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*Love.  
Transform.  
Serve.*

## Trinity – In partnership with Valley Outreach

*By Heidi White: Co-Director, Valley Outreach Emergency Fund & Trinity member*

*As you read about Valley Outreach below, it is easy to simply see just numbers, but please remember that each family Valley Outreach serves has its own unique story and situation. The people served by Valley Outreach are your neighbors. They are the moms, dads, children, and senior citizens that we see at the stores where we shop, the parks where we play, the schools we attend, and the people we pass on the sidewalks every day.*

**March is Minnesota Food Share Month.** This is a very important month for Valley Outreach; a non-profit, community-based organization that provides food, clothing and emergency assistance to our St. Croix Valley neighbors.

Trinity Lutheran Church has a long history of supporting Valley Outreach through volunteering, food donations and financial contributions.

Three food drives during the year – in March, during Minnesota Food Share month; at summer drive-in services; and during Thanksgiving services – helped Trinity donate 4156 pounds of food in 2006! Keep in mind however, that every month Valley Outreach gives out an average of 18,000 pounds of food to an average of 240 families that live in our St. Croix Valley neighborhoods – nearly a 30% increase from 2005.

During the first two Sundays in March, we ask that you consider giving financially to the food shelf. Giving during Minnesota Food Share month

is important because your money goes farther. This is the only time of the year that Valley Outreach receives matching funds – although not dollar for dollar – from its hunger-fighting partners, Minnesota Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation. Last year during this time, Trinity parishioners gave just over \$1600! Watch for our table in the Commons on March 4 & 11. You'll find interesting hunger fact sheets, Valley Outreach brochures, and an opportunity to give your tax-deductible donation to Valley Outreach.

Valley Outreach runs two other programs – The Closet and the Emergency Fund. The Closet provides clothing free-of-charge to women and children and serves an average of about 80 women and 200 children every month. You can help The Closet by donating your gently used, seasonal women and children's clothing directly to The Closet, located at 5898 Omaha Ave. in Stillwater.

Trinity is also a strong supporter of Valley Outreach's Emergency Fund by donating \$250 of its benevolence funds each month. The Emergency Fund provides financial assistance to area families who are experiencing a financial crisis. In 2006, The Emergency Fund helped 215 local families with \$36,646 in financial assistance.

On behalf of the members of the Valley Outreach Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and most importantly, our neighbors in need whom we serve, thank you to all individuals and Trinity for being such generous financial and spiritual supporters of Valley Outreach.



*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Amen, I say to you, what you did for one of these least ones, you did for me.*

– Matthew 25:35-40



## worship opportunities

### March 3 & 4

- Wednesday, Noon & 6:30 p.m.: Worship
- Saturday, 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sunday, 9 a.m.: Worship, Communion, Nursery
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m.: The Walk, Communion, Nursery
- Sunday, 6 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)

### March 10 & 11

- Wednesday, Noon & 6:30 p.m.: Worship
- Saturday 5 p.m.: Worship, Communion
- Sunday, 9 a.m.: Worship, Communion, Nursery
- Sunday, 10:30 a.m.: The Walk, Communion, Nursery
- Sunday, 6 p.m.: The River (Grades 9-12 youth worship)

## remember in your prayers

Please notify the Trinity office at 439-7400 if you or anyone you know has a prayer need, or when you or a loved one is hospitalized (the hospitals do NOT notify us of admissions), has a baby or a death occurs in the family. Please contact Jane Backe at 439-6006 or Jan Most at 436-7264 for prayer team submissions.

### Known to have been hospitalized/support in prayer

- Julie Hawkinson
- Phyllis Corey

### Baptisms

- Ginny Laine Pederson, daughter of Kirk & Christine Pederson
- Jack Mason Heinemeyer, son of John & Sarah Heinemeyer

### Deaths

Sympathy is extended to...

