



Trinity Lutheran Church | Owatonna, Minnesota

MESSENGER

A monthly ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church

AUGUST 2015

WELCOME PASTOR AMANDA!



On August 31, Pastor Amanda Weinkauf is going to come to Trinity, move boxes into her office, and begin her ministry, joining our pastoral team.

There are areas of ministry, like weddings, funerals and preaching, that our pastors all share in. Pastor Amanda will also have her areas of ministry in which she will focus.

Pastor Amanda will be working to further develop and strengthen our faith formation opportunities for our adults. Our goal is to

create systems that allow people to enter into learning and growth at whatever level they are at in their own faith. This will include recruiting leaders who are willing to teach, working on new courses and teaching.

The other area Pastor Amanda will be spending a lot of her time on is our caregiving ministry. Coordinating our visitation ministry, our work with the care centers in Owatonna and our visitation at the hospital will be a major part of what she does. We also hope to further develop and grow our "Caring Friends" ministry, training and empowering Trinity members to do visitation with people in the community who are in need.

But, even more important than these programmatic areas, Pastor Amanda will be working hard to get to know as many of you as possible. She's looking forward to spending time and building relationships. So don't be surprised if she invites you to sit down for a cup of coffee, or for lunch.

Our ministry at Trinity is focused on the relationships we build. As Jesus promised, "Wherever two or three are gathered, there I am also." So when we meet together, talk together, laugh and cry together, Christ is present in the midst of that conversation.

So please, feel free to invite Pastor Amanda over for dinner! She's looking forward to getting to know you. She can be reached at AmandaW@tlcowatonna.org or at the church office at 507.451.4520.

September 12 & 13

Pastor Amanda's Installation

During all worship services.
Join us in this welcome celebration!
Refreshments will be served.
Saturday at 4:00 pm & Sunday between services
Come and Say HELLO!

ANOTHER NEW FACE!

This month we will also welcome Andrew Lewis, Trinity's new intern pastor. Andrew's father was a chaplain in the US Army, so he moved around quite a bit growing up, but claims Georgia as home. He is married to Suzanne, who recently completed the bar and was hired as a lawyer for the US Department of Justice and was assigned to the Minneapolis office. Andrew brings a love of worship and liturgy, a curious mind and a curiosity about the systems in larger congregations.

We are very excited that they will be a part of our community for the next year. Andrew and Suzanne will be introduced in worship August 22 and 23. Please join us in welcoming them to Trinity!



WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:15 am, 9:30 am
10:45 am (Contemporary)

Watch the video of our full service
on cable TV channel 181
(Mon 10 am; Wed 6 pm; Sun 11 am)
and at www.OwatonnaLive.com

**Holy Communion Served
All Saturdays and
1st & 3rd Sundays**

August Music & Drama Schedule

August 1 & 2

5:00 pm, 8:15 am, 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Val Mullenbach and Jenna Vaith

August 8 & 9

8:15 am, 9:30 am & 10:45 am
"Build Your Kingdom" ensemble

August 15 & 16

5:00 pm, 8:15 am, 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Dant Family

August 22 & 23

5:00 pm, 8:15 am & 9:30 am (no 10:45
am service)

11:00 am - SCFF Community Worship
Service at Fair Square

Pastor Todd Buegler will share the
message

Trinity musicians will lead worship

August 29 & 30

5:00 pm, 8:15 am, 9:30 am & 10:45 am
Howard Kittleson

**NURSERY HOURS:
EVERY SUNDAY
8:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Vision for Trinity
...next steps

MEET OUR STAFF

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Message From Pastor Todd



August, 2015

A Buegler family tradition is the creation of a "summer list." At the beginning of the season of warmth and recreation we sit down together and make a list of things that we want to make sure happens at some point during the summer.

This summer, there are about twenty things on our list. It includes everything from "Go to a Twins Game" to "go swimming" and "eat ice cream at Izzy's" (our favorite ice cream shop in Minneapolis). As summer progresses, we are gradually working our way through our list. It's fun because it gives us a chance to focus on doing fun things together during the summer. Working through our list creates

memories, laughter, and renews our relationships.

We think of summer as a time of recreation, and it is and should be. But what happens if we take that word and just add a simple hyphen: Re-Creation.

