

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
Appleton, WI

July 2019



Camp Pillars

Tuesdays & Thursdays: July 23 & 25 and July 30 & August 1
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Themes: Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving & Valentine's Day (each day to have a different holiday theme).

Camp Pillars will be hosted at Pillars Adult & Family Shelter, 400 N. Division St. in Appleton for the children staying at the shelter. It will include all the fun camp stuff like games, music, crafts, story time/reading, lunch, snacks and more.

Volunteers will be needed to cook, serve and clean up lunches & snacks. Volunteers will also be needed to help move children from area to area and participate in the activities. Keep your eyes peeled for more details. There are many moving parts to this initiative and space to help.

PLEASE PRAY for the children and all residents of Pillars AND for God to guide us as we move forward with Camp Pillars.



On the Move!

In case you wondered, the people of Trinity are on the MOVE!

- ♥ We are in our community sharing God's love at places like Oneida Heights and Pillars.
- ♥ We are traveling internationally and locally.
- ♥ We are celebrating (like Oliver is with his Pentecost crown).
- ♥ And we are worshipping in various settings.

Check out the array of photos throughout the newsletter and on Trinity's Facebook page.

If you would a **Flat Jesus** or would like one to share with someone else, you can pick one up at worship or stop by the church office. Any photos will be shared on Facebook or in the newsletter.

Worship in July

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Tri-County Chapel
1592 Oneida St.
Menasha, WI 54952

July 7

Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Psalm 40:1-10

July 14

Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Hebrews 1:1-4

July 21

Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Hebrews 2:10-18

July 28

Worship at 9:00 a.m.
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

Midweek Worship

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
at Grace Lutheran Church

*No Midweek Worship on
July 3 or 19*

Every Sunday is Special

July 7: **Stories, Songs & Snacks**

Pastor Jean DeVoll-Donaldson will be our guide on July 7. Worship will center on faith stories, songs and snacks. Plans are still being laid, so come see what happens!

July 14: **God loves us S'more Sunday**

God's love is bigger than we can imagine. God will always love us more than we can ever reciprocate. As a fun summer treat on July 14, we will enjoy a variety of S'more desserts. (One S'more Thought: Maybe each time we eat a s'more from now on we can remember that God loves us s'more and that we are called to share that love with others!)



July 21: **Service Sunday**

It's been awhile since we hosted a Sunday when we did a simple service project following worship. On July 7, we will use pre-made cards to write simple notes to others in our community. Materials, ideas and suggestions will be provided. Receiving a heartfelt card can brighten someone's day!

July 28: **Children's Song Sunday**

Children's Song Sunday was a hit last summer, so we thought it should return. Instead of traditional hymns, music on the 28th will be all children's songs. If you have a favorite, let Katie Mueller know!

Offering Envelope Changes

A reminder that you will no longer receive offering envelopes in the mail. Please put your offering in any envelope. Mark it with your name and offering envelope # in the area you would address an envelope to be mailed.

If you requested envelopes or labels you will receive them in the next week or so.

Questions or suggestions: See Judy Natz or Sue Ruppel. Thanks for your flexibility during this transition.

Photo to left: Izabel and her mom, Nicole, on Pentecost.



