

The

Parish Perspective

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Vacation Bible School

VBS 2019

Who always wins?
God always wins!



We had a lot of fun being on Team Jesus.



Thanks to all who came to "tailgate" with the kids.



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make VBS a success!

2 Bears, Balls, and... Mission

5 Rummage and Bake Sale

14 Fall Craft Boutique

Two teens are huddled around the ever-popular claw game. For reasons beyond most adult imagination, the square glass box filled with latex balls and stuffed animals has beckoned to them since they passed it on their way to a family meal of everything from French toast to burgers with blue-cheese. At 50 cents a try, almost everyone can afford to play a round or two. It calls to many who pass by—especially those positive people willing to take a chance. Most donate, as the three-pronged claw drops down at the click of a button and grasps at nothing. The spikey balls are almost too big for the claw. Most of the bears are buried under the balls. Yet for those with determination, it is worthy cause, definitely worth a try—or five—as they pool their quarters for a shot at a prize.

The soft teddy bears “dressed” in a tiny Vikings helmets and felt jerseys are too cute for words. There is meaning in obtaining a bear; the teens had been to a Vikings game and completely enjoyed the experience. So, in go the quarters, and the machine roars to life. The claw, directed by steady but novice hands, moves toward its desired prize. Times up, and it drops. The claw returns empty. Maybe a ball moved slightly—it’s hard to tell. Same with the second try, except this time they caught

the fluffy hand of the desired bear. The Vikings bear turns slightly, and it seems to be smiling at them. You can do it. You can figure it out. Please figure it out. The colorful balls might be easier to obtain, but they do not have much value to teens. Why would they want them? They do not “waste” their precious dollars. A third and fourth attempt rewards the teens as the bear is now tipped rather sideways; if only the claw could grasp the torso of the bear then perhaps, they could dislodge it.

They are thinking strategically now, energized by the movement and small successes. One is near the back of the machine verbally directing the joystick operator how to move—“back about halfway, nope, too much, forward a tiny bit, over to the left about 2 inches, yes

that’s it, looks about right, DROP!”—while the other does as instructed, even though from his angle it doesn’t look quite possible. They are working together, trusting each other. The bear is squarely within the grasp of the claw and it is lifted up through the balls. Gleeful teens squeal in anticipation. They silently offer a prayer—and hold their breath as not to disturb the work of the claw. Yes, yes, yes! Under their breath, “C’mon! C’mon!” But success is short-lived. The bear is out only halfway when the claw loses its grip. The legs are trapped in a mess of rubber balls. Oh well, the teens spend the last two quarters on a ball. At least they walk away with something. Having worked

together so well, even in disappoint and “failure,” going for the purple ball with the Vikings emblem on it is only too easy. The claw drops and grabs the ball. Despite the jerky machine movements—over, over, over—the claw deposits the pretty ball in the corner pocket. They reach for their prize. Still slightly saddened over having to “settle,” but smiling over the one win, they return to the table to show off their Vikings ball.

But their grandpa had been silently watching from afar. They had not

even noticed him there, but he showed them the pictures he had taken from a distance. Grandpa indulges them, as does one of the boys’ mom. There is newfound hope as they return with a handful of dollars that they quickly exchange for coins.

Time passes and the adults finish dinner also. Suddenly one of the boys rushes back, holding up the bear! Success! An audible cheer goes up from the awaiting adults! The other boy appears, struggling to hold onto what seemed like dozens more of the plastic balls! Yes, balls. Purple, white, and yellow... and... a second bear (!), this one dressed as a cheerleader. What happened?!

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Coming Up Next?

RALLY SUNDAY - September 8



Sunday, September 8 marks the official kickoff of the program year at Trinity. After a fantastic VBS, there's a lot of excitement for 2019-20 year. Students *of all ages* are invited and encouraged to come to worship at 9:00 am with your school backpack for a special **"Blessing of Backpacks"**. Teachers, admins, lunch staff, & paras can bring their bags also!

Trinity offers Sunday Church School (SCS) weekly for children from age 3 through 6th grade.

