

# Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Appleton, WI

August 2019



## From our intern: Katie Mueller

For the last three years I've gotten to know this congregation safely behind my clavichord keyboard every Sunday. Stepping out from behind the keyboard, I've started this internship at Trinity through a scholarship given to me at Lawrence University. Until I start my senior year in the fall, I'll be working in Trinity's office, engaging with our congregation's ministries, and doing what I can to help share Trinity's message with people in the community; whether it's through social media or while doing laundry.

Who am I? Let me tell you! I grew up in the rural town of Charleston, Illinois. I was voted "Most Involved," at my high school where I participated in anything that caught my eye. I started a group when I was seventeen called the Women's Achievement League which celebrates the work of women in my community. The group still organizes services, speaker events, and voter registration drives. At college I study music and religious studies. I'm passionate about what makes a community strong. This passion has led me to believe that the more ways we can share music and faith with one another, the stronger a community can become. I love sharing music and faith through stories, service, participation, and through listening. Community is sacred. I cannot protect the world from the pain I've seen with my own eyes, but I can let myself be open, vulnerable, and of service to the communities I'm a part of. A strong community has the power to change, to love, and to fight for justice. And when I put my faith in God, I'm putting my faith in radical love, in radical change, and in radical justice.



I want to be in community with you all! In the last year or so, I have become more certain that I'm being called into a life of ministry. I'm seriously considering moving on to get ordained once I graduate from Lawrence. As I go through this process of discernment, I want to get to know what working in a church is like. So, since the church is made up of people, I want to get to know you all better. Please talk my ear off! Come up to be before, during, or after church. Find me at the farmers market! I'd love to talk to you more and I'd love to laugh with you more. Simply put, I'd love to know you more.

Hello my name is

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

## **Worship in August**

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

August 4

### **Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

*Earthly & Heavenly Sanctuaries*  
Hebrews 9:1-14

August 11

### **Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

*The Meaning of Faith*  
Hebrews 11:1-16 & 12:1-2

August 18

### **Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

*Creeeds: Creator God*  
Genesis 1:1-5 &  
Matthew 6:30-34

August 25

### **Worship at 9:00 a.m.**

*Creeeds: Jesus Christ*  
John 1:1-18 &  
Matthew 28:17-20

### **Midweek Worship**

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

Photos from Camp Pillars. Planting flowers for the shelter & Ava caring for one of the tiny ones.

## **Every Sunday is Special**

### **August 4: *Popsicle Sunday***

Treats after worship will bring us back to a childhood favorite - popsicles. All are invited to stay after worship to enjoy a cool, refreshing treat.

### **August 11: *Instant Bucket Children's Message***

This Sunday will put a twist on the Children's Message. One family will choose an item or two to put into a bucket that Pastor Brian will see on the spot and craft a Children's Message using whatever he finds in the bucket. Come and see what happens.

### **August 18: *Prayer Wall***

On this Sunday, we will introduce a portable Prayer Wall to use in and around worship. Everyone will be invited to tie colored ribbons to the wall to represent their prayers. Thanks to Ron Robertson for creating our portable Prayer Wall!

### **August 25: *Blessing of the Bags***

Bring your backpack, your workbag, or any bag for a Blessing of the Bags. A special tag will be given for each bag as a reminder of God's peace. The Blessing of the Bags is for everyone of all ages - - not just our kids.



## DINNER CHURCH

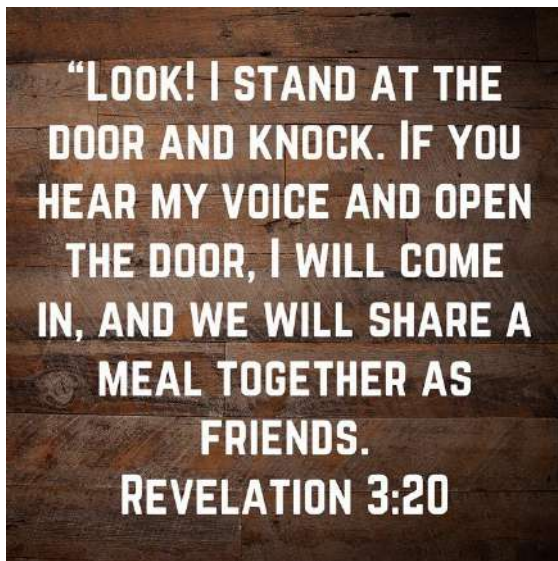
Trinity loves food!