Recreation and re-creation are really the same word. When we think of recreation, we think of fun. When we think of re-creation, we think of being made new. And here's the deal: They really are the same thing.

And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." - Revelations 21:5

Summer is a season of fun. But summer is also a time when God is at work within us. God refreshes, God renews and God re-creates.

This summer, make sure that in the midst of all the busyness of summer projects, travel, practices and games, that you take the opportunity to allow God to re-create within you. Create time and space in your life to recognize what God is up to.

Because all things are made new!

God's peace, Pastor Todd

8 Goals for Trinity



Council Corner

Greetings from Council!

Associate Pastor Update: At our congregational meeting on July 12, Pastor Amanda Weinkauff was approved for the position of Associate Pastor. The Council is very excited to welcome Pastor Amanda to our Trinity family. Her anticipated start date will be Monday, August 31. Our appreciation to the pastoral call committee for an outstanding recommendation and a special thank you for all their time and discernment:

Bob Stark, Al Smith, Kim Wencl, Haylee Van Engelenhoven, John Eickhoff,
Joan Dotson, Andy Boe, Tim Jensen, Kathy Chatelaine and Pastor Todd

Church Restructuring Update: At our congregational meeting, we also approved the editing of our bylaws to streamline our congregational structure. Our Finance, Personnel, Properties and Stewardship commissions will remain commissions. All other commissions will become "Ministry Teams" and have a staff person assigned. In the near future, ministry teams will be meeting to discuss their primary task of creating and empowering "sub-teams" to work in specific ministry tasks. For more details, please visit our website at: www.tlcowatonna.org/vision.

These are exciting times at Trinity as we welcome Pastor Amanda and involve more members in "Growing Disciples for Christ" through our restructuring. Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you at the Fair!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
Trinity Nursery School Parent Orientation

6:00 PM, BACKYARD BARBECUES

Hosted at Trinity Families:
August 5: Loveless's
August 12: Egbert's
Junior High (6th, 7th & 8th Grades)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 pm, High School Tea Time – Lounge

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 & 16

2:30 pm Ice Cream Sunday: "Can I ask That?" and other faith questions
– Kate's House



SUMMER SERVE – JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Partnering with youth from Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Thursday, August 13, 8 am-5 pm
Serving Feed My Starving Children and activity at Twins game

Celebrating 50 Years

Visit TLCowatonna.org for new class times & schedules



Call 451-8247 for ongoing registration
Extended care and transportation options are available

TNS is an equal opportunity pre-school and does not discriminate in admission or hiring policies.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients!

FOR 35 YEARS, TRINITY HAS DISTRIBUTED MONEY FROM THE HOLTUM & ELLERMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS. DURING THAT TIME, 361 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALING \$146,620 HAVE BEEN AWARDED. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2015 RECIPIENTS:

Abigail Bendorf, *University of WI, Platteville*; Haley Benjamin, *Augustana College*; Sarah Floy, *Iowa State University*; Christa Kain, *Allen College*; Payton Knutson, *Luther College*; Ben Konold, *Augustana College*; Ian Simon, *Iowa State University*; Hannah Valen, *Pacific Lutheran University*; Luke Wanous, *Augustana College*; Elizabeth Wiebke, *Luther College*.

THE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION HAS SELECTED THE FOLLOWING RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2015 IRVIN C. & VIOLA NATZEL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

Haley Benjamin, *Augustana College / Biology*; Trisha Benjamin, *Drake University Graduate School / Doctorate of Pharmacy*; Kellen Glynn, *Luther College / Biology and Chemistry*; Payton Knutson, *Luther College / Math and Chemistry*; Alyssa Thevenot, *South Dakota State University / Nursing*

SHIRLEE M. PETERSON MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP WAS AWARDED

TO: Christa Kain, *Senior at Allen College*.

2015/2016 registration continues for Sunday School, Trinity U and RE for 7th & 8th Graders. Registration forms are online and in the church office.

Rally Sunday is Sunday, September 13. Plan to attend the 16th annual rally day picnic! Trinity U Students: there will be a mailing with more information about signing up for your classes sometime in the middle of August.

The first day of RE is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15. Remember to start your day here at 7:30 a.m. and then we will bus you back to the Jr. High for your first hour class.

Confirmation Sunday is Sunday, October 25.

