Festival of Cultures

Join Trinity in a On Sunday, September 11th, North Presbyterian Church will host the Festival of Cultures. There will be inspiring worship, delicious food, robust fellowship and games. The Festival of Cultures is a joint ministry of El Shadai New Hope Ministries, Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Life Presbyterian Church and North Presbyterian Church. We will gather for worship at 10:30. We will praise God with Hymns, Latino Praise Band, Western Praise Band, Western Choir and African Choir. There will be three short sermons on a parable that highlight Latino, African and Western insights. Parts of the service will be in Spanish and parts in Hausa, both will be translated into English. After worship, at approximately noon, enjoy Latino, African and or Western food. There will be also games and fellowship!



## Worship

**8/7 Sunday Worship with Communion**  
**Ed Martin Preaching**  
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

**8/14 Sunday Worship**  
**Blessing of the Pillows**  
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube

**8/21 Sunday Worship, (Woodbury Days Parade)**  
10AM - Video Only Worship

**Sunday Worship, 8/28**  
10AM - Sanctuary & YouTube



**Reminder:**  
Don't forget to wear your name tag on Sundays!



Trinity celebrated Park High School Graduate, Michael Suh during worship on 7/3. He plans to further his education and study nursing. Congratulations and warm wishes for your bright future, Michael!





# CLERK'S CORNER

BY JAY WILKINSON

A few weeks ago, I saw the following daily devotional and it spoke to me. We, both Trinity Presbyterian and the whole Christian church are not a building, and more than weekly worship services. We are a family, with Christ as the head of the family. Families thrive by getting together, in-person, getting to know each other better, enjoying fellowship with one another, and, of course, worshipping together. Worship online is much better than not worshipping and has often been necessary during the past two and a half years. But, at least for me and others I have spoken with, it's not as uplifting as communal worship along with fellowship and joint mission and ministry. Please read the following and see if it speaks to you, as well. I know your Session members would like to hear your thoughts. Please join us in person as soon as you feel comfortable doing so. -Jay Wilkinson, Clerk of Session

## Inertia Be Gone!

*Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." - John 10:10 (NRSV)*

Pandemic-related inertia is a real condition that touches us all. Things we used to enjoy doing—important things, fun things, silly things, life-giving things—require more energy and commitment than we think we have.

I see it in myself: "Why do a deep clean of the house if no one is coming over?" I see it in my church: "Why go to the trouble of worshipping in person when I can worship online?" I see it in the general malaise that shrouds everything: "Why bother?" I see it in my community: "Organizing is so much work!"

I get it. Truly, I do. But I also want to name it for what it is.

Pandemic-related inertia is a thief. It robs us of the very fullness of life Jesus wants for us. It is killing our hope and destroying our communities. And these are not mere metaphors.

Locally owned businesses have gone under. Churches have closed and ministries have ceased operations. The organizers of the decades-old Pride festival where I live have announced that it won't be happening this year. It's too much work, they said, as if it hasn't always generated life-saving joy.

I don't have easy answers, just a longing for abundant life. Not the way things used to be, but better. Will you join me in resisting that which steals our joy?

## Prayer:

Fount of Blessing,  
may my desire for life be so strong that,  
by your grace,  
It will deliver me from the desire  
to go back to bed.

Article: *Inertia Be Gone!* Devotional by Rev. Vicki Kemper, Pastor of First Congregational, UCC, of Amherst, Massachusetts

Trinity Presbyterian Program Financial Summary		Thru month of		Jun-22
	Month Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Total Program Donations	\$14,175.71	\$133,713.70	\$136,246.98	\$272,493.96
Total Program Expenditures	\$20,549.48	\$137,811.40	\$138,670.28	\$285,367.37
Donations Less Expenses	(\$6,373.77)	(\$4,097.70)	(\$2,423.30)	(\$12,873.41)
Checking Roll Forward Add	\$1,100.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$13,200.00
Income Less Expenses	(\$5,273.77)	\$2,502.30	\$4,176.70	\$326.59
Program Mortgage Expense	\$4,344.90	\$26,069.40		
Mortgage Principal Paid	\$3,726.40	\$22,251.54		
Mortgage Interest Paid	\$618.50	\$3,817.86		
Mortgage Balance	\$175,795.52			

- Actual program donations for 2022 thru June: \$133,713
- Budgeted program donations through the month: \$136,246
- Difference: (\$2,533)
- Program donations w/JAN prorated for 2022 thru June: \$123,213
- Budgeted program donations through the month: \$136,246
- Difference: (\$13,033)

## General Assembly 225 Highlights from the Presbyterian Outlook



Now that the 2022 General Assembly has ended – the first-ever hybrid assembly – the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will try to live into the commitments made and the work ahead. The assembly spoke its mind on issues affecting the church and the world.

