

# TRINITY TRIBUTE

*"We believe there is no person or created thing which is outside the active love and grace of God shown so clearly in Jesus Christ. And through the active love and grace of God, we, as a body of Christ, are called to invite, welcome, and care for all."*

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May 2026  
Newsletter



**May Star Word Prompt:** As we prepare for Pentecost, how has the Holy Spirit lit a fire in you in/through your star word? What new thing has it inspired you to do?

The NE MN Synod Assembly was held the weekend of April 24-26, 2026, at Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, Minnesota.

Rev. Taryn Montgomery (currently *Synod Minister for Discipleship and Christian Community*), is the Bishop-Elect for the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and will be installed by Presiding ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry at a later date.



More information can be found on page 2.

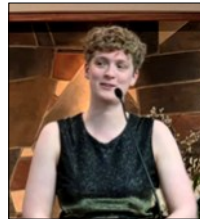


The Road to Emmaus...Deacon Kari had the Children of God join her in a re-creation of the disciples' journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. As she read the gospel, they took a walk through the sanctuary and listened to the story of the disciples meeting Jesus walking on the road Emmaus...and then "running" back to Jerusalem to tell the others.



### Classic Comes to Cook

Trinity was fortunate to host a wonderful one-hour, intimate performance of the Piatigorsky Foundation on Thursday, April 16, 2026.



This concert featured the musical talents of Alexander "Sasha" Yakub, a violinist from Amherst, Massachusetts, and Kessa Mefford, pianist from Peekskill, New York. A short question and answer time followed the event.

Trinity was honored to provide a venue for this wonderful opportunity. The concert is generously sponsored in part by Northwoods Friends of the Arts and Free Will Donations.



### Want to Help Keep Minnesota Beautiful?

Duane Gustafson is gathering volunteers to help clean up Trinity's assigned area of Highway 53 north of Cook on *Wednesday, May 13*. There is a sign-up sheet on in the Fellowship Hall.

The plan is to meet in the back parking lot at 9:00 am and then carpool to a 2-mile segment beginning just north Ryan's Rustic Rails.

*Please dress for the weather, with comfortable footwear & work gloves; vests & trash bags will be provided. Hwy 53 is a very busy highway; no children under 18, please.*



**What:** Camp Work Day  
**When:** Saturday, May 16, 2026  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**Site:** Camp Vermillion 2555 Vermilion Camp Road, Cook  
**Ages:** All ages  
**Cost:** Free

Camp Work Day is a time to prepare the site for our summer camping season and we can't do that without your help! Join us at our site to work on some planned projects and cleaning. Come as a group or individually. There are plenty of projects for everyone!

*Info: [vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/cvworkday](http://vlmcamps.org/all-programs-events/cvworkday)*

### FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

May 28, 2026

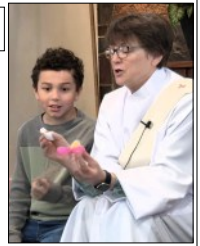
Served Drive-Thru or Eat-In  
4:00 - 5:30 pm (or until gone)

May's Menu: Hamburgers, Pasta Salad, Pickles, Chips, and a Cookie



*Hope and Gratitude*

Deacon Kari



After locking the main doors after Bible Quest last week, I looked down and smiled with a little chuckle at the chalk footprints on the rug. Another sign of life and laughter and children. It was a beautiful, warm, day and we were able to spend time outside during Bible Quest. We got to practice kindness and God’s love while we played Ten Steps around the building, Gaga Ball in the portable Gaga Ball Pit, and create beautiful chalk drawings on the sidewalk. All signs of life and love. Signs of hope.

**Bible Quest** - As I write this, we have one Bible Quest gathering remaining for the school year. I am so grateful for the Bible Quest program, the numerous youth and adult volunteers who make it happen, and the children who participate. It is a beautiful way to learn together and practice what it means to live together as beloved children of God.

**Confirmation** - We also have one more meeting of our confirmation class for the year. This year we have been using the curriculum “*Confirm not Conform*” which “encourages youth to find the bedrock of their faith -- the rock that will be a firm foundation throughout their lives.” (*Confirm not Conform, Lesson 1*). This curriculum doesn’t give answers, but provides a space for exploration, discovery, questions, and conversation. Steve Maki and I have had some wonderful conversations with the youth. While we won’t have regular class during the summer, the youth have asked if we could meet occasionally.

