

The Parish Perspective

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Unless you are in worship on June 5, this might be the only word you hear from me in June. With my passion for travel—especially educational and religious travel—many know that years ago, I elected to lead a group to the Oberammergau passion play—the world-renowned reenactment of Jesus Christ’s passion. This re-telling of the crucifixion story only happens every ten years in the mountain town. As the 2020 production was postponed due to the pandemic and rescheduled to 2022, so was the tour I am co-leading.



Not one to miss an opportunity, the group is not only witnessing the famed Christian play but will also be visiting other historical and religious sites. In fact, although the advertisements focus on Germany and the Christian experience of God’s protection in the face of a global health crisis, the tour starts in Vienna and loops around through the Alps. There will be stops in Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, and southern Germany, for some of the places and experiences the region is known for—in simple terms: “castles, cathedrals, and caves”.

This made me wonder...

Do you know what Austria is famous for? Mozart and wiener schnitzel, perhaps? Castles, maybe? How about Olympic quality skiing—or the world’s most well-known psychoanalyst, the late Sigmund Freud? (What does that say about you, that you either knew Freud grew up in Vienna or you didn’t? Hmmm...)

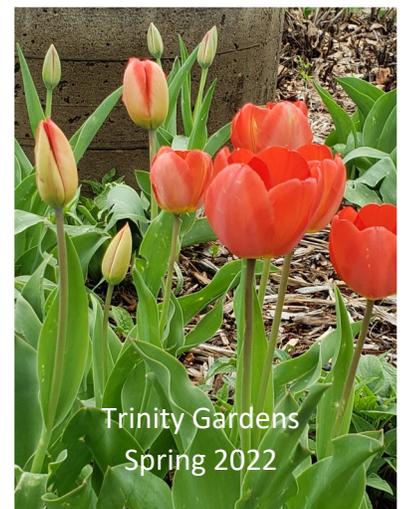
What about Slovenia? Do you even know where it’s located?!

How about Croatia? What do you know about the former Yugoslavia region which borders the Mediterranean Sea, and morphed into a separate state with free elections? It’s famous for...?

Any guesses what Italy is known for? Perhaps that country, because it gave the world PIZZA, is more familiar! Pizza and...pasta (of course) are the foods Italy is known for, of course—what Italian restaurant would be complete without a generous helping of both? Vespas (fancy scooters) and high-end automobiles like Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Maserati, are near the top of the “known for” list. And almost anyone knows that lots of famous art came out of Italy, with the works of Giotto, Michelangelo, and Da Vinci among the most well-known. What about world exploration? Where do you think Amerigo Vespucci (as in the explorer whose name would be used for the 2 continents he helped document) originally hailed from—or Marco (everyone shout POLO!), or Christopher Columbus? And while you will rarely find your pastor dressed in Italian fashion, who can overlook the sensational style of Italian brands like Prada (no, the devil does not *really* wear Prada), Gucci, Versace and Armani? Italy is a gold mine of food, fashion, and familiarity!

So, what is Trinity Lutheran Church known for? What do people know about Trinity? What do we want people to know about Trinity? If you had to list the positive qualities and passions of Trinity, what would you say? What are the beliefs, the activities, the makings of this community of faith? The council is asking these very questions and wants to hear from you! What about the Trinity of yesteryear? What about the Trinity of today? What’s our story? Make a list. Someone will be asking you, I guarantee it. Someone will be asking, as we define and differentiate ourselves. Leadership wants your input this summer and fall. Start thinking about it today.

God’s peace,
Pastor Amy



Update From Our Council President

Thank you contributors of time, talents, and funds

Before I discuss the main topic of this newsletter, I want to give an advanced “Thank You” to the numerous Trinity worshippers, staff members and guests who will be filling in while Pastor Amy is on a well-deserved vacation and trip to the Oberammergau Passion Play. Also a moment of gratitude for the church’s contributions to the Ukrainian Fund. Very few of us have any familial or emotional connections to Ukraine but our giving is what Christian love and charity is all about. We give to those in need without asking if we know them or if they know us. We see suffering and take action to alleviate this suffering as much as we can within our resources.