The **MENTOR PROGRAM** is always looking for adults to mentor confirmation students. We will need several adults who will be willing to care for, love and have fun with our energy filled youth. If you are asked to be a Mentor, take that as a large compliment. It is an honor! If you want more information about becoming a mentor please contact me, Sheri Berg, sherib@tlcowatonna.org, 451-4520.

ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit, MI July 13-19



Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,
ELCA Presiding Bishop



Service Project in Detroit



August Events

1st Monday Bunco & Coffee Time, Mondays, August 3, (No Bunco in September), October 5, 2:00 pm, **Narthex**. Trinity in partnership with Healthy Seniors invite all seniors to play Bunco, have coffee and enjoy a treat! Bunco is a very simple dice game that is easy to learn or feel free to just come for the coffee. Call Healthy Seniors, 774-7648, if you need a ride or can provide a ride. Don't miss this afternoon of FUN!



Survivor Sisters Support, Thursdays, August 20, September 17, October 15, 5:00 pm. A network of breast cancer survivors, providing support, encouragement, prayers, friendship & fellowship to those who are newly diagnosed. Meet on the third Thursday of each month at Trinity. Contact Katie, 507-363-2675.

Sunday Night Ignite, Sunday, August 23, 6:00-7:00 pm. This is for all ages to enjoy a bonfire, fun activities, faith stories, songs and a s'mores buffet. Bring your lawn chair to the east end of the parking lot. Guest speaker: Karen Anderson (Chile). Learn more about Trinity Cross Cultural Mission – EPES 2017.

As a Lutheran missionary in Chile from 1982–2000, Karen Anderson founded and directed EPES, Educación Popular en Salud. EPES works to build a sustainable health care organization dedicated to promoting the health, dignity and rights of poor people in Chile and throughout the region through education, empowerment and collective action.

In 2009, she returned as an ELCA missionary to help the EPES staff design, launch and direct EPES' International Training Course on Popular Education in Health which, among other important tasks, explores the role of the church in the struggle for health and human rights. In the past six years, the International Training program has had 110 participants from 15 countries, including participants from seven Lutheran churches from other Latin American countries. In 2014, EPES' work expanded to Kenya as women from the Hope Foundation for African Women (HFAW) participated in the International Training course and have since graduated thirty community health promoters in a rural village in Kenya using the EPES model.



FALL FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday Morning Adult Faith Formation will begin on September 20 in the Lounge at 9:30 am. Dr. Christopher Johnson, from Gustavus Adolphus, will be speaking September 20 & 27 and October 4 & 11.

Wednesday Bible Studies at Noon & 6:30 pm will begin on September 30 in the Lounge. Pastor Todd will lead this four week bible study. All are welcome- no sign up necessary. Details will be in the September Messenger and Sunday Bulletins.

Weekly Fall Bible Studies Begin September

Tuesday 10 am Men's bible Study

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday 6 am Bible Study

Thursday 9 am Bible Study



The book study, Here and Now... There and Then, will be held September 15 – November 24 on Tuesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

In this DVD lecture series Beth Moore presents many points of view and teaches that God is as specific about what He does reveal, as He is about what He does not reveal.

Sign up at the church office or call 451-4520.

Funerals:

June 29 David Lee Mjoen

Weddings:

June 13 Allyssa Paulson & Duane Levy

June 20 Amber Stransky & Tavid Caswell

May 30 Breea Pleschourt & Paris Hare

BOX SCORES

The average age of Trinity Co-Rec Softball Team: 32 Years

The number of organizations with whom the members of the Junior High "Mystery Trip" partnered and served in the Chicago and Madison areas: 9

The number of "Likes" for the photo of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton serving alongside Trinity's youth in Detroit (Photo credit: Pastor Dean): 2,100 +

Total distance between Owatonna and destinations for summer trips and camps for kids: 4,910 miles

The area of the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola (visited by Trinity's "Seniors Only" trip participants): 18,000



SUMMER YOUTH TRIPS

This summer was filled with Trinity Youth stepping in, stepping up & stepping out! Over 100 youth and adults traveled to Detroit, Ingham Lake, Camp Omega, New Orleans & Chicago. During these spirit-led and spirit-fed adventures, our youth shared God's love, changed lives, conquered challenges, and they had fun. May each of our young people continue to live and share with the world that we are each made "on purpose, for a purpose, by a loving God." Our youth ministry team would like to thank Trinity for the continued support of our youth and their journeys of faith.