**Gun violence.** With recent mass shootings still echoing, the assembly approved VIOL-07, declaring 2022-2032 a “Decade to End Gun Violence” — asking the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) to develop tools for faith-based advocacy against gun violence and for studying “the intersection of white supremacy culture, Christian nationalism, and gender with gun violence.” It also approved VIOL-11, directing MRTI to begin a process of corporate engagement with Walmart, Dick’s Sporting Goods, and Kroger, three publicly-traded companies included in the investment portfolios of either the Board of Pensions or Presbyterian Foundation, and which sell guns not classified as semi-automatic and assault-based weapons. (Those weapons previously mentioned are already on the divestment list.)

**Reproductive justice.** In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, the assembly approved a resolution on reproductive justice — saying the PC(USA) rejects “attempts at all levels of government to reduce, limit, or eliminate access to contraceptive and abortion care.”

**LGBTQIA+ equity.** The assembly created a new LGBTQIA+ Equity Advocacy Committee as a permanent committee of the General Assembly — equivalent in access and accountability to the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice and the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee.

**Family leave.** The assembly approved a proposed amendment to the PC(USA) constitution to say a minister’s terms of call shall include at least 12 weeks of paid family medical leave (covering the birth, fostering or adoption of a child; care for ill or disabled family members; and healing following a loss or tragic event). To take effect, the proposed change needs approval from a majority of the presbyteries.

Stay tuned for more highlights from the General Assembly 225 in Pathways for September and October.



### Spruce Tree Update

Hello from Trinity’s Building & Grounds committee;

The B and G committee thought that it might be helpful to give some background associated with

our interest in removing the spruce trees from the berm along Afton Road.

The spruce trees on the berm have many weeds, buckthorn, vines and other trees growing underneath them that are traveling upwards through the trees and the trees are also continually losing their needles to a fungal disease (which you will read about below). Not only will the removal of these trees open up the view to our beautiful church, it will eliminate an ongoing maintenance issue of removing the vines and other trees that grow under them, for which B and G does not have the ability to keep up with. Through many discussions, B and G had asked a certified arborist to stop by and give us a professional assessment of the trees.

Arborist assessment: The 5 trees are Black Hills Spruce trees, which are not native to Minnesota; therefore have a much shorter life span in our soil and climate compared to native trees.

All of the 5 Spruce trees have spider mites as well as rhizosphaera (needle cast fungal disease). This will only get worse over time and eventually kill the trees. The trees lose their needles from the interior outward, this is a common disease in many Spruce trees in our area.

Treatment of the trees would cost \$1500 per year for all 5 of the trees and is an ongoing treatment. Along with this treatment, continued maintenance of the Spruce trees (keeping the weeds, vines and other trees from growing under them) could help by providing more airflow through the trees to reduce moisture, which helps to slow the fungal disease from spreading. With this in mind the most cost effective option is to remove the trees and if desired, replace them with Minnesota native trees for longevity and health in the soil and climate that we have.

## A Thank You Letter To Trinity, From Every Meal



Trinity received the following thank you letter from President and Founder of Every Meal, Rob Williams. Trinity's Mission & Action Committee designated these funds to help Every Meal.

thank you

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your financial contribution of \$1050 on May 22, 2022. Your partnership will enable Every Meal to change the story of child hunger in Minnesota.

The pandemic has put more strain on families, pushing 100,000 more children in Minnesota into food insecurity. This means over 300,000 Minnesota children don't have enough to eat. And when children are hungry, they get sick more often, perform lower in school, and have more social and behavioral problems. Yet child hunger is very solvable.

Your financial partnership plays an integral role in closing the gaps in food access that children face during weekends, summers, and extended breaks, and ensures that every child gets a meal. THANK YOU! I truly appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Rob Williams - President and Founder of Every Meal



### Trinity apparel orders arriving early August!

Please watch for updates through the Friday Blast, the church website, and Sunday announcements.



**Pillow Praise!** For the month of July, Trinity's Mission & Action committee invited the congregation to support refugee families by donating a new standard-size pillows. Congregants responded and exceeded Trinity's goal of 20 pillows! As a result of your generous giving, a total of **34 pillows** were collected! For each pillow donated, Trinity's Mission and Action Committee purchased a standard-sized, zip-around pillow



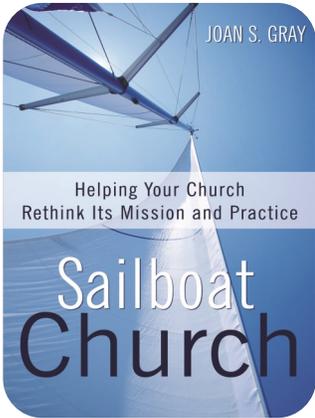
cover. Trinity will have a "Blessing of the Pillows" on Sunday, August 14th, during worship.