Council President
2022-2023 Bruce McNickle

Rentals, resources, and reaching out

The main topic for this newsletter is the renewed interest and emphasis by the Council and Church Leadership on renting the church building for a variety of uses to appropriate community and religious groups. For transparency and consistency, the Council created a Short-Term/Event Rental Contract rental purposes. This contract contains generic conditions but also allows for individualized needs by the renter. The Council is working on a fee schedule for renting specific locations within the church such as Fellowship Hall and/or Kitchen, Library, etc. The details of the contract and fee schedule are relatively complicated as we want to insure the church structure and interior are fully protected, all renters have adequate liability insurance, the church is indemnified from all person and property damage and losses, and we charge a fair but adequate rental fee covering all costs incurred, including heating and cooling, wear and tear, and extra custodial needs. The Property Committee has been very helpful in looking at various algorithms for assessing fees.

Presently our church building is used for the typical religious rites including funerals and weddings, both for members and non-members, as well as meeting space for small non-profit groups, like Scouts or Senior Driving Training. Occasionally our space is used for recitals. The intention is to broaden rentals to include secular events such as anniversaries, birthday parties, and lectures and presentations by various community organizations. We have space in the parking lot to possibly rent for outdoor fairs or exhibits, etc. Two important principles Trinity members need to be assured of: (1) Trinity events and worshippers are given priority with church space and dates. (2) All rentals, secular and religious, must share and/or not conflict with the values of Trinity Lutheran church and the ELCA. Our rentals cannot compromise our faith principles.

Why rent? The first and easiest answer is a rental provides some supplemental income to the congregation. A second reason is rentals essentially promote Trinity to the community both as a place of worship and a community resource. We are advertising we see ourselves as an important and giving part of the Monticello community. A third reason is the goal of Trinity becoming known as a place of Christian learning and cultural appreciation. This could include professionals providing lectures and workshops on topics such as mental illness, financial stability, skills to successfully age, agricultural sustainability, etc. Cultural programs could include anything from concerts to art exhibits. When appropriate and relevant, Trinity could add or contribute Christian principles or faith resources.

Rentals can provide a way of using our space that can be exciting and joyful, learning filled, and where successful living skills can be acquired in an environment of unconditional positive acceptance. Essentially these are components of the Christian mission. The Council invites the congregation to consider rental options that are meaningful to each worshipper and for worshippers to pursue these options with the Council and church staff. Is a relative or neighbor considering a party or shower? Someplace where they are not required to use a specific caterer or similar? Would Trinity be an option for their gathering?

Children & Youth Summer Activities

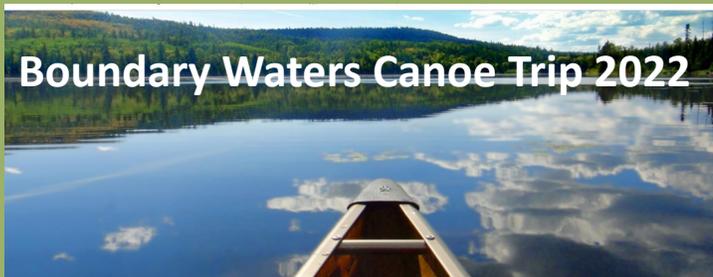


VBS
Vacation Bible School
July 25 - 28
Monday thru Thursday
6 - 8 pm
Registration is open now thru July 22

Are your kids ready to have fun and grow in their faith? Mark your calendars now so you can plan ahead for summer fun and faith building! All kids ages 3-12 are invited to play, learn, sing, and move in our 4-day VBS experience. Older youth are encouraged to volunteer as leaders and helpers!

Vacation Bible School will be held each evening July 25-28 from 6-8pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Monticello. Kids will make music, explore the Bible, complete science activities, play team games, create artwork, make tasty snacks, build new friendships,

pray together, and carry out service projects! For more information about VBS at Trinity or to volunteer, contact the church office by calling 763-295-2092 or e-mailing office@tlcmonticello.org. Student registration is open now through July 22. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online through the website www.tlcmonticello.org.



Contact the church office for more information
763-295-2092 office@tlcmonticello.org

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is accessible primarily by canoe. Located in northeast Minnesota, it is one of America's most beautiful and remote places. Its vast wilderness extends 150 miles along the U.S.-Canada border, covering approximately 1,098,000 acres with over 1,100 lakes and 1,500 miles of canoe routes. To truly understand this incredible destination, you have experience it for yourself.