We have a long history of sharing food, serving food and eating food. We collect food for food pantries, schools and blessing boxes. We donate our time to various non-profits like Loaves & Fishes. And of course, we love our church picnics and potlucks. Food has been an important part of our congregation from our time beginning in the early 20th century.

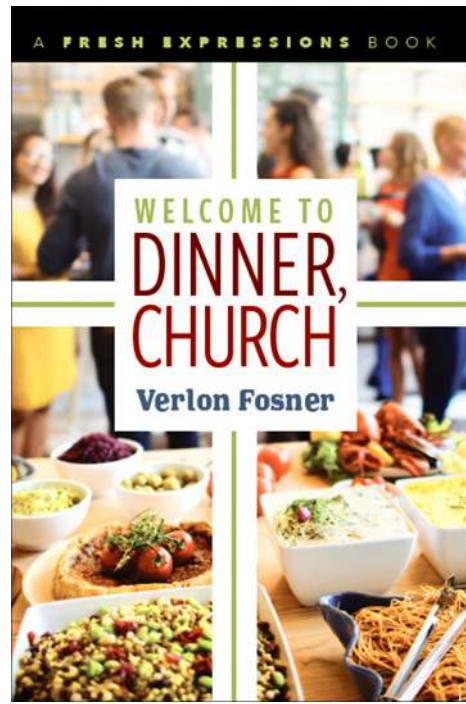
It was no different for the Church in the first century. As we learned in our recent study of the book of Acts, the first followers of Jesus were often found breaking bread from house to house. They used Christ's model as they gathered the poor and the outcast around their tables of food to talk about Jesus.

This model of Dinner Church is making a comeback. Over 300 congregations in the US are transforming lives by inviting the unheard, the unchurched, the lonely to a table full of food.

Verlon Foster, author of *Welcome to Dinner, Church*, says that Revelation 3:20 makes it clear that Jesus still wants to have dinner with sinners and that Jesus wants us to set the table.



Here's one reason why Dinner Church is having such success, according to Foster. Dinner Church is accessible to the poor. In the past, our churches were built in middle and upper class locations - in neighborhoods that could afford our brick-and-mortar structures.



We assume that the poor would come to our buildings if they wanted to. Unfortunately, this line of thought has left us unprepared to reach "the least, the last, the lost, and the left-behind," the very ones Jesus first reached for when he was on earth.

Foster concludes that, Dinner churches "demonstrate a visible understanding of primary human needs. Their gatherings begin with abundant tables filled with free food and end with a sense of family that embraces the neighbors who are used to being ignored and shunned. To do a church for these isolated friends, in a nearby community center, and in a way that meets their physical and inclusion needs with a big family table, is a great thing."

Large portions of our downtown population — singles, the financially challenged, ethnic minorities and others — live in isolation. Many struggle to find healthy meals. Sadly, many of these people will never find their way into our Sunday worship service. In other words, there is great opportunity for fresh expressions of church here in Appleton.

I believe Trinity's love of food and love of Jesus make us a perfect congregation to start a Dinner Church in our downtown community.

What do you think? Should we give it a go?

Pastor Brian



## Rooted: August 21

Rooted will meet on Wednesday, August 21 at 5:15 p.m. at Grace. After our meal we will move to Pillars to play with the kids while their parents attend class. As always there is room at the table for you at Rooted.

## It's back to school soon.

We'll start collecting school supplies for Lincoln school. We'll be collecting items to help the teachers. Teachers often spend their own money on items through out the year to help there students. Look for more information to come. Collecting donations for back to school in September. Peace, Judy



## Facebook Like, Follow & Share

Trinity has a Facebook page that shares photos, events, spiritual posts, some humor and more. We need your help to spread the word about Trinity. If you use Facebook, please **follow** Trinity to get our latest posts. Then either **like** or **share** posts that are meaningful to you. This all helps to raise our profile on Facebook and share who Trinity is with others.