**Synod Assembly** – I just returned from the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly which took place at Breezy Point Resort. I attended with several folks from Trinity: Nick and Margaret Nicklow (our voting members), Bruce Garbisch (Synod Council), Crystal Whitney (Chair of the Synod Reference, Counsel, and Memorials Committee), Deacon Brenda Tibbetts (Chair of the Bishop Election Committee), and Pastor Sanna Reinholtzen. In addition to the business of the church, we worshiped together, ate together, learned together, and enjoyed spending time with one another and with new friends.

In the near future, Nick and Margaret will give an update on the assembly. But I will report that our Bishop-elect is Rev. Taryn Montgomery and we give God thanks for her. Bishop Amy Odgren will be retiring at the end of her term, and we wish her the very best. I give thanks for the ministry of Bishop Amy and am grateful for her and all of her help in guiding Trinity through some difficult times.

In gratitude and hope,  
Deacon Kari Olson (she/her)



**2026 Synod Assembly  
April 24-26, 2026  
Breezy Point Resort**

The 2026 Northeastern Minnesota Synod Assembly was held at Breezy Point Resort, Breezy Point, Minnesota. Attending from Trinity were Margaret and Nick Nicklow (*TLC voting members*), Bruce Garbisch (*Synod Council*), Crystal Whitney (*Chair of the Synod Reference, Counsel, and Memorials Committee*), Deacon Brenda Tibbetts (*Chair of the Bishop Election Committee*), and Pastor Sanna Reinholtzen.



Bishop Amy Odgren  
Bishop-Elect Taryn Montgomery

In addition to the regular business, worship, and fellowship, there were two significant elections that were held:

The Reverend Taryn Montgomery was elected the next synod bishop on the fifth ballot, for a six-year term. Karen Gabriel was elected the next synod vice president, for a four-year term.

We thank the other nominees for the Office of Synod Bishop, for the prayers and deliberations by voting members and people throughout the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.



Crystal Whitney



Joy Hensel  
Dn. Kari Olson



Dn. Krista Anderson  
Dn. Kari Olson  
Dn. Susan Williams  
Dn. Brenda Tibbetts



Dn. Brenda Tibbetts



## May Call Committee Update -- *Anyone know where the portage is ?????*

### **Pastoral Applicants Needed!!!**

Per my Congregational update on Sunday, April 15th, the Call Committee is anxiously awaiting applicants for our offered Pastor position.

### **The Calling Process** (Similar to a trip to the BWCA)

#### \* **Info gathering and Ministry Site Profile (MSP) development** - (Planning the BWCA Trip)

The process of selecting a Pastor began with you the Congregation. Months ago you filled out note cards and placed stickers on charts identifying areas of worship that are important to you. The Call Committee collected and outlined this information in the Ministry Site Profile for Candidates to view.

#### \* **MSP Goes Live January** - (We now have a map!)

The MSP is live and we are anxiously waiting for applicants.

#### \* **Interviewing** - (Finding the portage)

The Call Committee identifies a Candidate that best meets the worship and overall needs of our Congregation. This usually involves two interviews and a site visit.

#### \* **Further Interviewing** - (Distance of the portage)

The Candidate meets with Deacon Kari and then the Church Council.

#### \* **Last Step** - (Reached the end of the portage)

The Candidate is introduced to the Congregation for approval.

At this time, Deacon Susan from the Synod is working with the Call Committee to ensure the highest likelihood of connecting us with the right pastor.

Per the Synod, **the committee is not allowed to divulge information surrounding Candidate interviews.** This is for the fairness of all involved.

At the end of the day, we are all on this BWCA trip. Together, we have planned the trip and the guides (*Your Call Committee*) will help locate the portage and assist the congregation in reaching the other side!

Your thoughts and continued prayers are appreciated during this time.

Nick Nicklow

Call Committee Senior Executive Director of Communications

(Time to fix the dock and see if the boat starts. 🙄)



The Mental Health and Wellness team is excited to continue discussing our many dimensions of wellness -- spiritual, emotional, physical, and intellectual. This quarter, we turn our attention to intellectual wellness: caring for the minds God has given us and continuing to grow in knowledge, curiosity, and understanding.