- Pastor Dan Poffenberger & family, whose father, Verle Poffenberger, passed away
- Deb Simcik and family on the death of Deb's grandfather
- Family and friends of Art Pederson who passed away

## trinity transportation

### Sunday van schedule

Trinity's van will be available during the Sunday 9 a.m. worship service. A van ride is available for members or non-members lacking other means of transportation. Please call the Church Office (439-7400) between 9 a.m. Wed. and 4 p.m. Thurs. to reserve your seat each week. Estimated pick-up times at senior residences if you have reserved a seat are:

- 8:15 a.m. – Boutwells Landing
- 8:25 a.m. – Raymie Johnson
- 8:35 a.m. – Croixdale
- 8:40 a.m. – Oakridge
- 8:45 a.m. – Rivertown Commons

### worship attendance

#### February 17 & 18

5 p.m.	142
9 a.m.	401
10:30 a.m.	362

#### February 24 & 25

5 p.m.	52
9 a.m.	140
10:30 a.m.	130



## prayer corner

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of prayer. Often we are asking you for something. Help us to give you also thanks and praise and to stop and listen for your messages to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer card, found in the pew, and place it in the offering plate; call the Church Office or contact Jane Backe at 439-6006 or Jan Most at 436-7264 (coordinators of the prayer chain). Mary Anne Staberg is the coordinator of the Tuesday afternoon prayer group. She can be reached at 439-1509. Prayer requests are kept confidential. All are invited to join the prayer chain or the Tuesday prayer group which meets at 1 p.m. in the Church Office by calling any of the numbers listed above.

## trinity TODAY

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*By Heidi White*

Some of you may only know my name as it appears in the *Trinity Today* requesting volunteers for the food shelf. Others know me as the mom of three busy boys. But I am going to tell you the story of Heidi White, a person like many of you, just doing my small part to respond to God's calling.

As a mother of three young boys, I believe that my most important job is to teach them that we must all be an instrument of peace. This comes first from Jesus when he said "blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9), and was further exemplified by the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, so beautifully summarized in the prayer of St. Francis (bottom right).

I searched at length for how I could take this prayer that holds such meaning for me, and instill it as a value in my children. I found the answer by taking action. About five years ago I read in the *Trinity Today* that the church was looking for someone to coordinate volunteers for our local food shelf. Well, that sounded like a perfect job for me. I was concerned however, because I had let this particular issue of the *Trinity Today* sit awhile before I got around to reading it. I was sure that by the time I called, someone else would have already volunteered for the position. When I did finally inquire, I asked if the position had already been taken. I was told that no one else had even inquired about it, and then I was told something that I'll never forget, "God always leaves the window open for the person for whom it was meant to be open."

My small job was to make sure the collection bin for food was delivered to the food shelf regularly, and recruit Trinity volunteers to staff the food shelf. With the help of others, we also incorporated food drives three times during the year. In 2006, Trinity donated 4156 pounds of food, and over \$1600 in financial assistance! My boys and I were in action: my three boys – all under the age of 10 – have helped every year load all those groceries from the bin at Trinity into our car and unload them at the food shelf. I hope they are learning, just a little bit, about being instruments of peace.

I began my living on purpose hoping my boys would learn that we are all in this world together but, over time, my purpose has taken on a whole new meaning for me. This window that was left open for me, has turned into a career that I love. I am now employed at Valley Outreach, which houses the food shelf as well as two other programs. Every day I witness God's calling for all of us to help our brothers and sisters in need because even in our very affluent community, the need is so great. In 2006, Valley Outreach gave away an average of 18,000 pounds of food to 240 hungry families every month! I am so blessed to have found such a meaningful way to be an Instrument of Peace.




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#### **The Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light.

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,  
as to console.

To be understood, as to understand. To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



the Bible  
**HOT &  
TOPICS**

### **The Bible & Hot Topics**

*Tuesdays, 7 p.m. – March 6, 13, 20, 27*

*Sundays, 10:30 a.m. –*

*March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1*

*All classes held in the Garden Room*

People often wonder how it is that Christians who read the same Bible can have such varied interpretations of the same texts. Different biblical interpretations often lead to divergent ideas about theology, faith, and ethics. In the congregational setting, we often avoid dealing with these hot topics because we are afraid: afraid we might not know enough to defend our beliefs, afraid that the conversation could turn ugly, afraid others might disagree with us, or afraid we might change our minds in the learning process. In this class participants will engage with five hot topics in order to practice applying the Bible to tough moral questions. Together, the class will work on creating a safe and trusting learning environment that is built around honest speaking and respectful listening. As you sign-up, please commit to attending as many of the sessions as possible. The Sunday morning and Tuesday evening classes will cover the same material, so you can make up a session if you miss one.