Here are a few reasons Trinity (and countless other churches) use social media.

- 1) Social media may be the first place people encounter Trinity.
- 2) Social media meets people where they are; it has become a valuable place for people to connect.
- 3) Trinity's Facebook posts represent our congregation's vitality.
- 4) It helps to build relationship between people in our own congregation.



Photos from Camp Pillars. Games, Singing & part of our kitchen crew.



## Message from Mary

### Trinity Church Council President

Recently I met some former high school classmates for lunch that I had not seen for some time. One of them shared with us how she had lost two sons and more recently, her husband. I was amazed at her strength and resilience. I was even more amazed at her strong and very apparent faith in the goodness of God. She didn't lament her past, but only saw how blessed she is and how thankful she is to be able to share her faith with others. She is absolutely inspiring.

I was: 1) embarrassed by my own petty complaints about my life 2) motivated to move beyond my own wishes and desires and 3) I see this as a challenge for all of us. As we make decisions about our future here at Trinity, I believe God is asking us to put aside our own needs, desires, laments, and personal beliefs about what "church" should be. I believe He is asking us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and listen to what God is telling us.

At the Synod Assembly this past May, in a short conversation with the Bishop regarding Trinity, I was told to be "prepared for surprises." So let us, as Trinity members, set aside our own preconceptions about church and faith, and open our hearts and minds to God's new plans and maybe exciting "surprises" for Trinity's future.

Any responses or questions for me are welcome!

Mary Robertson



#### Meet the Council: Sean Massey

**I grew up** . . . In Schaumburg, IL outside of Chicago.

**In my work life** . . . I work as a Cloud Staff Solutions Architect for VMware. I help cloud providers around the world design systems for their customers.

**In my free time I enjoy...** what's free time?

**When I talk to people about my church,** I talk about the involvement in our community and how welcoming Trinity is for children.

**My dream for Trinity is** to reinvent itself and continue to grow so we can be a thriving faith community for the next 100 years.



Sean with his family, Owen, Laura & Kaitlyn.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> Camp Pillars 10 am - 1 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:00 am Worship</b> (Tri-County Chapel)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Vision & Action Team Meeting	<b>7</b> 9 am KIT <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Worship - Grace</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9:00 am Worship</b> (Tri-County Chapel)	<b>12</b> 2 pm Worship at Heritage 5:30 pm Exec/Staff Mtg.	<b>13</b> 10 am Staff mtg. 2 pm Laundry Initiative	<b>14</b> 9 am KIT <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Worship - Grace</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9:00 am Worship</b> (Tri-County Chapel)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Council Mtg.	<b>21</b> 9 am KIT 5:15 pm Rooted <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Worship - Grace</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9:00 am Worship</b> (Tri-County Chapel)	<b>26</b> 2 pm Worship at Heritage 3:30 pm HHH Meeting	<b>27</b> 10 am Staff mtg. 2 pm Laundry Initiative	<b>28</b> 9 am KIT <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Worship - Grace</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE

August 2019

## **August 4:**

**Greeter:** Ron & Mary Robertson

**Altar Care:** Judy Natz

**Ushers:**

1. Rusty Witthuhn
2. Alison Witthuhn

**Reader:** Mary Robertson

**Communion Assistants:**

1. Shirley Connell
2. Sue Barden

**Healing:**

1. Jean Haese
2. Judy Natz

**Children's Time:** Chrisanna Barricklow

**Fellowship:** Sue Barden

## **August 18:**

**Greeter:** Dena Krueger

**Altar Care:** Judy Natz

**Ushers:**

1. Steve Krueger
2. Zach Krueger

**Reader:** Steve Krueger

**Communion Assistants:**

1. Shirley Connell
2. Kay Schroeder

**Children's Time:** Dena Krueger

**Fellowship:** [Can you help?](#)

## **August 11:**

**Greeter:** Kay Odegaard

**Altar Care:** Judy Natz

**Ushers:**

1. Jerry LeMoine
2. Sandy LeMoine

**Reader:** Leanne Meidam Wincentsen

**Communion Assistants:**

1. Leanne Meidam Wincentsen
2. Jeanne Beckley

**Children's Time:** Mary Bankert

**Fellowship:** Jeanne Beckley

## **August 25:**

**Greeter:** [Can you help?](#)

**Altar Care:** Judy Natz

**Ushers:**

1. [Can you help?](#)
2. [Can you help?](#)

