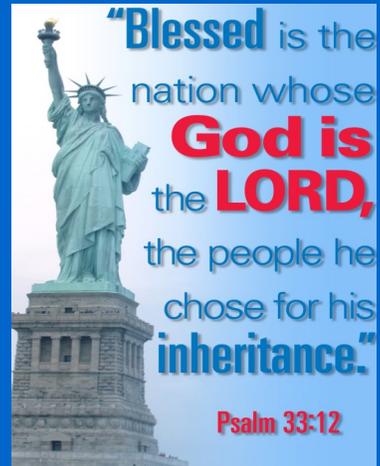


The Parish Perspective

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Update From Our Council President

At the June Council Meeting, the Council voted to suspend all COVID required restrictions and environmental modifications. Communion will be in-person, masks and spacing not required or recommended. Worshippers concerned about COVID transmission or have personal vulnerabilities are welcome to continue with masking and spacing. The communion packets will be available for those worshippers wanting to remain in their pews. COVID is a viral disease that continues to mutate and surprise us all, so this relaxation may only be temporary—but hopefully not.

This Summer and Fall, the Council is creating a task force which will develop procedures to engage the congregation in development of several **Mission statements** and **Action steps**. These **Mission statements** will then provide guidance us on how we advertise ourselves to the community and guidance on goal setting for our various committees. The **Mission statements** can be the foundation for planning educational programs and activities. Developing **Mission statements** comes from asking the congregation thoughtful questions about church functioning. These answers, as varied as they will be, are then reviewed for commonalities. These commonalities become the foundation for the **Mission statements**.

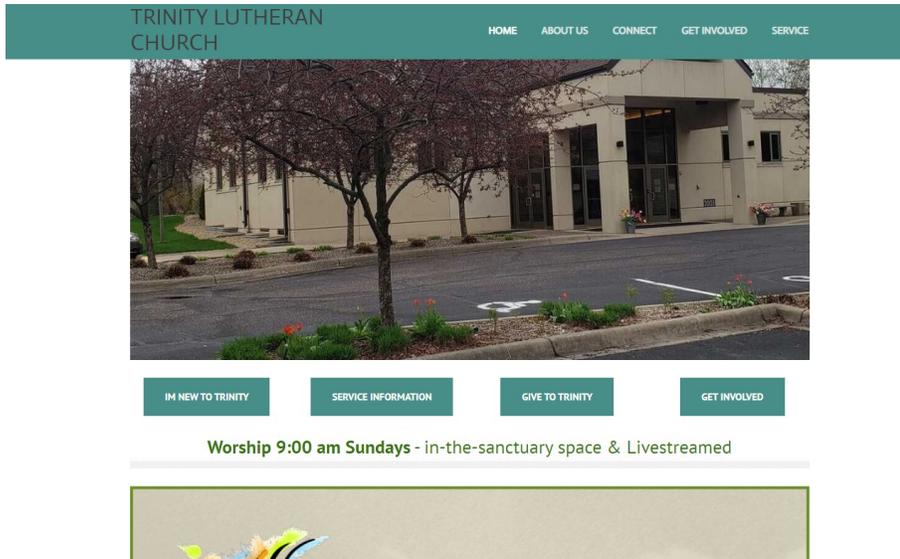
To give the reader an example of this process and the first step in **mission statement** development, the task force may ask worshippers to respond in detail what they believe God wants from Trinity, what they personally desire in their church, and what do they get from church? The questions seems so obvious and simple we tend to recite automatic answers. Actually we really need to think deeply “why does someone go to church”. A number of writers have outlined various reasons parishioners give for going to church. Some parishioners report a number of reasons, others primarily one or two. These reasons have equal validity, one is not more Christian than the other. Some of these reasons given are: **1) Fellowship:** To experience fellowship and bonding with our church family. Fellowship strengthens Christian beliefs and motivation to act on them. **2) Bible learning:** To learn more about scripture, to fully understand the meaning of the various parables and stories in the Bible. **3) Christian Functioning in Real Life:** To learn and understand ways to show or model our Christian beliefs in everyday life, how to act Christian in difficult life situations. **4) Disciple-Making:** Several writers have suggested the primary reason for church attendance is learning to become a Disciple which means attempting to encourage and motivate non-Christians to become Christian. You might call this a form of quiet missionary work. **5) Faith Resilience:** Learning ways to maintain our faith when we are troubled with doubts and disappointments. Maintaining our beliefs when anger and hate seem to arise and demand control. **6) The church as a Social Justice Institution:** Viewing the church as a vehicle for giving to the community, doing good for the community whether direct distribution of goods and financial help or providing learning and teaching experiences. **7) Church as Safe Haven:** For many the experience of being in a church is the one place where they feel accepted, loved, understood, and protected from hate, danger and loneliness. **8) Personalizing our Relationship with Christ/God:** Learning ways to relate to Christ on a very personal and human level, a way of saying “my best friend is Christ”. **9) Strengthening Moral Decision-Making:** Although overlaps with other needs, some worshippers explicitly seek help and learning on how to act morally, how to undo damage when we have hurt others, how to become better decision makers in difficult moral crisis situations. **10) Strengthening our Belief in God:** Worshippers can experience a crisis of faith, asking whether God is real, do we actually need a God, can we live happily without God. **11) Experiencing Church from an entertainment Context:** Many worshippers want to attend churches where services are based on pop-culture methodologies with emphasis on music and visual stimulation. Although the motivations here can be critiqued, the argument is “whatever it takes to bring people in” they leave with some Christian learning and values. **12) ETC.** The various unique and individualized reasons that each worshipper seeks church experiences.