**Topics include:** Evolution & creation; human sexuality; political engagement & economic life; war & peace

Led by Pastors Siri Erickson & Dan Poffenberger. Register now online at [www.trinitylc.org](http://www.trinitylc.org) or contact Diane Rollie at ext. 141.

### **Fibro Friends**

*Sat., March 17, 10 a.m. – Living Library*

Questions regarding this small group should be directed to Julie at 351-7280.

**Photographers:**

### **Missions art exhibit coming soon**

The Fine Arts Team plans to display at least 30-40 pictures from various missions Trinity is involved in. To have your photos included in this exhibit, please submit them by March 9. Photos of any size may be taken to the Church Office, marked with your contact information. Photos should be available in a digital format. For further information contact Carol Carver at ext. 118 or [ccarver@trinitylc.org](mailto:ccarver@trinitylc.org) or 430-0631.

### **Mindfulness**

#### **Meditation Day**

*Sat., March 10, 2007, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.*

*Luther Hall; \$20*

This is a day to quiet, center and deepen your faith and perspective. Structured to be an exploration and deepening of the practice of meditation, the day will also be a time for personal practice to deepen self-awareness. Five sessions during the day allow you to explore the practice personally in a guided, grounded, group setting. We will sit, stand, and walk as meditation practices. Wear loose, non-restricting clothing and warm socks, and bring something to sit on. Lunch will be on your own.

### **Small Group Leader/Coach Training**

*March 5, 10 a.m. & 7 p.m.*

*Living Room*

On-going training for any and all small group leaders and coaches.

March 5–Leader/Coach Relationship

April 2 – Group Values &

Committments

May 7 –The Life Cycle of a Group

Led by Julie Jolivet.

### **Women and the Word study guide available**

A small group study guide for Pastor Kris' book *Women and the Word* is available for small groups. You can pick up a copy in the Church Office. Contact Pastor Kris Linner at ext. 107 with questions or email her at [klinner@trinitylc.org](mailto:klinner@trinitylc.org)

### **Men's Boundary Waters Canoe Trip meeting**

*Sun., March 18, 11:45 a.m. – Commons*

Please join us for an informational meeting about a trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area on May 17-20. We will discuss routes, gear, food, etc. If you have never been to the Boundary Waters but always wanted to go, or if you are an expert, this meeting is for you. Availability is limited so your attendance at this meeting is important. Please come with your questions. Contact Mike Johnson at 430-9339 if you cannot not make the meeting but are interested in going on the trip.

### **Retired Men's Group**

*Meets second Tuesday of the month*

*Next meeting: Tue., March 13 –*

*Minnesota Science Museum tour*

*Meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to carpool*

We'll tour the museum and then have lunch together. The group will decide a site for lunch that day. If you have questions or comments, please contact Vic Thalacker at [vpthalacker@usfamily.net](mailto:vpthalacker@usfamily.net) or 439-9782.

### **Living Your Strengths at Work Small Group**

*Tue., March 13, 7 p.m – Living Room*

Join Tim Gillis and Jim Untiedt for this small group about shifting our paradigm in the workplace. We want to apply the strengths perspective to ourselves and to our workplaces. We'll be watching the first and second Marcus Buckingham DVDs and sharing how we've been applying learning from the Strength Finder inventory. To sign up contact Diane Rollie at ext. 141, or email her at [drollie@trinitylc.org](mailto:drollie@trinitylc.org)

## Trinity to host St. Paul Partners meeting

*Thu., March 8, 7 p.m. – Garden Room*  
St Paul Partners, the group executing the water well drilling in Tanzania, will be holding a general members meeting at Trinity on March 8. Trinity's Mwatasi missionaries work closely with this group and are excited to host them at Trinity. The meeting will include recent reports on activity for water systems and hygiene training in Tanzania. Those interested in water development activities in Tanzania are invited to attend. For further information contact Vic Thalacker at [vpthalacker@usfamily.net](mailto:vpthalacker@usfamily.net)

## Volunteer at the Food Shelf

The Valley Outreach Food Shelf is looking to Trinity for volunteers for the week of March 5. If you are available in the morning on March 5, 7, or 9 to help unload donations, stock shelves, or help customers with their grocery shopping, please call Heidi White at 351-1439.