Ingham Lake Bible Camp,
Grades 4th-6th



ELCA Youth Gathering,
Grades 9th-12th, Detroit



OHS Senior Mission Trip,
New Orleans



Junior High Road Rules
Mission Trip, Chicago

Snapshots from New Orleans



**Donate School Supplies
for Pine Ridge Kids!**



God's Work. Our Hands.

**Supplies Needed for "Stuff the Bus" -
Pine Ridge**

(donations through October 11)

- Backpacks
- Box of Markers
- Pencils (packs of 10+)
- Bars of Soap
- Glue Sticks
- Glue Bottles
- Boxes of Crayons
- College Ruled Notebooks
- Youth Scissors
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Toothbrush
- Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size)
- Wash Cloths (packs of 2 or 3)
- Deodorant (travel size)

Greetings from Pastor Christopher Leach

I hope this letter finds you well. These last few months have just flown by and it is hard to believe that when you read this, Sarah and I will have already been at Our Savior's in Barnesville for about a month. We have settled in nicely with this community and are taking in the joy of meeting new people and discovering this new church family. Every day we are reminded of the blessing of a life together with God and how beautiful the Body of Christ truly is!

The journey since my last Sunday with you has been a full one. With the support of family and you wonderful folks in Owatonna, Sarah and I packed up our home for the move to Barnesville. We spent a few weeks settling into the parsonage, even bought some much needed furniture, and then prepared for Ordination. Now let me tell you, that was an amazing day. It was such a blessing to be surrounded by those closest to us. The service was a blend of Our Saviors and Trinity with Witness playing, Pr. Todd preaching, Our Savior's hosting a time of fellowship, and other people and pastors presiding. I will never forget that moment of being surrounded by and connected to my family and friends in the laying on of hands. It really felt like God's arms were wrapped around us all. It was such a blessing... such an amazing blessing!

Those words from Paul, "I thank my God each time I remember you", continue to resonate and grow ever deeper. I am so thankful for your prayers, your support, your friendship, and your companionship. You have walked with Sarah and me, taught us about God's love and with that, shown us the face of Jesus. In God's great family we are forever connected as brothers and sisters. May you know that you remain in our hearts and that your love has shaped our lives. We are so thankful to know you!

Peace Brothers and Sisters, Christ is with you!

Pastor Christopher Leach



Steele County Free Fair

Trinity at the Steele County Free Fair

Trinity volunteers welcome the fair & carnival workers by providing and serving a dinner on Monday evening, August 17.

Volunteer to be part of Trinity's Transportation Ministry. Trinity is providing shuttle service from Trinity's parking lot to and from the Steele County Free Fair (SCFF) on **Senior Day, Thursday, August 20 and on Kids Day, Friday, August 21.** Drivers and Parking Lot Hospitality volunteers will be needed! Contact Tanyia, tanyia@tlcowatonna.org

Volunteers to help at the Aurora Diner, SCFF, Friday, August 21, All Day (scheduled shifts). Contact Kathy, 451-2138 to learn more.

Sunday Worship Service at the Steele County Free Fair will be led by Trinity, **11:00 am, Sunday, August 23 in Fair Square.**



August MESSENGER

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Good To Know

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – August 2, 9:30 am service & 10:30 am reception

MISSION: JAMAICA INFORMATION MEETING – Sunday, August 2 at 11:45 am

1st MONDAY BUNCO & COFFEE – Monday, August 3 at 2:00 pm

JR. HIGH BACKYARD BARBECUE – Wednesdays, August 5 & 12 at 6:00 pm

SR. HIGH ICE CREAM “SUNDAYS” – Sundays, August 9 & 16 at 2:30 pm

SUMMER TEA TIME – Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 pm

JR. HIGH SUMMER SERVE – Thursday, August 13 at 8:00 am

SURVIVOR SISTERS SUPPORT – Thursday, August 20 at 5:00 pm

SUNDAY NIGHT IGNITE - Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 pm

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE - Monday, August 24 from 1:00 pm- 6:00 pm

CARD MAKING MINISTRY- Tuesday, August 25 at 9:30 am

Summer Office Hours at Trinity - Monday-Thursday 8:00 am-5:00 pm; Friday 8:00 am-12:00 pm



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