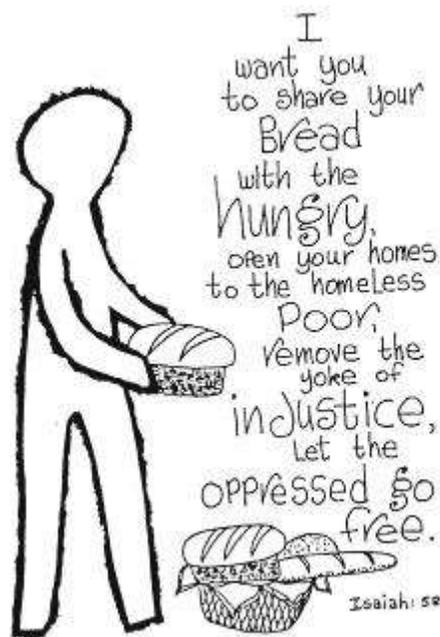
Message from Mary

Trinity Church Council President

The Vision and Action Team is in active visioning mode. We understand that "church" may no longer need be in a sanctuary or chapel. "Church" happens wherever the Holy Spirit leads us and God is already present. Could be in a cafe, at a bus depot, or at a homeless shelter. We know the Holy Spirit is already taking us to the Heritage, Oneida Heights, Pillars, and Lincoln School. The Holy Spirit led us to the Tri-County Chapel for worship.

How many congregations have worshipped in a funeral home? We have become an extraordinary church family, with God leading us to extraordinary places. The V&A and Relocation teams are looking for a downtown location to house our offices and meeting space. We are hoping to establish a gathering group of area Lutherans who want to be active and present in our community, while working out of our downtown location. Trinity would continue to worship at the Tri-County Chapel, while we and other fellow Christians would spread God's goodness in new and innovative ways in the downtown area. This is an exciting time for Trinity! Keep praying and expect the unexpected! More questions? Call or email me.

Mary Robertson
Council President



Flat Jesus is pretty small in this photo . . . but he was with us at the Pillars Art Jam in June!

Katie Mueller - - - Internship begins in July!

Katie Mueller will be participating in an internship with Trinity primarily in July and August. Katie will experience a wide range of ministerial responsibilities: working with the Communications Team, planning & leading activities, participating in Rooted and Camp Pillars, visiting the homebound, doing laundry at Oneida Heights, joining council and other meetings and SO much more.

If you would like to invited Katie to your home for a meal or a visit during her internship, contact Sarah Bultman (734-9895 or office@trinityappleton.com.) One of our goals is for Katie to get to know Trinity even better. Please welcome Katie warmly into this new role as Trinity intern.

A Fresh Expression of Church

Around 60 percent of the people in the United States do not have a church home. This means that on Sunday mornings - no matter how welcoming we are, no matter how amazing the music is, or how much fun we are having - our current worship styles will only be able to reach 40 percent of the population.

For years the ELCA has struggled to find ways to find new forms of church that can relate to the 60 percent. Something needs to change. We need a fresh expression of church.



When it comes to starting a fresh expression of church, there are a few key stages to understand:

Listening: Fresh expressions of church begin by asking these questions: Who in my community is not connected to the church? How are they already gathering? To which group of people do I feel called? As we begin to hear our community's answers to these questions, ideas of a new fresh expression will emerge.

Loving/Serving: The next step focuses on building meaningful relationships with people who do not attend church. To start a fresh expression among our neighbors outside the church we must first get to know them. This can happen through attending community events, hosting potlucks, doing service projects, and other community-building activities.

Building Community: As relationships are being built, a group with a specific identity begins to form. The group begins to meet regularly. Many of these groups begin with a few Christians who are comfortable around non-Christians, and they grow by bringing in non-Christian friends.

Is this really something new?

In 1913, 18 faithful people gathered in downtown Appleton, an area ripe for an English-speaking Lutheran congregation. On February 7, 1915, Trinity English Evangelical Lutheran Church was formally organized in Odd Fellows Hall. A fresh expression of church was formed.

100 years later, an average of 18 faithful people now worship at The Heritage twice a month. By listening to our community, what began as a simple fellowship time has now turned into a regularly scheduled church service. A fresh expression of church was formed.

In 2018, Trinity began doing laundry for residents of the Oneida Heights apartment complex. Through our service we have built strong relationships with this community. A fresh expression of church is forming.

Listening, Loving, Serving and Building Community are not new. It is how the Christian church was formed in the first century. It was how Trinity Lutheran church was formed. It is how fresh expressions of church will continue to be formed. Please join us as we look for "new" and fresh ways to share God's love.