Intellectual wellness is not about how much education we have or how "smart" we are. Instead, it's about a posture of curiosity, humility, and lifelong learning. Renewing our minds is an ongoing process. It happens as we learn, reflect, ask questions, and remain open to growth.

### **Here are some examples of ways to nurture intellectual wellness:**

- Learning new things. This might look like studying Scripture more deeply, joining a Bible study, or simply exploring a new interest or hobby. Learning keeps our minds active and reminds us that growth is always possible, no matter our age or stage of life.
- Reading is another meaningful practice. Reading helps expand our perspective and invites us into deeper reflection.
- New experiences and moments of novelty. God's creation is full of beauty and variety, and stepping outside of our routines—trying something new, visiting a new place, or meeting new people—can awaken a sense of wonder and curiosity within us.
- Engaging in meaningful conversations. When we take time to listen, share ideas, and thoughtfully engage with others, we grow not only in knowledge but in wisdom and connection.
- The gift of laughter. Laughter brings joy, reduces stress, and strengthens relationships.
- Simple activities like puzzles, games, and problem-solving can help keep our minds active and engaged.

As you reflect on this season, consider:

- What is something new God might be inviting you to learn?
- How are you engaging your mind in ways that bring life and growth?
- Who in your life helps challenge and sharpen your thinking?

May this season be one of renewed curiosity, thoughtful reflection, and joyful growth.

Your Mental Health and Wellness Team

**Trinity Lutheran Church - Giving in Grace - Financial Report**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>3/31/2026</b>	<b>2026 Budget = \$301336.92</b>
Budget Receipts	\$24,458.20	
Budget Expenditures	\$19,041.43	<b>Offerings Needed</b>
Checkbook Balance	\$7,007.67	Monthly = \$25,111.41
		Sunday = \$5,794.94

<u>Income</u>	<u>March Receipts</u>	<u>Monthly Anticipated Budget</u>	<u>YTD Received</u>	<u>Anticipated YTD Budget</u>
Envelope Offering	\$ 23,432.20		\$ 66,734.65	
Loose Offering	\$ 876.00		\$ 5,173.00	
Church usage	\$ 150.00		\$ 225.00	
<b>Total Regular Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,458.20</b>	<b>25,111.41 **</b>	<b>\$ 72,132.65</b>	<b>\$ 301,336.92</b>

<u>Mission Support</u>	<u>March paid</u>		<u>YTD Paid</u>	
NE Synod	\$ 635.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 1,905.00	\$ 1,905.00
VLM	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.00	\$ 243.00	\$ 243.00
<b>Total Mission Support</b>	<b>\$ 716.00</b>	<b>\$ 716.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,148.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,148.00</b>

<u>Expenses</u>				
Education	\$ 495.00	\$ 375.01	\$ 614.70	\$ 1,125.03
Wellness Ministry		\$ 12.50		\$ 37.50
Stewardship	\$ 103.64	\$ 125.00	\$ 284.97	\$ 375.00
Mental Health & Wellness		\$ 41.67	\$ 104.46	\$ 125.01
Social Outreach Ministry		\$ 166.67	\$ 107.97	\$ 500.01
Worship	\$ 531.34	\$ 833.16	\$ 2,634.65	\$ 2,499.48
Church Operations	\$ 9,325.58	\$ 9,575.46	\$ 33,375.43	\$ 28,726.38
Pastoral Salary & Bene		\$ 4,512.59		\$ 24,822.51
Congreg Care Minister Sal & Bene	\$ 7,855.94	\$ 8,274.17	\$ 23,567.81	\$ 13,537.77
Misc & Moving Expenses	\$ 13.93	\$ 479.17	\$ 13.93	\$ 1,437.51
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 19,041.43</b>	<b>\$ 25,111.40</b>	<b>\$ 62,851.92</b>	<b>\$ 75,334.20</b>

<u>March</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Mar 1	78
8-Mar	68
15-Mar	81
22-Mar	90
29-Mar	108

**Receipts for the month BELOW budget by \$653.21. Receipts, are BELOW budget for the year \$3,201.58.  
Expenses are BELOW budget for the month by \$6,069.98. Expenses are BELOW budget for the year \$12,482.31.**

Memorials received this month in memory of:

Given by:

There were no memorials given in March.