Why "go out" into God's creative wilderness?

What we see outdoors, especially in the Boundary Waters, is a magnificent display of God's glory revealed in nature. In our day-to-day busy lives in the suburbs, it can be challenging for us to take the time to find peace and quiet where we can observe and acknowledge the greatness of God's creation. Those who take the opportunity to go out into the wilderness are usually able to notice the intricate details of nature and how they seem to glorify their creator. Surrounded by awe-inspiring beauty creates opportunities to listen and hear God.

What about cost? Trinity tries to offer the experience for those interested at a very low cost, if any.

Without having to pay the costly fees of professional guides and equipment rental, plus using funds from soup suppers and donations, the cost is almost nothing.

What do we do "up there"? Typical activities include: canoeing, hiking, fishing, exploring, relaxing, wildlife observation, watching a sunrise/sunset, listening to loons sing, reading, napping, meaningful conversation, quiet time, and connecting with God and each other—maybe reflecting upon our own selves and own lives.



Trinity Teens and Twenty-Somethings, Ready for Some Summer Fun?

Note these dates in your phones and ask the 'rents for a ride. Trinity Teens are invited to come together this summer — break in our new hang space, have some fun locally and around our state, and connect with one another and with Christ.

- June 29 — Valley Fair — 9:00 am to 5:30 pm — Approximate cost \$35+
- July 20 — Mini Golf — 11:00 am to 1:30 pm — Approximate cost \$10+
- August TBD — Canoe Day Trip



Congratulations to Trinity Confirmands

Five Youth Affirm Their Faith in Christ Jesus on May 22—Confirmation Sunday



The whole Trinity community celebrated the stirring of the Holy Spirit in the lives of five (5) of our ninth graders at the public Affirmation of Baptism on Sunday, May 22, as part of the 9:00am worship. Each elected to affirm the baptismal promises that someone else—a Godparent or adult Sponsor—made for them when they were baptized as infants. Before God, family, and community, they promised to live in the covenant—with God and God’s people. After three years of study, 30 sermon notes, and hours of service, each completed a written faith statement or a faith project depicting their beliefs.



Hunter Eugene Florek
Ecclesiastes 3:13



Addison Mary Kiphuth
Proverbs 19:21



Lance William Klersy
Proverbs 30:5



Payton Elizabeth Koch
Psalm 9:10



Josiah Benjamin Sanford
Luke 1:37



Committee News



WALK & ROLL

Saturday, June 11
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Rain or Shine

Introduce our church to our community!

Trinity volunteers are needed
Booth #10—Help out in a half hour shifts.

Sign up on the bulletin board.
See Carol Klatt for details.



RIVERFEST

ADOPT A DUCK FUNDRAISER



Duck adoptions begin on June 22 at Cub Foods, Runnings, and HiWay Liquor Store.

As part of the city festival, plastic ducks are released into the Mississippi for a “race.” Cheer for your duck. Prizes awarded.

Contact Sherie Danner at
sdanner@tds.net if you would like to
help Trinity find duck adoptees.

Community Connections (formerly known as Welcome and Outreach)

This committee needs a leader! In addition, volunteers are needed for the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings before and after worship, the annual Walk & Roll, the Riverfest Parade, and other community events. We are also searching for someone to take over the Birthday Card ministry. Contact the office if you would like to serve in this way.

RIVERFEST PARADE

Sunday, July 17 - 12:00-2:00 pm

Help with our parade “float”

Volunteers are needed

Walkers to greet children and adults and hand out information & treats

Float decorators — Decorating date
Friday, July 15 — 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