Going to church is actually quite complicated but a meaningful part of our lives. The better we understand the reasons, the more we can use these reasons to reinforce and improve the church experience.



Council President
2022-2023 Bruce McNickle

From Our Media Specialist



Media & Communications
Noah Gruhlke

As Trinity moves into a new session of digital media, it's important to stay current with how we present our information. If you've visited the [TLC website](#) recently, you may have noticed we've changed a few things. We have removed pages that contain old information, organized pages into four drop-down menus, and archived information housed on the Newsletter page. We are also updating the language used on many of our pages. These are big changes! The purpose of these adjustments are to make information easier to access for new and returning members. We've also been looking into more search features to make information even more at your fingertips. We hope to have this implemented soon. If you have any questions or comments about any changes on social media, please contact me at noahg@tlcmonticello.org. Stay tuned for more information in the months to come!

RIVERFEST PARADE

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

Help us with our "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



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

Contact Jan Hopkins—763-587-8090 or janrhopkins@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.



Children & Youth Summer Activities



Are your kids ready to have fun and grow in their faith? Register your child or grandchild(ren) for 4 days of 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 maybe even 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 through July 22. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or online through our [Youth and Kids](#) page.



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. Please pray for our group of 13 young people and 4 chaperones as they spend four days canoeing and camping. Pray that they would be safe and connect with our creator.

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 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.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- July 20 — Mini Golf — 11:00 am to 1:30 pm — Approximate cost \$10+
- August 17 — River Canoe Day Trip



Social Ministry

Summer Programs

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 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays 10:00-5:00 pm. Thank you to members and friends for our donations.

CentraCare Home Delivered Meals — July is Trinity’s Volunteer Month

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver meals. As a reminder for those who signed up, the schedule is included below. Meals need to be picked up from the Monticello Care Center at 11:00 am and delivered immediately to the individuals on your list. CentraCare will give you specific instructions with names and addresses.



TUESDAY, JULY 5		
EAST ROUTE	DRIVER	Sherie Danner
	DELIVERY	Ellen Bjornlie
WEST ROUTE	DRIVER	Marty Mardaus
	DELIVERY	Jan Hopkins
MONDAY, JULY 11		
EAST ROUTE	DRIVER	LeAnn Nordberg
	DELIVERY	Sherie Danner
WEST ROUTE	DRIVER	Jared Klatt
	DELIVERY	Amy, Leo, and Oliver Klatt
MONDAY, JULY 18		
EAST ROUTE	DRIVER	Carol Klatt
	DELIVERY	Roger Klatt
WEST ROUTE	DRIVER	Marty Mardaus
	DELIVERY	Steve Stupar
MONDAY, JULY 25		
EAST ROUTE	DRIVER	Pete Stupar
	DELIVERY	Karen Stupar
WEST ROUTE	DRIVER	Woody Haaland
	DELIVERY	Shirley Haaland

Worship & Music Committee

Freedom in Christ Celebration - July 3

Join us for worship on Sunday, July 3 as we celebrate our freedom in Christ. The service will include a special presentation to honor Trinity members who have served in the military. Plan to stay for coffee, treats, and fellowship after worship.