Regular offerings keep Trinity going;  
**Thank You** for continued support.  
Whether worshipping in person or online, TLC ministries and missions are dependent on faithful giving.  
If you would like to set up regular electronic payments contact Sue for more information at 218-666-5965 or email [sue@trinitycook.org](mailto:sue@trinitycook.org).

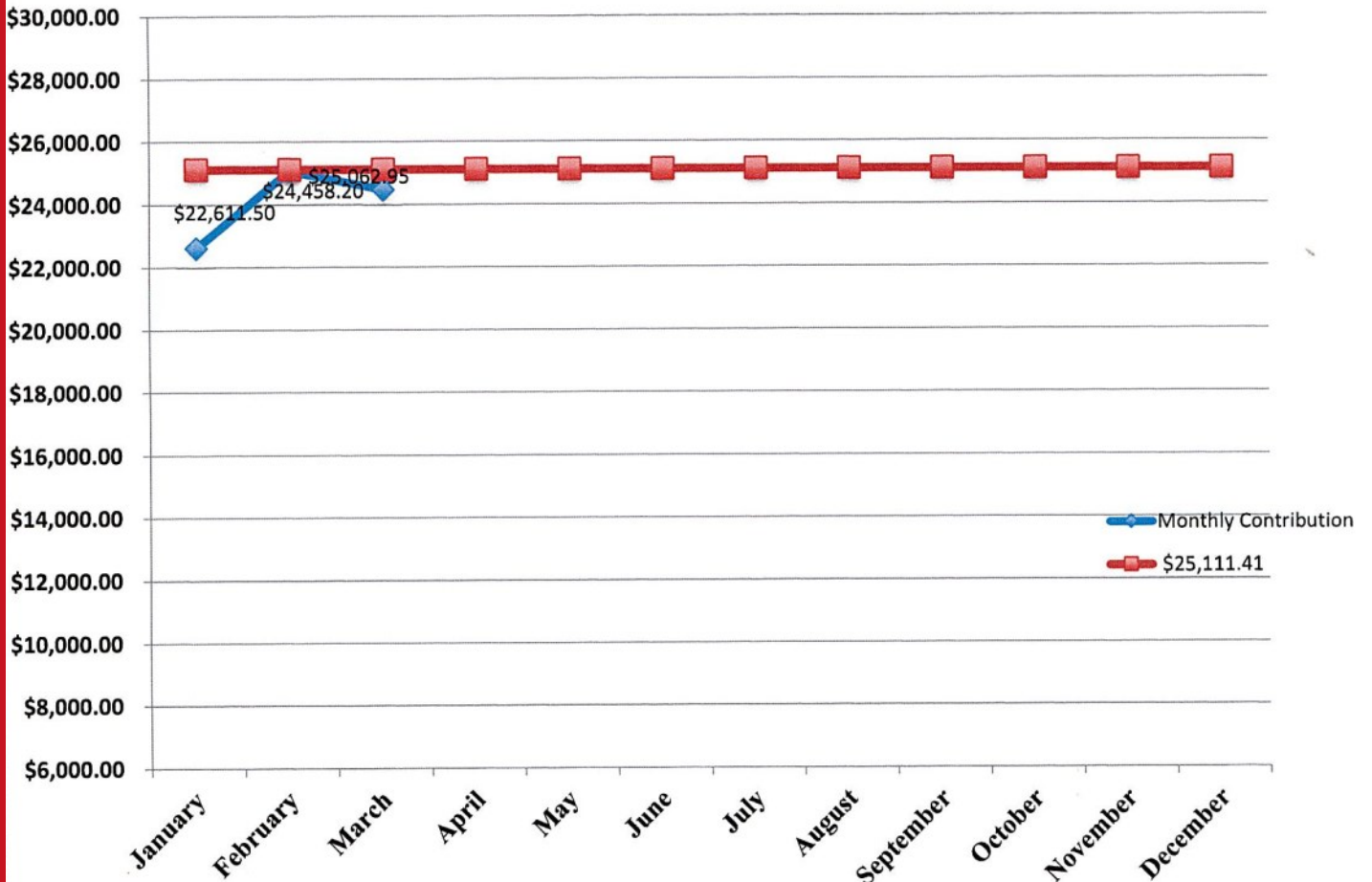
<u>GIFTS</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Submitted-YTD</u>
Noisy Offering	\$345.41	\$345.41
Cook Food Shelf		
Social Outreach Ministry	\$234.50	\$297.50
Pastor's Discretionary Fund		
Salvation Army		
Lenten Offerings		
Mental Health and Wellness		\$2,695.00
Cook Lions Club-flood relief		
Camperships		



Submitted by Sue Carstens, Bkkp

## Giving in Grace

### 2026 General Fund Offerings March 31, 2026



### SMILE! Get Ready for the New Church Directory

We are preparing a new church directory, and we need your help!