## Embroider dish towels this winter

The cold winter months are a great time to be doing handiwork – like embroidering dishtowels! At this past Lutefisk dinner we sold more than 15 sets of dishtowels and now's a great time to make more to sell next fall at the 2007 dinner. Towels can be picked up at the Church Office or contact Norma Swanson at 439-6377. To those who have embroidered towels in the past, we thank you. We hope more women will take up the fine art of embroidery, as the towels are a much sought after item.

## Benevolence Mission team needs YOU!

Do you have a heart for mission endeavors? Do you have a year you could give to Trinity as a member of the team that sets priorities for mission spending? Then we have a spot for you! The Benevolence Mission Team is looking for new, caring, involved Trinity people to add to the team list. Four members of last year's team are returning for a second year of volunteer work: Cheryl Bennett, Wayne Pepin, Gerrie Granquist and Lynn Schurrer. We thank them for their commitment of time and energy on behalf of Trinity. We also thank those who faithfully served for a year: Glenda Bjorum, Iona Holsten, Erik Swenson, Carolyn Minor, and Kristie Anderson. Together, the Benevolence Mission Team made good things happen in its inaugural year! Please contact Pastor Dan at ext. 115 or email [dpoffenberger@trinitylc.org](mailto:dpoffenberger@trinitylc.org) if interested in sharing your strengths on this team.

## Mission Storytelling 101

*Tue., March 27, 6:30 p.m. – Luther Hall*  
Trinity friends: you're invited! Many mission endeavors, both near and far, have occurred lately. All are invited to hear mission stories Tue., March 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Luther Hall. Storytelling 101 will be an adventure for everyone to connect with our neighbors all over the world. Ambassadors in Mission will provide snacks, a place at the table, heart-warming stories and healthy applause as each story is shared! Please RSVP to Kristie Anderson

439-9133 or [jkjsa@hotmail.com](mailto:jkjsa@hotmail.com) to reserve your spot.

*"Jesus took the command to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, and pushed the definition of who is our neighbor out, out, and still further out, until it reached to the ends of the earth and included all of humanity—all of God's children." Alvin Alexi Carrier*

## Celebration of Life: Red Cross Bloodmobile to visit Trinity

*Mon., March 12, 1-7 p.m.*

*Trinity Gym*

Please contact Iona Holsten at 439-3708 to schedule an appointment or help with the blood drive.

## Refugee Welcome Boxes

### Lenten opportunity

Many people suggest that we add something to our lives during Lent rather than giving up something. Here's a fun opportunity to do just that! Lutheran Social Services distributes Welcome Boxes to refugees newly arriving in Minnesota, who often come with very few possessions. Welcome Boxes are small gifts that are given to help ease the transition into their new homes during the first days and weeks. You can bring your boxes to the Trinity office by April 1; they will then be brought to the Women's Convention later in April. You may choose to "customize" the boxes by including items specific to the needs of men or women. Please label as "men" or "women" if gender specific.

*The following items can be included in a shoebox or a plastic container:*

1 bar soap; 1 toothbrush; band-aids; comb; conditioner; deodorant; hair brush; hand towel; lotion; notepad; pen and pencil; safety pins; sewing kit; shampoo; toothpaste; washcloth

Please contact Kristie Anderson at 439-9133 with questions.

# Small Group Ministry

## Small Group Leader/Coach Relationships

CareGivers certainly is not a new group at TLC. Some members will remember Mrs. John G. Anderson from Houlton, WI, who was elected Social Worker at

Trinity Lutheran Church in 1924. Over the years, many women of the church served as Social Workers prior to the name being changed to CareGivers.

Bette Tuege, former leader of the group, has been active in CareGivers since 1984. Although Bette turned over her leadership position to Phyllis Paulson and Marilyn Richert in 2001, she continues to be an active participant in the group.

Over the years, many meaningful friendships have evolved, not only within the Caregiver group itself, but also between the CareGivers and our senior members, 75 and older. CareGivers keep in touch with this important segment of our congregation with telephone calls and by sending cards on birthdays and special occasions. The group now consists of 23 CareGivers, including four men.