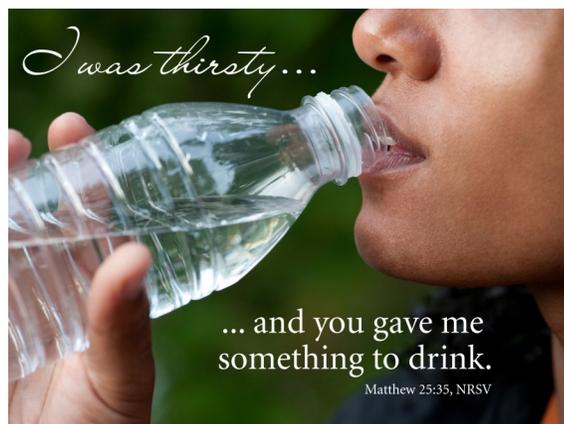
Social Ministry Committee

While Social Ministry does not have a specific drive at this time, we encourage you to continue to contribute to the ministries that we have supported this past year — the Monticello Help Center, Help for the Homeless (Lincoln Center) in St. Cloud, and Operation Christmas Child. We will also continue to collect empty prescription bottles, eyewear, shoes, and empty ink cartridges throughout the summer months. In addition, we are collecting yarn for the Knitters Club at the Monticello Care Center.



Items may be dropped off most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays 10:00-5:00 pm.

Did you know Trinity collected 415 pounds of food for the Help Center this spring?



The Wider Church

Brief 2022 Synod Assembly Recap



LCCN Bishop Musa Filibus presented via Zoom from his office in Nigeria

Every spring, the Minneapolis Area Synod congregations—of which Trinity is one—send representatives to an annual gathering of pastors, deacons, and select elected congregation members. The assembly serves as the synod’s highest legislative authority. Resolutions are considered, a budget is ratified, and candidates for various offices are elected. Ministries are highlighted and international connections are lifted up. A keynote speaker leads Bible study and plenary learning sessions. Larry Kounkel, Gary Nelson, and Pastor Amy attended this year. Former Luther Seminary professor, Dr. Eric Barretto, spoke on the book of Acts—and how Acts is not like a Lego instructional manual for “how to be church” but rather a book to evoke “resurrection imagination”.



Using Modern Tools for a Meaningful Message

From the Desk of Noah Gruhlke

Presentation has a historical significance in our world today. It’s difficult to go a day without being impacted by different advertisements, social posts, and other forms of media. Using the power of words and images to engage an audience, media can be presented as informative, educational, and motivational to gain and retain an audience’s attention. As a church, we should acknowledge this cultural reality and present the gospel message with clarity and consistency—with tools people expect and use frequently today.

A well-crafted presentation can demonstrate professionalism and encourage engagement. It can really help to reinforce an organization’s message and values. The message of Christ coming to redeem us is worth sharing and spreading across our community. Whether it’s in person or online, presenting ourselves well is a necessity.

The importance of presenting the gospel message clearly can be instrumental in reaching our community in a wider capacity. As Trinity Lutheran Church transitions into a new season, we will be looking at how we can present our message more effectively online. Part of this effort includes clearly communicating our message and values through our website. Through our efforts, we hope to reach more people in our community.

It is God’s intent for us to be known—by God and by one another. God is doing great work through us each and every day. We should present ourselves well, as followers of Christ—because we are also representing and presenting him. How we present ourselves can create great impact. Through our words and actions, we can make a difference in the lives of others. Look to see some changes in our website, and other platforms, soon.

Property Improvements

Kitchen Island Upgrade

Hoglund Body and Equipment, Inc. did a beautiful job fabricating our new stainless steel countertop for the large kitchen island.

Thank you to TLC Women for their generous contribution that made this project possible. Thanks to all who installed the new piece.



More Comfort in Family Bathroom



A new in-wall heater was installed in the main level family bathroom this past May. Thanks to Mike Brandt and the Wes Olson Crew, there should not be ice build-up this winter. Picture at left of the crew measuring and connecting to the electrical system.

Windows of Welcome—thank you, Lana!



Our custodian, Lana Waldron goes above and beyond making our building look pristine. Her efforts each week make our building look beautiful. We are thankful for her joyful personality and her smile around the office. Here she is up on a ladder cleaning windows.

Eagle Scout Project Update—Basement Refreshed and Brightened by Fresh Paint

Changes to the basement youth and Sunday School area are underway thanks to Eagle Scout candidate and Trinity Member Mac Mongeon. He has been doing a great job taking on some DIY at TLC. He has enlisted the confirmation class to assist in the painting. His parents and his Scout troop friends have also been very active, working at all hours to make an impact. It is a huge undertaking that has the potential to change the atmosphere of Christian Education at Trinity and the impression made to visitors and guests. Mac has been leading the way with his vision and some great tunes. Few can argue, the progress does look really nice. Persons wishing to make a contribution to Mac's project may do so by issuing a check to Trinity with "Eagle Scout Project" in the memo. Haven't seen the updates for yourself? Here are a few pics.