The directory will be in two sections:

Household photos

Household contact information:  
names, addresses, phone numbers  
and email addresses

#### We need your help -- by May 17:

Please stop by the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall and:

**Review your contact info** & edit the info or mark it OK.

**Sign up for a photo session** for your household.

You will be able to order photo packages for your personal use.

Ten-minute sessions will be held:

Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday, June 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 9, 4 - 7 p.m.



The directory will include Trinity members (actively communing and giving) and "Friends of Trinity" (occasional/seasonal worshippers). All are welcome in the directory! We hope to distribute it in August.

**Questions?** Contact Julie Horihan at 612-801-0196 or [julie@jvhcomms.com](mailto:julie@jvhcomms.com)



Attendees included (l to r): Kristin Foster, Dan Folkvord, Zoey Kinler, Jennifer Kinler, Savannah Kinler, Larry Lange, Lily Reing, Bruce Garbisch & Christian Monsivais.

2026 EcoFaith Summit of the Upper Midwest  
*From Fear to Fire: Igniting Community  
 for a Planet in Peril*

“[Our hearts] will sing of the day you bring,  
 let the fires of your justice burn,  
 Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near,  
 and the world is about to turn.”  
 Canticle of the Turning - ELW #723



Live Artist Rev. Paul Oman enhanced the worship through painting the Easter story of the Road to Emmaus.

The EcoFaith Summit convened in Duluth on April 18, 2026. More than 300 people gathered together and more than 100 more gathered virtually in the livestream.



Paul Oman  
 Drawn to the Word Artist



Joe Davis  
 Spoken Word Artist



Images by H. Brian Rauvola,  
 HBR Studios

On Sunday, May 17, the Generosity Team will lead a session during Fellowship that focuses on John 6:1-14 and the feeding of the 5,000. God uses the gifts and generosity of people of every age to accomplish the impossible.

Readings and videos to ponder before this session:

***The Jesus Storybook Bible: Filled Full (video)***

Link: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTdNTxcnBB0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTdNTxcnBB0)

***Generations & Generosity: How Age Affects Giving, 2017 (article)***

Link: [www.barna.com/research/generations-generosity-age-affects-giving/](http://www.barna.com/research/generations-generosity-age-affects-giving/)

***An Agenda for the Future of Faith Formation (article), John Roberto, 2018***

Link: [www.buildfaith.org/creating-an-agenda-for-the-future-of-faith-formation/](http://www.buildfaith.org/creating-an-agenda-for-the-future-of-faith-formation/)



**Generous Together**  
 Experience Community. Experience Giving.

*Generous Together* is a year-round stewardship experience intended for congregations in collaboration with the North-eastern and Southeastern MN Synods of the ELCA. The hope of *Generous Together* is to celebrate the generosity that already exists in our congregations by identifying, naming and claiming these stories. When we connect, share and grow together we inspire future acts of generosity.

The Generosity Team: Deacon Kari Olson, Elizabeth Storm, Laure Maki, Steve Maki and Crystal Whitney

The Generosity Team began their first Sunday of interactives by polling those arriving for worship on Sunday, April 19. Each person was asked their year of birth, which was noted by colored dots on nametags for each generation. That same information was also saved visually.