Pastor Brian



Blessing Box at Grace

For about a year now, Grace Lutheran Church has had a Blessing Box outside their building filled with food and personal hygiene items. Anyone can take items from the Blessing Box or they can also add. The Blessing Box is very well utilized by the neighborhood. The food that is being added over the weekends by Trinity is gone in a matter of a day or two.

As an initiative this summer, Trinity will be adding kid-friendly food to the Blessing Box on the weekends and during the month of August. (While summer school is in session through July, any child under 18 is able to get a free lunch and dinner at Lincoln. However there are no weekend food bags available from St. Joe's like during the school year.)

If you are interested in this project, here are ways you can help. The Trinity Foundation has approved a \$300 grant to help support the program.

- ♥ If you would like to shop for food to stock the Blessing Box, please talk to Sarah Bultman (920.252.9643 or office@trinityappleton.com).
- ♥ You may also donate money toward the purchase of food.
- ♥ Or purchase food items on your own. You may bring those items to the church office or put them directly into the Blessing Box.



Please purchase items that are individual serving sizes, and easy to eat.

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| Chex Mix | Oatmeal or Individual Cereal |
| Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers | Turkey Sticks |
| EZ Mac | Fruit cups |
| Applesauce Cups | Juice boxes |
| Chewy Granola Bars | Peanut butter (plastic jars) |
| Nature Valley Honey & Oat Bars | Chicken Noodle Soup |
| Fruit & Nut Bars | Small cans of pasta: ravioli, spaghettios, etc. |

As always, thank you for "Sharing God's love with all people . . . !"



Rooted: July 17 at 5:15 p.m.

We begin with a simple meal about 5:15 p.m. in the blue room at Grace. In July, we have several birthdays to celebrate, and we will be bringing the party to Pillars after we eat. "Everybody's Birthday" will include painting, games and treats. If you would like to join the Rooted group as we unofficially begin our "Camp Pillars" journey, let Sarah Bultman know. We'd love to have you join us!

Photo at left is kids from Pillars & Trinity doing crafts at Pillars in June.

WI Timber Rattlers: Thurs. July 18

Sign up NOW for a fun night of baseball, brats and DINOSAURS at the Timber Rattlers. Game time is 7:05 p.m. Trinity has a block of box seats reserved. Ticket prices are \$11.50 for adults. Because of a special gift, tickets for families with children are only \$5.00 each. To sign up talk to Sue Ruppel or send an email to the church office - office@trinityappleton.com. Thursdays are \$2.00 brat and craft beer nights at the stadium. Trinity will host an "appetizer" tailgate prior to game time.

Report of the Grants Committee

I am pleased to report that the Grants Committee recommended, and the Congregation Council approved the following Grants:

- \$1,000 to Fox Valley Lutheran Homes, Capital Campaign
- \$300 to the Blessing Box at Grace (providing food for the Lincoln School neighborhood children)
- \$1,500 to Crossways Ministries, Capital Campaign
- \$500 to benefit an individual
- \$1,500 to Making Connections Inc. (not-for-profit organization established by Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch in January 2019 with a mission to honor older adults in our community)

Keep in mind that grant money is available to support programs and individuals like these that *you* have a passion for and feel are deserving of this support. We will be soliciting grant applications and awarding additional grants in the fall.