Each year, CareGivers gather together to plan, prepare, and serve a June Picnic, a Fall Luncheon, and a Christmas Dinner, complete with entertainment, to coincide with the Senior Communion Worship Services. If you peek into the Garden Room and the kitchen during one of these events, you will see a very efficient team of cheerful workers doing their absolute best to create an inviting atmosphere and make everything flow smoothly for special guests.

During transition at the church, the group lacked an advisor. When Julie



Left to right: Marilyn Richert, Pastor Kris Linner, Julie Jolivet, Nancy Hokonson and Phyllis Paulson

Jolivet came to Trinity, CareGivers fell under her ministry and she became coach to the group. It was good to have an advisor again.

Julie suggested putting CareGivers purpose and plan into the form of a covenant, which would clearly define responsibilities of the group. One expectation was to give CareGivers an opportunity to commit to only one year of service at a time. As a result, last fall each Caregiver was asked whether or not they wanted to continue for another year. Phyllis and Marilyn were very pleased when everyone chose continue.

Last year CareGivers was fortunate to have Nancy Hokonson and Pastor Kris Linner become involved. Nancy filled Julie's position as coach and Pastor Kris became the new Pastoral Advisor. Now the team is complete. Both have provided invaluable information on how to recognize needs and how to better serve our senior membership as they face life's transitions.

Nancy and Pastor Kris have conducted Caregiver training sessions, which have been beneficial for everyone. They have also presented new ideas to the group. As the group moves forward under their direction, they have offered new opportunities for those CareGivers who wish to do more. If they so choose, CareGivers may expand upon their role by becoming active in other areas such as Home Communion Friends and Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation. Some CareGivers have become more

## Small Group Principles:

### *Belonging & Support*

It is in a Christian small group where our sense of belonging assures us of God's love and surrounds us with the support of God's people.

Small Groups include and support people by encouraging all members to extend mutual care through their words, actions, and resources.

involved with people by taking them out for coffee, serving communion to them in their homes, picking them up for the outdoor worship service in the summer, even inviting them to come out and pick rhubarb out of the garden, followed by coffee, of course! Some CareGivers have been invited to birthday parties for their friends. One Caregiver was privileged to read scripture at a member's funeral, which she felt was a great honor. And so, these wonderful friendships are born.

Nancy has been pleasantly surprised with her new role as Coach to Phyllis and Marilyn. Even though she had some experience with small groups, CareGivers was new to her and she did not know many of the people in the group. As Coach, she met many new people and developed relationships that help her feel more a part of the church. Leaders, Coaches and CareGivers have different responsibilities, but they are people, too. Everyone needs someone to listen, and once a person feels accepted, valued and cared for, they function better. That's what CareGivers is all about.

So, it's HATS OFF to Trinity's senior members and to the dedicated, compassionate group of CareGivers and



## Small Group Ministry

### Trinity's Definition of a Small Group Coach:

A coach is someone who is committed to regularly supporting and praying for the leader(s) placed in their care and for guiding their groups/teams to stay focused on small group principles and their agreed upon purpose.

Trinity believes leaders do their best leading when they are supported and prayed for on an intentional, on-going basis by someone with whom they have a personal relationship. On the opposite page, Nancy, Phyllis and Marilyn have described their current leadership experience with CareGivers. Readers can clearly see the beautifully effective and meaningful leader/coach relationships they are enjoying! The goal is that ALL our Life Groups and Task Teams experience this level of leadership support!



**What's a leader to do?**

Why in the world would I need a coach to lead a small group?

One of the other small group leaders I know is receiving great support and help from a coach. How do I get a coach?

Coaches in church? Have we become athletic?

### LEADER/COACH RELATIONSHIP TRAINING

Mon., March 5

New time! 10 a.m. OR 7 p.m.