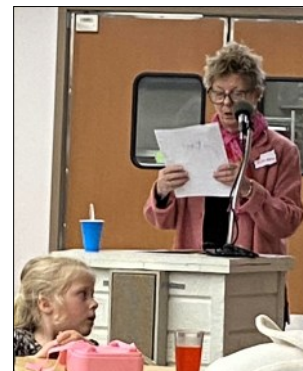
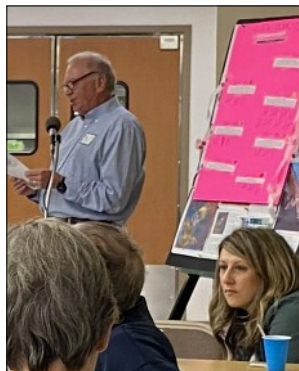
Generational breakdown included: *The Greatest Generation* (1901-1926), *The Silent Generation/Traditional* (1927-1945), *The Baby Boomers* (1946-1964), *Gen X or Busters* (1965-1980), *Millennial or Y Generation* (1981-1996), *Generation Z or iGeneration* (1997-2012), *Alpha Generation* (2012-2025).

Activities during fellowship time included sharing Froot Loops©,



GENEROSITY TOGETHER

Which Generation are YOU?



1901 - 1926 ●

**1901-1926 The Greatest Generation or GI's**  
 Faith based on knowledge and experience; know hymns by heart; had heroes; "We will do whatever it takes to get the job done"; believe every generation will be better off than the one before it; lived a life of sacrifice for the good of others; want respect and to share their stories; civic minded; may have fought in WWII; Came of age during the Great Depression.

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1927 - 1945 ●

**1927-1945 The Silent Generation/Traditionalist**  
 Faith based on knowledge and involvement; know hymns by heart; committed to common good; "Hard work will get the job done"; save and pay cash; shaped by the Depression, WWII and Industrial Revolution; rooted in tradition, loyalty, hard work and the conservation of resources; grew up listening to radio; appreciate traditional music; trust institutions and leaders; may have served during the Korean War.

13 Present

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40 Present

**1946-1964 The Baby Boomers**  
 Born post WWII; taught that institutional church will pass on faith, "buy now, pay later"; shaped by TV and social-political change, space exploration, Vietnam, women's movement, Watergate; experienced assassinations of religious and political leaders; suspicious of institutions, hierarchy, and authority; live to work and play; high standards; first generation to leave hometown for a career, may care for parents, kids and grandkids.

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1965 - 1980 ●

**1965-1980 Gen X or Busters**  
 Searching for purpose and meaning; reached by non-denominational churches; lack loyalty to a denomination; live in shadows of three generations; "No fear - just do it"; known as "latch-key kids"; concerned about making ends meet; shaped by: computers, collapse of Berlin Wall and end of Cold War, AIDS crisis, divorce, rise of mass media, MTV; concerned about making ends meet; accept diversity; care for the environment.

7 Present

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1981 - 1996 ●

**1981-1996 Millennial or Y Generation**  
 New civic generation; public service; looking for heroes; experience a hectic pace of life; formative years in childcare and preschools; short attention span; "wired" for technology; digital natives; less respect for authority; assumed adult responsibilities at young age; looking for authentic relationships; economically stressed; confident; upbeat; open to change; coming of age influenced by 9/11.

12 Present

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1997 - 2012 ●

**1997-2012 Generation Z or iGeneration**  
 Rise of the Information Age; communicate in real-time across the globe; digital globalization; influenced by dot-com bubble, Google and internet; marketing directly to them 24/7/365; leaving behind toys for digital devices; KGOY-kids (kids-getting-older-younger), and much more still to be defined.

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2013 - 2025 ●

**2013-2025 Alpha Generation**  
 Born into and immersed in technology; will expect customization; movement to "touch" communication; more will become centenarians; global citizens.

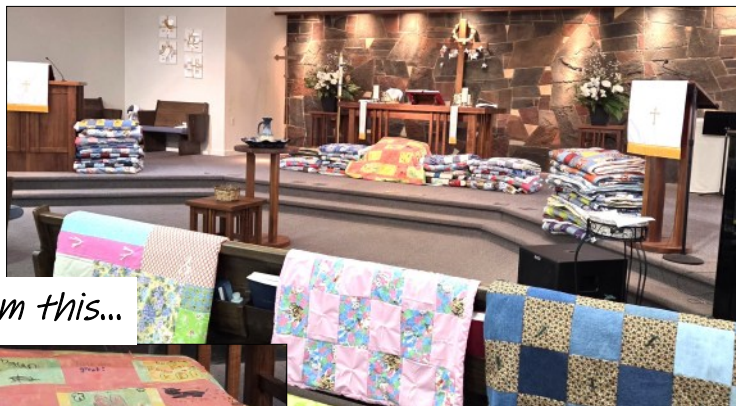
13 Present

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Trinity's *Women of the ELCA* will be gathering on Wednesday, May 13, at 9:30 am for a short Bible study.