Worship & Music Committee

Invite Dad to Worship on Father's Day



"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Prov. 2:6

Special guest, retired Pastor Wayne Peterson will be leading worship on Sunday, June 19 at 9:00 am. Bring your Dad to church! Hear the word of grace, connect with other Christian men, and be uplifted.

Hello from the Paustians

Online worship connects people near and far—current members, former members, family and friends. We recently received this very kind note from former members Harold and Mary, who have been continuing to worship online even after they moved closer to family. One's church home is getting bigger all the time, and we are thankful for the technology and capable operators allowing God's word to go beyond our walls. Thank you to all who produce and fund our weekly livestreamed worship.



Photos Wanted for Freedom in Christ Celebration July 3

During our worship service on Sunday, July 3, we will honor Trinity members who have served in the military. Veterans or their families are asked to submit photos (current photo and past service photo) to be included in a special slide presentation by June 26. Photos are kept from year to year so you do not need to resubmit photos unless you wish to update them.



Join our Worship Team! NOW is the Time to Serve!



It takes a team of volunteers to do worship well! Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts of music, drama, reading, dance, technology, hospitality, time—whatever special gift God has given you to glorify God! Our worship team currently needs scripture readers, technicians to operate sound equipment and the video cameras, ushers, and weekly musicians and music leaders. This is especially needed for indoor worship.

It's easy to sign up to serve on the worship team at our [Signup Genius Link](#) or on our [website](#).

June Worship Assistants

DATE	MUSICIAN	READER	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	TECH & TECH ASST
June 5	Amy Klatt	Amy Klatt	Steve & Linda Ray	Jan Hopkins	Jason / Steve Stupar
June 12	Candy Johnson	Sherie Danner	Tom & Barb Sipe	Judy Harn	Addy Kiphuth / N/A
June 19	Danita Sticka	Steve Fuchs	Sherie D. & Ellen B.	Lyn & Marty Mardaus	Travis Klersy / N/A
June 26	Harry Walsh	Larry Kounkel	Lyn & Marty Mardaus	Karen Stupar	Addy Kiphuth / N/A

Trinity Tidbits

Welcome New Media & Communications Specialist Noah Gruhlke



Hello everyone! I'm Noah Gruhlke. I graduated from Monticello High School in 2014 and attended The University of Northwestern here in the twin cities. I've lived in the Monticello area since I graduated in 2016 with a degree in Multimedia Communications. In 2018 I left Monticello to work at a C&MA camp called Big Sandy where I put my social media skills to the test. It is there I fell in love with the great outdoors.

After spending 2 years working for Big Sandy I felt God calling me back to the cities to work with another church I had been volunteering with, Eagle Brook Church. I moved back to Monticello and have been involved with Eagle Brook Church in multiple positions related to media and worship. Outside of my professional work, I enjoy walking around town taking photos and boardgames with my family and friends. I love learning about other people's passions and what God has gifted them with. I look forward to being part of your church and the impact you bring to this community.

Congratulations to 2022 Graduate Wyatt Kiphuth

Wyatt Kiphuth graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Wadena. He received a diploma in Electrical Line Worker Technology. He is currently working for M.J. Electric thru the IBEW Local 160.

Wyatt was a 2021 recipient of Trinity's Christian Excellence Scholarship Award.

Congratulations and God's blessings to you, Wyatt!



6/1 Preston Crusier	6/12 Jared Klatt	6/20 Bruce Walters
6/1 Roberta Dengerud	6/13 Oliver Klatt	6/21 Chuck Ebert
6/3 Cindy Pemberton	6/13 Sue Smith	6/23 Deb Kadlec
6/4 Tanya Horst	6/14 Matthew Behlke	6/26 Rachel Brandt
6/5 Paul Helgerson	6/15 Roger Klatt	6/26 Kim Chartrand
6/6 Broc Crusier	6/17 Mac Mongeon	6/28 Olyvia Yonak
6/8 Katie Kosloske	6/18 Jim Melville	6/29 Payton Koch
6/11 Richard Granlund	6/18 Gary Nelson	
6/11 Dan Mielke	6/20 Jim Freiday	

Give blood. Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood. **American Red Cross**



Blood Drive

Sponsored by Monticello Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Location: Community Center—505 Walnut Street—Monticello

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 — 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCross Blood.org

Enter Sponsor Code: Monticello Community

Come to give June 1-30 and get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.