Living Room

To express interest in leading, coaching or participating in a small group and/or visit about what you would change your schedule for, contact Julie Jolivette, Director of Mutual Care and Small Group Ministries, at 651-439-7400, ext. 108 or [jjolivette@trinitylc.org](mailto:jjolivette@trinitylc.org)

## Women's ministries

### Second Annual Trinity Women's Spring Tea

*Sat., April 21*

WANTED: Table hostesses for our Spring Tea Saturday, April 21. Do you have the gift of hospitality? Are you an Includer? Relator? Set a table for eight with an arrangement of your favorite china and have a phenomenal afternoon with Trinity women. Call Diane Rollie at ext. 141 or sign up in the Commons on Sunday morning.

### Women of the ELCA Leadership Team meeting

*Mondays, March 19, April 23, May 21, 7 p.m.*

This is a congregational unit of the national Women of the ELCA and provides opportunities for leadership, activities and events in connection with other Lutheran women in our region, synod and globally for mission and fellowship and support. Contact Lisa Moriarty at 439-8082 with questions or visit [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)

### Women's Lenten Brunch

*Sat., March 3, 9 a.m. – Garden Room*

Trinity women and guests are invited to this year's Lenten Brunch. A local girls group will be telling of their eventful hurricane recovery trip to New Orleans. Free-will offering; sign-up is requested for food preparation. Please sign-up at the Church Office by Thu., March 1 if you would like to attend.

### Gal's Getaway weekend

*April 13-15, \$110, Siren, WI*

Are you feeling busy, busy, busy? Make time to relax and take care of yourself at The Lodge at Crooked Lake – a hotel retreat center with fabulous accommodations. Cost includes lodging (double occupancy) and some meals.

- Enjoy devotions, conversations, reading, resting and massage
- Indoor pool, whirlpool, shops, spa, hiking, and your own hobbies
- Rooms have queen-size beds with a private bath
- Your reigistration and full payment must be into the Church Office by March 13. Sorry, no refunds.

Please contact Aimee Schoenborn at 715-247-4864 with questions.

## care ministries

With Pastor Kris Linner



It has been a difficult week, primarily because I have felt helpless in the face of suffering I have seen: a person working through a painful divorce, someone else dealing with a terminal illness and others experiencing the death of a loved one. In each of those situations there are no adequate words to bring comfort. The only thing which I have to offer is my presence. It seems insufficient, yet I trust that it is enough. I trust in the promise in 2 Corinthians 1:5-6: "God comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it God brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us." (The Message)

In the difficult times in my life I have felt God's presence with me, which has frequently come through brothers and sisters in the faith. The presence of God that I have experienced has not taken away my suffering, but it has been enough. It has been enough to sustain me through my difficult times. It has been enough to give me hope. It has been enough to know that I am not alone. So, I trust that my presence will let others know that God is alongside them in their suffering. I trust that your presence will do the same for the people in your life. I trust that God's presence is more than enough for all who suffer.

## family ministries

### 9th grade confirmation retreat

*Fri., Apr. 27, 6 p.m. to Sun., Apr. 29, noon  
Gospel Hill Camp, Shoreview, MN, \$55*

This retreat serves as an important event to wrap up students' Confirmation years and is also a time to talk about following Christ after Confirmation. Gospel Hill Camp is a beautiful new retreat center conveniently located in Shoreview. Please bring outdoor clothes, tennis shoes, pajamas, toiletries, Bible, pen, sheets and blankets or sleeping bag, pillow and towels. Do not bring ipods/MP3 players, cell phones, DVD players, computers, drugs, alcohol, weapons or anything distracting or offensive. Please turn in registration form and \$55 by March 25. Scholarships are available.

### Confirmation Camp

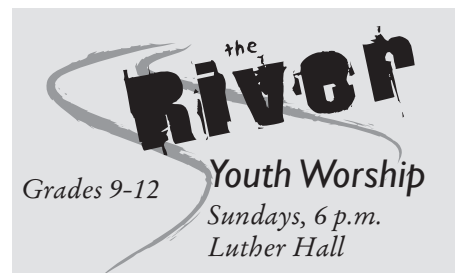
*Week of July 9-13 or July 13-17*

*7th & 8th graders*

*Quadna Resort & Retreat Center*

Confirmation students are headed to camp this summer at Quadna Resort and Retreat Center in Hill City, MN. We are offering two camp choices: July 9-13 & July 13-17. The cost is \$275 per student.