180 quilts completed by the March quilters (including the Kindness Quilt designed by the Bible Quest kids and Norma Thomas) were blessed by the Trinity congregation on Sunday, April 19, during worship time. A HUGE thank you to the many attendees who assisted the ladies by carrying all of the quilts down to the Fellowship Hall.

Quilts not given to local organizations will be boxed up and transported to Lutheran World Relief (LWR) warehouse in St. Paul to be distributed world-wide.



*From this...*



*It takes a lot of hands and volunteers to carry a lot of quilts.  
So many beautiful examples.*



*...to this.*

<u><i>Birthdays</i></u>		15	Diane Culbert
4	Roger Lindbeck		Wendy Jordan
5	Leetah Anderson	17	Sonja Foss
	Nora Anderson	21	Jesse Glass
	Rob Marwick	22	Kate Cheney
7	Taylor Midthun	27	Anya Pearson
8	Cora Chapman	31	Crystal Whitney
9	Beth Wilenius		
10	Greg Aune		
12	Kathy Leppert	2	Bob & Leigh Zika
13	Joel Anderson	9	Duane & Sue Gustafson
14	Michelle Arvila	24	Mark & Barb Schmidt
	Tony Pascuzzi		Dan & Nancy Reing

<u><i>Anniversaries</i></u>	
2	Bob & Leigh Zika
9	Duane & Sue Gustafson
24	Mark & Barb Schmidt
	Dan & Nancy Reing

*Prayers for those needing healing and comfort:*  
 Lord, **HEAR OUR PRAYERS**  
 Bill Peterson, Betty Tuuri, Mary Adriani, Marilyn Jenkins, Roni Sarazine, Walter Putney, Bruce & Judy Anderson.  
 Patti Naughton & family as they remember Mike, who passed away on March 26.  
 Greg & Jeanie Wilson, Carissa and families as they mourn Randy's passing on April 6.  
 Lorraine Carlson, Patty Carlson, Kim Martinson and families as they grieve the death of Gary on April 20.  
 The Call Committee as they continue to await applications from prospective pastors who fit Trinity's needs.  
 For healing, strength and understanding for our community nation, and those elsewhere who are feeling confused, disrupted, angry and unsure; those facing medical testing, challenges, and difficult situations; those serving in the armed forces; and those seeking Jesus Christ in their lives.

Birthdays, Elmer Vanden Heuvel, 95!



A Big "Thank You" to all the members of the Community Meal team for continued dedication to Trinity's Social Outreach Ministry.

Since January of 2022, Trinity has served roughly 4853 meals over 41 Thursdays! That works out to an average of 118 meals per month. Meals are served only January - October, 10 months per year.

Those currently on the team are Jody Bixby, Laurie Chilcote, Bruce Garbisch, Sue Gustafson, Nicole Hed, Julie Horihan, Jennifer Kinler, Kathy Leppert, Nancy Lindbeck, Laure Maki, Mickey Maki, Kim Marwick, Patti Naughton, Barb Schmidt, Ashley Skorseth, Susan Stone, Elizabeth Storm, Brenda Tibbetts, Judy Vaughn, Crystal Whitney, Alberta Whitenack, Lindy Wilenius, and Deacon Kari. And also, the youth who help with delivery.

A special thank you also, to congregational members and Trinity family who have made donations to the Social Outreach fund. You all make it possible for Trinity to continue this very important community ministry.



**Scripture Readings**  
**May 2026**  
**May 3**  
*5th Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

**May 10**  
*6th Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

**May 17**  
*7th Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11

**May 24**  
*Day of Pentecost*  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:224-34, 35b  
 1 Corinthians:12-3b-13  
 John 20:19-23

**May 31**  
*The Holy Trinity*  
 Genesis 1:1-2:4a  
 Psalm 8  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 Matthew 28:16-20

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**  
 All food and beverage containers need to be rinsed **BEFORE** being added to the recycling bins. And **NO** waxed cardboard, please.