**Reader:** Jean Haese

**Communion Assistants:**

1. Sandy LeMoine
2. Jen Cornelius

**Children's Time:** Jann Seidl

**Fellowship:** Sandy LeMoine



## Travels of Flat Jesus

Flat Jesus (and of course the actual Jesus) is with us wherever we go. This summer, FJ has traveled to Montreal with Mary, to Lifest, to the church office, to the Sea of Galilee in Israel, to the Timber Rattlers game, to Washington D.C. and so many more places. Thank you to everyone for sending your photos!







## **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 August include:**

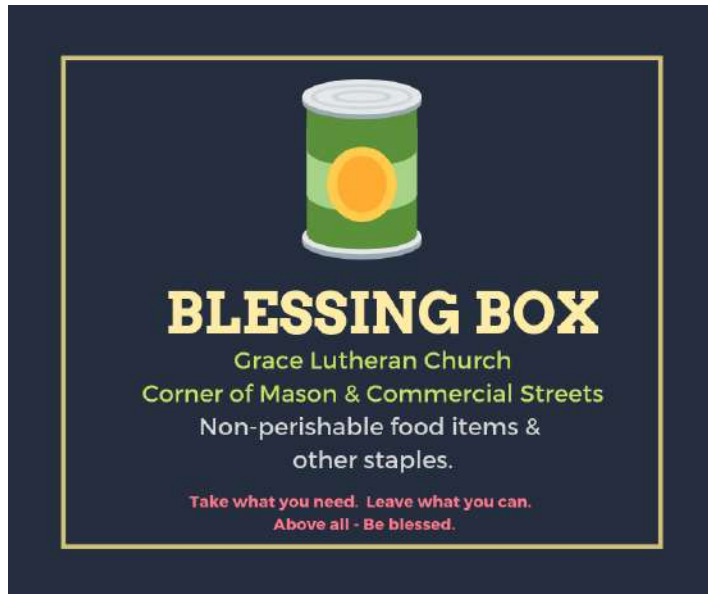
August 7 - Luke 12:32-40

August 14 - Luke 12:49-56

August 21 - Luke 13:10-17

August 28 - Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

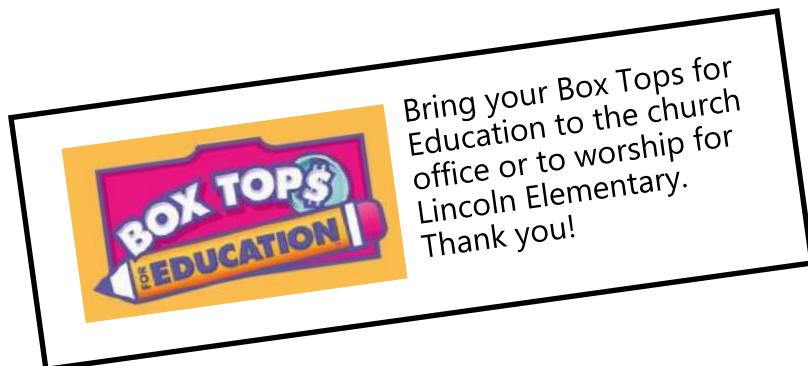


## **Blessing Box**

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the Blessing Box at Grace through your donations and shopping trips! We are helping keep the kids, families and individuals fed in the Lincoln Elementary neighborhood.

If you would like to shop for food for the Blessing Box, talk to Sarah Bultman. (You will be reimbursed for your purchases.)

Trinity will continue to add kid-friendly foods (like granola bars, easy mac & cheese, spaghetti, applesauce, fruit cups, peanut butter, juice boxes & more) to the Blessing Box until the beginning of school.



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