Trinity staff will be running the camp which includes high-energy worship times, group-building activities in the great outdoors and creative learning, all geared toward growing our relationship with Jesus Christ. Camp is an integral part of the Confirmation experience! Sign-up has begun; brochures are available in the Youth Center. Contact Sara Stenstrom at ext. 145 or Cindy Jones at ext. 137 for more details.



### Easter Faire coming; mark your calendar now!

*Sat., April 7, 10-11:30 a.m.*

From baskets, to butterflies, to egg hunts and painting, all children ages three years to fourth grade and their families are invited to this year's Easter Faire. It will be a morning filled with friends, family, and fun, as participants will enjoy make-and-take activities that are sure to fill their homes with Easter joy. The cost is \$3 per child and adults are free! Be sure to invite a friend to join in the fun!



### Junior high Mystery Movie Night

*March 2, 7-9:30 p.m.*

*Youth Center*

Come hangout in the Youth Center on Friday night for a mystery movie night. Cost is only \$1/person which includes pop and popcorn, the movie essentials! This would be a great time to bring a friend to come hang out at church with fun adult leaders and other students! Contact Chris at ext. 138 or [cdahl@trinitylc.org](mailto:cdahl@trinitylc.org) with any questions!

### Summer Camp 2007

*Grades 3-6, June 21-24, \$275*

*Bay Lake Camp, Deerwood, MN*

Activities each day include Bible study, games, worship led by our very own youth band, group-building activities, and creative and interactive learning experiences. Registration begins Sun., March 4; space is limited to 50 students. A down payment of \$50 is due with registration by Wed., March 28. Pick up a brochure and registration form in the Youth Center or download one at <http://www.trinitylc.org/elementary.aspx>



# march 3 - march 16 calendar

## Saturday, March 3

- 9 a.m. Co-ed 19+ Open Gym: Gym
- 10 a.m. Women's Lenten Brunch: Garden Room
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

## Sunday, March 4

- 9 a.m. Two-by-Two Toddler Learning: Room 106
- 9 a.m. Marriage 102: Five Love Languages: Library Conference Room
- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10 a.m. Blood Pressure Check: Office Conf. Room
- 10:30 a.m. Bible 201: Bible & Hot Topics: Garden Room
- 10:30 a.m. Meyers Briggs-MBTI: Living Room
- 10:30 a.m. Marriage 103: Seven Principles: Luther Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Marriage 101: Covenant Marriage: Library Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. Bible 110: Psalms: Room 108 A
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 11:45 a.m. Sr. High Leadership Team: Youth Center
- 1 p.m. Mexico Missionary Meeting: Garden Room
- 2 p.m. Sr. High Intramural Basketball: Gym
- 6 p.m. The River Worship(Gr.9-12): Luther Hall
- 7 p.m. Confirmation(Gr.9): Lower Level

## Monday, March 5

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 10 a.m. Small Group Leader/Coach training: Living Room
- 6 p.m. Drama Team Meeting: Youth Center
- 6 p.m. Valley Chamber rehearsal: Worship Center
- 6:30 p.m. Martial Arts/Tai Chi: Luther Hall
- 7 p.m. Small Group Leader/Coach training: Living Room
- 7 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study: Living Library
- 8 p.m. Co-ed 19+ Open Gym: Gym

## Tuesday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Living Room
- 8:30 a.m. Moms Day Off: Lower Level
- 1 p.m. Martha Circle meeting: Home of Marilyn Schmoeckel
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. Baptism Workshop: Living Room
- 7 p.m. The Bible & Hot Topics: Garden Room

## Wednesday, March 7

- 9 a.m. Level II Mat Pilates: Narthex
- 9:30 a.m. Hearts of the Home Moms: Lower Level
- 10 a.m. Yoga Devotion: Youth Center
- Noon **WORSHIP, COMMUNION**
- Lunch following: Garden Room,
- 4 p.m. Cherub Choir: Narthex
- 4 p.m. Elementary Bell Choir: Heritage Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Pizza Night: Garden Room
- 6 p.m. Children's Ministry Workshops: Lower Level
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation(Gr.7-8):
- 6:30 p.m. **WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY**
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 p.m. Sr. High Intramural Basketball: Gym
- 8 p.m. Singles Connection Leadership meeting: Living Room