June 2022



Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday—10:00 am-5:00 pm						
Some events or activities are subject to change. Check office. Are you scheduling something for your committee or group? Please let the church office know. A weekly "calendar" appears in the weekly bulletin as "This Week at Trinity".			1 9:00 am Gardening	2	3 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:30-8p Iglesia	4
5 Day of Pentecost/Communion 9:00a Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Social Min) 2:00p Iglesia Worship 	6 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team	7 Office Closed	8 9:00 am Gardening	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:30-8p Iglesia	11 9:00 am—12:00 pm Walk & Roll
12 Pentecost 1/Holy Trinity/Guest Preacher Synod Offering 9:00a Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Decorating) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	13 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team 5:30p Finance Committee	14 7:00p Council	15 9:00 am Gardening	16	17 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:30-8p Iglesia	18
19 Pentecost 2/Guest Preacher/Communion/Father's Day 9:00a & Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Youth) 2:00p Iglesia Worship 	20 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team Newsletter articles Due	21	22 9:00 am Gardening	23 7:00p Property	24 <i>Office Closed</i> 5:30-8p Iglesia	25
26 Pentecost 3/Guest Preacher 9:00a & Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Swensons) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	27 <i>Office Off-site</i> 9:00a Counting Team	28	29 9:00 am Gardening	30		

Committee/Group	Contact	Email	Meetings
Confirmation Class	Pastor Amy	pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org	Wednesdays—Sept-May
Church Council (Congregational Council)	Bruce McNickle	brucemcnickle100@gmail.com	2nd Tuesday—7:00 pm
Decorating	Karen Stupar	763-227-5777	As needed
Men's Group	Tom Anderson	thomas.anderson@tds.net	1st & 3rd Mon 7pm—Sept-May
Property Committee	Tom Sipe	tbsipe@gmail.com	4th Thursday—7:00 pm
Rebecca Women's Circle	Karen Stupar	763-227-5777	2nd Wednesday-Sept-May
Ruth Circle	Marilyn Stickfort	763-295-3545	2nd Thursday—Sept-May
Social Ministry Committee	Kim Kjellberg	kimmikj@hotmail.com	1st Sunday—10:00 am
Christian Education/Sunday School	Katie Kosloske	Katie.kosloske@gmail.com	Quarterly planning meetings
Welcome & Community Connections	Pastor Amy	pastoramy@tlcmonticello.org	TBD
Worship & Music/Altar Guild	Pastor Amy	office@tlcmonticello.org	1st Tuesday—12:30 pm

Opportunities & Contacts



Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, July 10
Ice cream sundaes, fun and games for all ages
Casual dress
Bring your favorite dessert topping to share
All are invited!

Weeding Wednesdays

Gardening volunteers are needed to help weed and trim. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday mornings beginning at 9:00 am. Contact Judy Harn for more information.



Shop with ScripCards—Benefit church when “buying as usual”

Contact Jan Hopkins—763-587-8090 or janhopkins@aol.com to order Scrip Cards to use for purchases at local stores and restaurants. Visa gift cards are also available. Pickup your order at church on Sundays and during office hours. You can also purchase Scrip cards through the app. Google *ShopWithScrip* to find out more. Every Scrip card you buy means Trinity receives a small percent of your dollars. You are helping Trinity with every purchase.



Ways to bring your offering to God through Trinity

- Place your cash or check in the offering basket
 - Go to our website www.tlcmonticello.org click the link for “Online Giving”
 - Go to the **Tithe.ly app** (green) on your phone, donate using a debit/credit card.
- Scan the QR code with your phone camera to go directly to the *Tithe.ly* app.

Regular contributions may be made electronically via **Simply Giving**. Ask for the form.

Or mail an offering to *Trinity Lutheran P.O. Box 776 Monticello, MN 55362*.



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OFFICE HOURS Tuesday thru Thursday 10am-5pm