Again, thank you to everyone who participated in the pillow mission. Because of your generosity, families arriving in Minnesota will find comfort and will rest well with a new pillow from you! A special thank you to Debi Espi and Neal Strand for volunteering to deliver the pillows to the Minnesota Council of Churches - Refugee Services in Minneapolis!

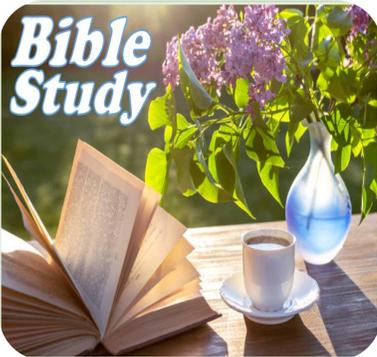
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# Trinity News



**Trinity Session Retreat - 8/27** A Session retreat is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 from 9AM to 1PM at the church. Session members are currently reading the book *Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice* by Joan S. Gray in preparation for the retreat with a goal of visioning purposes and developing broader churchwide discussions during Trinity's Caring & Sharing services.



**Tues @ 2 Study Group Needs Your Input!** Tuesday @ 2 is looking for ideas and input as to what would inspire you to participate in our next Zoom discussion. Is a thematic study appealing or would you rather read a book? Are you interested in diving deep with an Old Testament prophet or one of the Epistles (letters) in the New Testament? Please let Pastor April know if there is something you have always wanted to discuss. The next discussion will resume late summer. If you would like to join the group, please contact Pastor April. 651-738-0045

## Worship at Trinity

**Sunday Worship Streaming:** Trinity streams worship using YouTube. You may download the YouTube application on your electronic device or visit Trinity's YouTube channel using the weekly link which is sent in the Friday News Blast or Sunday Worship Blast. Trinity's website also offers access to YouTube. Just look for the red YouTube symbol. 

**Outdoor Sunday Services:** Trinity will again be hosting outdoor worship/Praise from the Patio on certain Sundays. These services allow attendees to worship in person while spaced according to individual needs. Don't forget to bring your lawn chair or a blanket to sit on. Outdoor services are in person only (no YouTube), however if Trinity encounters inclement weather, the service will move inside, and YouTube will then become available for streaming.

**Post-worship Fellowship Time** (11AM, Fellowship Hall): Join your church family on Sundays for Fellowship time, coffee, refreshments & treats after worship services. If you would like to help with fellowship time, please volunteer on the clipboard in the fellowship hall. Treats are provided.

Trinity looks forward to seeing each of you in person when the timing is right. Until then, you are encouraged to read **"8 Ways to Plug In to Trinity"** on page 7 of this month's newsletter. Trinity offers an abundance of involvement opportunities through church communications: activities, missions, events, group discussions and studies, special announcements, church news and more. Please contact the church office if you need assistance with getting connected in any way. Trinity is happy to help you with your technology needs.



 **YouTube** [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQTthQ\\_ERA1b-2eCvdmPxtw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQTthQ_ERA1b-2eCvdmPxtw)

# Stay Connected

## August Mission Project: Nut-free Snacks Collection, 8/8-8-28

Support kids in the South Washington County District 833 by donating snack bars! Collection bins will be placed inside Trinity's doors.

Please see pg. 1 for more details!

## Volunteer Opportunities

Trinity has openings for volunteers for the following areas: Children's Message (prerecorded or live), Liturgists, Welcoming/Greeting, Coffee Fellowship, and Communion Prepare & Serve.

## Be a "Welcomer" for Trinity! Choose a Sunday!

- Welcome people when they arrive on Sundays.
- Show visitors where to hang their coats.
- Offer a bulletin (a few printed copies are reserved for visitors).
- Point out restroom location.
- Invite visitors to fellowship after worship.
- Ask if they have any questions.
- Give visitors a yellow visitor bag (on greeter shelf).

\*Please sign up on the kiosk if you would like to choose a specific Sunday to serve!

## Would you like to give a Children's Message?

We would like to return to having a regular Children's Message time in worship and we are looking for Children's Message volunteers to speak live or in a pre-recorded message. Resources are available (scripture lesson is provided to you). Speak to Pastor April if you have questions and to let her know what date works for you. Thank you for your support of the ministry to Trinity's children and their families!