## Thursday, March 8

- 8:30 a.m. Moms Day Off: Lower Level
- 10 a.m. Bible Study-Luke & Acts: Living Room
- 6 p.m. Drama Team Meeting: Youth Center
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center
- 7 p.m. TLC/St. Paul Partners meeting: Garden Room

## Friday, March 9

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 8 p.m. Cypress String Quartet concert: Worship Center

## Saturday, March 10

- 7 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation Day: Luther Hall
- 5 p.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION

## Sunday, March 11

- 9 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 8:45 a.m. Two-by-Two Toddler Learning: Room 106
- 9 a.m. Marriage 102: Five Love-Languages: Library Conference Room
- 10:30 a.m. Marriage 103: Seven Principles: Luther Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Bible 110: Psalms: Room 108A
- 10:30 a.m. WORSHIP, COMMUNION, NURSERY
- 10:30 a.m. Bible 201: The Bible & Hot Topics: Garden Room
- 2 p.m. Sr. High Intramural Basketball: Gym
- 6 p.m. The River Worship(Gr.9-12): Luther Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation(Gr.9): Lower Level

## Monday, March 12

- 7:30 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 1 p.m. Vet's Service Planning meeting: Room 108B
- 1 p.m. Celebration of Life Bloodmobile: Gym
- 6 p.m. Drama Team Meeting: Youth Center
- 6:30 p.m. Martial Arts/Tai Chi: Luther Hall
- 7 p.m. Rebekah Circle meeting: Home of Cathy Tollerud
- 7 p.m. Monday Night Bible Study: Living Library

## Tuesday, March 13

- 8:15 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Living Room
- 8:30 a.m. Moms Day Off: Lower Level
- 9:15 a.m. Leah Circle meeting: Home of Diane Johnson
- 1:15 p.m. Prayer Group: Office Conference Room
- 7 p.m. The Bible & Hot Topics: Garden Room
- 7 p.m. Strengths at Work Small Group: Living Room

## Wednesday, March 14

- 9 a.m. Level II Mat Pilates: Narthex
- 12 p.m. **WORSHIP-Lunch following:** Garden Room, Worship Center
- 4 p.m. Cherub Choir: Narthex
- 4 p.m. Elementary Bell Choir: Heritage Chapel
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School: Worship Center
- 5 p.m. Pizza Night: Garden Room
- 6 p.m. Children's Ministry Workshops: Lower Level
- 6 p.m. Marriage 101: Covenant Marriage: Office Conference Room
- 6:30 p.m. **WORSHIP, NURSERY**
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation(Gr.7-8)
- 7 p.m. Temple Choir Rehearsal: Choir Room
- 8 p.m. Sr. High Intramural Basketball: Gym

## Thursday, March 15

- 8:30 a.m. Moms Day Off: Lower Level
- 10 a.m. Bible Study-Luke & Acts: Living Room
- 6 p.m. Drama Team Meeting: Youth Center
- 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. Basketball: Gym
- 6:30 p.m. the WALK Rehearsal: Worship Center

## Friday, March 16

- 7 a.m. AA Meeting: Living Library
- 6 p.m. Scrapbooking for the Soul: Off-Site



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If you would like to dedicate flowers on the altar, please sign the calendar in the Narthex with names and dates. Call Helen Orff at 439-6272 with your order and information for *Trinity Today* and the church bulletins. Please call two weeks in advance. Helen orders flowers from Rose Floral, if desired, and they will be delivered to the church. Cut flowers are always welcome. If you bring in your own flowers, bring them to the sanctuary by 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The Altar Guild will arrange them if necessary.

We would like to have flowers for every weekend. The Altar Guild can no longer furnish flowers if none are designated. You may want to remember the Altar Guild in your financial giving.

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**T O P E R F O R M**  
**at Trinity**  
**Fri., March 9, 8 p.m.**  
**Worship Center**

The Cypress String Quartet will make its first visit to the Stillwater area in March, as part of the St. Croix Concert Series. Touted as the “Generation X ensemble to watch,” this San Francisco-based group has played at venues ranging from Kennedy Center to the Ravinia Festival since its formation 11 years ago.

**Tickets are \$18 for adults**  
**\$12 for students**  
**all seats are reserved.**

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