Chris Anderson-Kroiss
Treasurer and Grants Committee Chair

Grant Thank You's

Individual Recipient

Hello. My name is Jeff Van Duyse. I am an inmate at Fox Lake Correctional Institution. Sue Barden is a member of your church. I met her when I worked with her husband Scott. They come to visit me here from time to time. They are good people with huge hearts. Their kindness and generosity seems to know no bounds. That bring me to the reason I am typing this letter. For the almost thirteen years I have been in prison Scott, Sue, and their families have been helping make sure that I have all essentials I need to get by in here. Recently I found out that Sue petitioned you and the members of your congregation for a grant to help me make it through the last seven years I have to serve in prison. I am overwhelmed by the thought good people such as you and Su would think of me in this way. Your kindness and generosity is beyond my comprehension. There are no words to properly express my thanks to all the people who made this possible. Kindness and generosity are tow traits that I struggled with during my daily life before I was sent to prison. I learn valuable lessons from all of you every time we interact. Rest assured that I will take these lessons into my life after prison and apply what I have learned on a daily basis. All of the kind people in your parish are helping me see how to become a better person. I will be forever grateful that the paths of our lives have crossed. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I give thanks in my daily prayers to the lord and my savior for allowing me the privilege of sharing time and space with each and every member of the church. I look forward to the day when I can look each on of you in the eyes, shake your hands, and offer my sincere thanks in person. Until then, I will continue to try to be a more faithful, believing and kind person. I will think of all of you as I say my prayers and read the Bible each and every morning. Thanks again. Have a great day! God bless you all.

Respectfully,
Jeffery Lawrence Van Duyse

Grant Thank You's Continued.

Making Connections

On behalf of Making Connections Inc, we would like to thank you for your generous donation. Our programs grow and thrive because of your support.

Your contribution reflects your understanding of the important work we do to improve the lives of older adults in our community. We are committed to :

- Organizing social programs and outings to engage friends in exciting community-building events
- Providing educational sessions to our friends and their families
- Offering support navigating the changing landscape that comes with age

With Grateful Thanks,
Lynn Ann Clausing Rusch, Program Manager
Rebecca Gietman, Administrative Manager

Linwood Place / FVLH

ON behalf of Fox Valley Lutheran Homes Inc, we thank you for your Grant of \$1000 in support of our 2019 Elevator Fund. Also, thank you for the Member donations in the amount of \$457.00 supporting the 2019 Elevator Fund.

Your gifts, along with other contributions we receive, enables us to make renovations and updates to Linwood Place Apartments and continue to minister to the senior who live here and maintain a quality of life to live safely and independently.

Your tax deductible gift enables us to provide man hours of help to a growing group of elders to meet their ongoing holistic health needs of - mind, body and spirit - and maintain a quality of life.

Again, we thank you for remembering the ministry of FVLH with your generous donation. Without your help and many other individuals, congregations and grants, we would not be able to continue to help those in need.

Yours in Christ's service,
Fox Valley Lutheran Homes
Becky Luett, Deacon & Executive Director

Flat Jesus helping
Dorothy with laundry
at Oneida Heights.





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 No Keeping in Touch No Worship	4 Office Closed	5	6
7 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) -Pastor Jean & Faith Talk-	8 2 pm Worship at Heritage	9 2 pm Laundry Initiative	10 9 am KIT 6:30pm Worship - Grace	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) -God loves us S'more!-	15	16 Newsletter Deadline 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm V & A Team	17 9 am KIT 5:15 p.m. Rooted / Pillars No Worship	18 Timber Rattlers Game 7:05 p.m.	19	20
21 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) -Service Sunday-	22 2 pm Worship at Heritage	23 10 am - 1 pm Camp Pillars 2 pm Laundry Initiative	24 9 am KIT 6:30pm Worship - Grace	25 10 am - 1 pm Camp Pillars	26	27
28 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) -Children's Songs- 10:30 am Exec/Staff Meeting	29	30 10 am - 1 pm Camp Pillars 6:30 pm Council Mtg.	31 9 am KIT 6:30pm Worship - Grace	Trinity Lutheran Church Appleton, WI July 2019		

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

July 2019

July 7:

Greeter: Mary Robertson

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Ron Robertson
2. Mary Robertson

Reader: Steve Krueger

Communion Assistants:

1. Jen Cornelius
2. Steve Krueger

Healing:

1. Judy Natz
2. Jean Haese

Children's Time: Dena Krueger

Fellowship: Jean Haese

July 14:

Greeter: Jeanne Beckley

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Alex Kopischke
2. Matt Bankert

Reader: Sharon Helms

Communion Assistants:

1. Jeanne Beckley
2. Amy Kopischke

Children's Time: Jann Seidl

Fellowship: S'mores & Jeanne Beckley

July 21:

Greeter: Shirley Connell

Altar Care: Lorna Dorn

Ushers:

1. Jerry LeMoine
2. Sandy LeMoine

Reader: Sharon Helms

Communion Assistants:

1. Jen Cornelius
2. Shirley Connell

Children's Time: Jen Cornelius

Fellowship: Sandy LeMoine

July 28

Greeter: Dena & Zach Krueger

Altar Care: Judy Natz

Ushers:

1. Steve Krueger
2. Dena & Zach Krueger

Reader: Jean Haese

Communion Assistants:

1. Jean Haese
2. Judy Natz

Children's Time: Dorothy Warren

Fellowship: Jan Liebscher



Meet the Council: Dena Krueger

I grew up . . . in a small town, Collins Wi. I was raised Wisconsin Synod Lutheran and attend Lutheran grade school through 8th grade. I went to public high school in Valders. I have 5 siblings and all our names including my parents start with a D. I became part of the ELCA when Steve and I got married and were looking for a church home that was a compromise between WELS and UCC.

My first job after high school . . . was a summer job working at a golf course and supper club and yes I drove the beverage cart on occasion. I went to Lakeland University (the actual campus) and graduated with bachelor degrees in Medical Technology, Biology and a minor in Chemistry. I started my career after college at Theda Clark working as a Medical Technologist in the laboratory. The field is now termed Clinical Laboratory Scientist. In my ThedaCare career I have had various roles working as a tech in the main hospital lab and a chemistry lab lead. I spent 10 years with ThedaCare Physician clinics working with our clinic sites on laboratory regulations. Currently I am a Laboratory Manager for 6 ThedaCare lab locations.



In my free time . . . I like to spend time with my family. As a family we go boating, biking and snowmobiling. We take a big summer road trip every other summer; which I do the planning. Last year was the Grand Canyon and 5 other national parks. I enjoy traveling to new places. There are so many amazing things to see! I also spend a lot of time attending and supporting middle school activities.



Council member Roger Helms with his Sunday coffee.

It's important for me to . . . to live my faith by being thankful for my many blessings, giving back my time and talents, and supporting and serving others.

When I talk to people about our church . . . I talk about how we as a congregation have grown in faith with a goal as simple as everyone feeling accepted and knowing God Loves You! I also talk about the things Trinity is doing in the community and our Rooted confirmation program.



Council member Sean Massey with his family - - the Bears fan.

My dream for Trinity is . . . for Trinity to find our place in the community, wherever that may be and to continue to grow as a family.

Eight Word Memoir: Work hard, have fun and do what's right!



Opportunities at Trinity to Study GOD'S MESSAGE for You

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at Grace in the Kitchen

The Grace and Trinity Bible Study groups have a combined study, and meet on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the kitchen at Grace. Please consider joining to study God's message for us. It is a fun experience, with lots of good discussion. The study is based on the ELCA lectionary gospel lesson for the week.

Readings and studies for Wednesdays July include:

July 3 - Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 - Luke 10:25-37

July 17 - Luke 10:38-42

July 24 - Luke 11:1-13

July 31 - Luke 12:13-21

You are Welcome to...*"Keep in Touch"* with God and with one another!
Refreshments provided!



Photos clockwise from above:

Flat Jesus worshiping at the Heritage with Jeannette.

Helping Rae do a craft at the library.

Who 'nose' Jesus? We 'nose' Jesus!
Ava, Caitlin and Alaina at Rooted.



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*Feel free to contact any of these
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concerns for Trinity.*

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Trinity's Purpose Statement:
*Sharing God's love
with all people
as we grow in faith together.*