## Prayer-Full Pause on Pause

For your listening pleasure, the Prayer-Full Pause is currently being transformed into a podcast! Please stay tuned for more details.

**Tuesdays @ 2** is looking for ideas and input as to what would inspire you to participate in our next Zoom discussion. Is a thematic study appealing or would you rather read a book? Are you interested in diving deep with an Old Testament prophet or one of the Epistles (letters) in the New Testament? Please let Pastor April know if there is something you have always wanted to discuss. The next discussion will resume late summer. If you would like to join the group, contact the church.

## Subscribe to the "Friday & Sunday Blast"

Subscribe to Trinity's weekly news email *The Friday Blast!* Get all of your Trinity news in one place; holiday announcements, and more. Contact the office to You will receive a Friday news blast every Friday morning.

## Cooking Ministry

The Trinity Deacons have organized the Crockery Cooking Ministry to provide support for congregation members in need of meals. Members would provide a simple main dish and no sides. Simple meals such as soups, chilis or other simple meals that you are already making for your own families will be encouraged. Other options might include a frozen entree from a store, or takeout fare. Please contact Judy Houck, Deacon Moderator, with questions or if you would like to sign up to help.

## Trinity Text Alerts

Trinity utilizes 'SK Notify' to send important text announcements. When you subscribe to SK Notify, you will receive no more than one text per week. Please contact the church office if you would like Trinity text alert messages sent to your mobile phone. If phone numbers change, contact the office.

## Trinity Congregational Directory

Please contact Trinity with any household updates for the church directory.

## Next Game Night - 8/12!

Join your Trinity friends for Game Night! This group meets on the second Friday of the month. If you have favorite games, bring them! Questions? Contact Brad Wright. Full vaccination is required.

## Need a Summer Read?

Take a look at **Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice** by Joan S. Gray. Ruling Elders are currently reading it for visioning purposes and to broaden church-wide discussions during Caring & Sharing services.



**Pastor April will be out of the office Monday, Aug. 1-10.**

If an emergency arises and you need to speak with Pastor April, please contact her using email. Please also use the word "urgent" in the subject line. You may also opt use the church voicemail system to contact her, but email is best.

If you have a non-emergency need, please call the church office during regular hours. Amy Sachse is in the office on T, W & TH, 9am - 5pm.

## 8 Ways to Stay “PLUGGED IN” to Trinity!

Trinity brings church news to the congregation through various platforms. If you would like more information or need assistance with technology or connecting in any way, please contact the church office. Additionally, to keep your current church subscriptions, announcements emails and newsletters coming, be sure to update the office with any changes to your contact information.

1. **The Blasts (Fri. and Sun.)** - Subscribers get 1 email per week for both *Friday News* & *Sunday Worship*.
2. **Pathways Newsletter** - Pathways is emailed each month and also posted to Trinity’s website.
3. **Website** ([www.trinitywoodbury.org](http://www.trinitywoodbury.org)) - Church current events & announcements are updated weekly.
4. **Worship Slideshow** - Slides announcements & reminders of upcoming & ongoing events.
5. **Email** - Congregational “Sunday worship materials” & important information (sent weekly).
6. **Text Messaging** - Text message announcements through Servant Keeper Notify (approx. 2x per month).
7. **Facebook Page** - Events, announcements, invitations, church photos, news & more are posted on FB.
8. **Trinity Phone/Address Directory** - Have you ever needed a church friend’s phone number or address? Congregational information is always available to you in the church directory! It is available in a printed version (in church office) or electronic form on the website ([www.trinitywoodbury.org](http://www.trinitywoodbury.org)). The password for the online directory remains unchanged. Please keep Trinity updated with any new household data. Also, if you have not done so, please contact the church with your birth month and day (year is not needed/is optional). Trinity sends out occasional notes and even birthday cards during your birthday month!

# Trinity August Birthdays!

Hycent Kwende

Dennis Suh

Samuel Mosisa

Silva Theiss

Ajang Ekinde

Katharine Upson

Katie Friesema

Neal Strand

Caroline Ellis

Maurine Mbu

Stephanie Hoekstra

Phil Stevens

Jane Wasiluk

**Please note:** If you or your family members would like to be recognized on birthdates, please contact the office. Trinity does not have birthdates for everyone on file. Year/age is not needed. Thank you!



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**TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT:**

*Growing in Christ,  
 Sharing God's Love.*

**TRINITY CARES FOR:**

*Creation, Community, Family &  
 Christian Growth*

**TRINITY STAFF:**

Pastor Rev. Dr. April Davis Campbell  
 Amy Sachse—Office Administrator  
 Director of Music—Jane Wasiluk  
 Choir Director—Neal Strand