**MAY SUNDAY COFFEE SERVERS**

5/3/26	Jody & Dale Bixby Jennifer & Tom Kinler
5/10/26	Kristen Foster Kathy Leppert
5/17/26	Crystal Whitney Elizabeth Storm Linda Kronholm
5/24/26	Trisha Aune Ashley Skorseth Kerrisa & Joel Anderson
5/31/26	Margaret & Nick Nicklow Kim & Rob Marwick

*Please be sure to check the table in the Fellowship Hall for monthly list updates.*  
 For more information or to volunteer, please call or text:  
 Leigh Zika (218-780-1769) or  
 Lindy Wilenius (218-780-4644)

**JUNE SUNDAY COFFEE SERVERS**

6/7/26	Reany & Steve Lindberg Vickie & Larry Lange
6/14/26	Sue & Augie Carstens Beth Sprouls
6/21/26	Vicki Lupica & Mark Page Suzie & Darren Holter
6/28/26	Brenda & Bill Tibbetts Amanda & Tony Pascuzzi



Bible Quest will end the year on April 29 and resume after the start of the new school year in the fall.



The group learned about different ways to pray -- there is no wrong way -- with prayer stations and activities at each.

Pancakes, a fan favorite, flipped by chef Jim Aune.



The final day of Bible Quest for the current school year is April 29, which will conclude as a celebration of a great year. Thanks again to all the wonderful volunteers (adult and youth) who have helped Deacon Kari with transportation, music, stories, activities, crafts, and of course, snacks. Whether a weekly or occasional helper, You are ALL Greatly Appreciated!

Lenten & Holy Week offerings and Noisy Offering collected on Palm Sunday have been designated for Youth Camperships to Camp Vermilion (Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry).

**Camperships are available!!**

**For more information, contact Deacon Kari**

Final total donations going to this fund: **\$1298.41**  
Camp registration is now open at: [vlmcamps.org](http://vlmcamps.org)



Welcome to Summer Camp in God's Great Northwoods! Whether you are joining us for the first time or 12th time, for one day or a whole week, for a more traditional camp experience or a specialty program, we cannot wait to welcome you to camp!

The mission of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry is to provide Christ-centered spiritual growth, leadership development, and outreach in God's great northwoods. Each of our programs are intentionally crafted to provide these experiences for each and every person that comes to VLM camps.

We have programs for all ages - a day camp experience for those new to camp, a two-night program for those not quite ready for a full week, and week-long programs for elementary, junior high, senior high, and family campers, as well as a specialty programs focusing on hockey, canoeing, and more. No matter what option you choose, we will work hard to make it an experience to remember.

We invite you to experience the quiet of creation, depth of faith community, and the strength of those connections alongside our incredible summer ministry team in 2026. We look forward to seeing you at our two unique ministry sites; Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion. See you at camp

To Learn more about our program and to register visit [www.vlmcamps.org](http://www.vlmcamps.org) or scan the QR code

[WWW.VLMCAMP.ORG](http://WWW.VLMCAMP.ORG) 800-331-5148 [vlm@vlmcamps.org](mailto:vlm@vlmcamps.org)



**Youth Camperships are available!**  
**Contact Deacon Kari for information.**

# May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship w/Comm 9:30 am AA, Al-Anon 6:00pm	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well 9:30 am Knitters/Crocheters 10:45 m	5 Bible Study 9:30 am	6 Grace Notes 5:15 pm Choir 6:30 pm	7 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	8 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	9 GONE FISHIN' VLM Workday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
10 Mother's Day Worship w/comm 9:30 am AA, Al-Anon 6:00pm	11 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well 9:30 am	12 Bible Study 9:30 am	13 WELCA 9:30 am Highway Cleanup 9:00 am ADOPT A HIGHWAY TRINITY LUTHERAN COOK	14 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	16 VLM Workday 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
17 Worship w/comm 9:30 am Generosity Sunday Council Meeting 11:30 am AA, Al-Anon 6:00pm	18 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED The Well 9:30 am	19 Bible Study 9:30 am	20 Worship Team Mtg 10:00 am	21 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 Senior Sunday Worship w/comm 9:30 am AA, Al-Anon 6:00pm	25 Memorial Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	26 Bible Study 9:30 am	27 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE NOON	28 Community Meal 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	29 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 Noisy Offering Worship w/comm 9:30 am AA, Al-Anon 6:00pm						

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**Sunday Worship 9:30 am**  
**(Holy Communion Most Sundays)**  
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