**JULY 10
SUNDAE
SUNDAY**

ALL CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP EVENT
Plan to stay after worship on
Sunday, July 10
Ice cream sundaes
Fun and games for all ages
Casual dress — All are invited!

CHURCH
at the Park

SUNDAY, JULY 17 9:00 AM
ELLISON PARK

Join our community for worship on Sunday, July 17 at 9:00 am at Ellison Park. Several Monticello congregations, their pastors and worship leaders will come together to create a very special worship experience for all ages. Bring a lawn chair, water bottle, sunblock, and bug spray. Please note that this service WILL replace Trinity's 9:00 am Sunday service on this day. Trinity will NOT have an indoor service. Hope to see you at the park!

July Worship Assistants

DATE	MUSICIAN	READER	USHER(S)	GREETER(S)	TECH & TECH ASST
July 3	Amy Klatt	Susan Solli	Tanya Horst/Gary Nelson	Dave/Audrey Murray	Jason / Steve Stupar
July 10	Candy Johnson	Sherie Danner	Ellen B/LeAnn N	Rod & Jeanne Pettit	Jason / TBD
July 17			OUTDOOR SERVICE		
July 24	Harry Walsh	Tom Anderson	Karen Stupar & Judy Harn	Linda Anderson	Jason / TBD
July 31		Marty Mardaus	Sherie, Ellen, LeAnn, Judy	Marty & Lyn Mardaus	Jason/ TBD



July 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 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	2
3 Freedom in Christ Sunday/ Pentecost 4/Communion 9:00a Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Social Min) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	4 Office Closed  INDEPENDENCE Day	5 9:00a Counting Team 11:00a Home Delivered Meals	6 9:00 am Gardening	7	8 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia Boundary Waters Canoe Trip-July 8-12 Leave 8:30 am	9 8:00a-4p Private Party - FH Rental	
10 Pentecost 5/Sundae Sunday/ Casual Dress 9:00a Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Ice Cream, Fun & Games (Decorating) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	11 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team 11:00a Home Delivered Meals 5:30p Finance Committee	12 7:00p Council	13 9:00 am Gardening	14	15 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia 10:00-12:00 Decorate float	16	
17 Pentecost 6/Communion/ Synod Offering 9:00a Community Worship at Ellison Park (No indoor service at Trinity) 10:00-12:00 Riverfest Parade 2:00p Iglesia Worship	18 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team 11:00a Home Delivered Meals Newsletter articles due	19	20 9:00 am Gardening 11:00-1:30p Mini Golf for Teens—20s	21	22 Office Closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	23	
24 Pentecost 7 9:00a & Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Swensons) 2:00p Iglesia Worship	25 Office Off-site 9:00a Counting Team 11:00a Home Delivered Meals 6:00-8p VBS	26 6:00-8p VBS	27 9:00 am Gardening 6:00-8p VBS	28 7:00p Property 6:00-8p VBS	29 Office closed 5:30-8p Iglesia	30 Wedding— off-site/PA	
31 Pentecost 8 9:00a & Sanctuary & Livestream Worship 10:00a Coffee Social (Arlys/ Mary)2:00p Iglesia Worship							

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

Trinity Tidbits

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.



7/2 Addison Kiphuth	7/11 Jason Chalupnik	7/19 AJ Koch
7/5 John Larson	7/14 Dan Dehmer	7/21 Joanna Orre
7/7 Candy Johnson	7/14 Linda Ray	7/22 Mark Mongeon
7/8 Marilyn Stickfort	7/14 Caryn Wallin	7/31 Sean Miller
7/9 Erv Ehrman	7/15 Alivia Voss	7/31 Doug Voss
7/9 Alec Pemberton	7/18 Shana Brenny	



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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 with **Simply Giving**. Ask for the form.

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



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Trinity YouTube Channel		Trinity Lutheran Monticello
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Pastor Amy Chalupnik		612-282-2275 cell
Karen Torbit, Office Asst		443-791-2054 cell
Noah Gruhlke, Media		noahg@tlcmonticello.org
Jason Chalupnik, Tech		worshiptech@tlcmonticello.org

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday thru Thursday 10am-5pm