Register your child now for 9 months of fun and faith development. SCS follows worship.

Register Sunday, September 8 and then stay to have breakfast with your family. It's a youth fundraiser!

Classes start on Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 am.

"Trying to grab the bear by itself was taking a long time—and wasting a lot of money. We decided that we'd have to be more savvy. We talked about it; and we came up with a strategy: go after the balls *around* the bear—the balls holding down the bears legs. Even though they weren't what we wanted really, if we 'win' those balls—then ball by ball, the bear itself would become more obtainable." (Ah!) And the second bear? How did that happen?

"Well, we got quite good at the game with all that practice. With so many balls out, another 'girl bear' appeared among the other toys. We talked about it, because that wasn't our plan, but it didn't take us long to figure we could win that one too. So, we did that too! We won this one, for my sister."

A two-minute game turned into five-minute pursuit, turned into a memorable twelve-minute quest. Three happy kids and a friendship that continues—because they worked together for a cause, faced the challenges with perseverance, strategized and adapted, and won.

Made me think of Trinity. In the three months I have served Trinity, I have wondered often: What are we playing for? What IS God's vision for Trinity? From the moment I was called to TLC, I started to pray about this. I invite you to do the same. And now, as the new program year begins—with Sunday School, and Confirmation, and some new adult opportunities—I also ask you to take a chance, make a patient investment of time, finances and energy, and do

some revisioning.

Yes, the claw game made me think of Trinity and how God is beckoning to us—inviting us to participate with God in mission. Inviting us to look to Jesus. Inviting us to honestly see the opportunities and identify the snags—what's keeping us trapped. Inviting some of us

to go around the box and see things differently—maybe more accurately and more helpful than from the angle we have

been. Encouraging us to adjust our strategies. Giving us patience; giving us energy to keep working at it. I believe God has great things in mind for this community. I believe God knows about the even greater good that exists just beyond our reach or that is buried under things we can see.

That old hymn comes to mind: Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. *Our* vision? *Our communal* heart?

Let us consider what the future can hold! Where is Trinity Lutheran going (vision – big goal, looking to the future) and what do we need to get there (mission)?!

This cannot be my vision alone, so I will be surveying all worshippers. Your leadership wants to hear from you. What do you see? What do you dream? What has God called us to be? What are you willing to abandon for your church, for those God will draw into our midst?

Watch your email for a survey by month end.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Greetings & Thanks

Technically summer continues for much of September, but for many of us, Labor Day marks the end of long summer days and weekends at the lake. It was definitely a busy and wonderful summer at Trinity!

I need to start out by **giving thanks** to many people*, including:

- Thanks to everyone who helped with the River Fest Parade and float.
- Thanks to everyone that made VBS a success -- I heard it was wonderful.
- Thanks to everyone who will be working at our annual Rummage Sale on September 25, 26, and 27.
- Thanks to so many who trimmed bushes or weeded.

If I forgot anyone my apologies. Be sure to let me know so I can give thanks in writing next month.

Installation Sunday

Sunday, **September 29, 2019** will be a **BIG DAY** at Trinity! This will be **Installation Day** for Pastor Amy, as we move forward with new pastoral leadership.

Pastor John Hulden from the Minneapolis Area Synod will be joining us for this day and offering both the main Message and the Kid's Message. Other special guests will be present and participating in the worship as well.

We will be celebrating Pastor Amy with a Potluck after service. Please bring a dish to share—your favorite main dish, veggies, salads, breads, and appetizers are all good. We will have two large congratulations sheet cakes as well.

While we eat, we are delighted to have a small local musical group adding fun 50s and 60s background music.



A Vision for Trinity 2020

The last item on my list is a **Vision Statement**. Where is God leading us? What is God's purpose for our church? We would like to articulate a vision for Trinity and it starts with all of us as one team. Please come up with a sentence or two of thoughts for a vision. Pastor Amy will be sending out a survey as well for some input.

Trinity welcomes Rev. John Hulden, Assistant to MAS Bishop, to preach September 29



Pastor John Hulden joined the Minneapolis Area Synod staff as Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership Support on December 1, 2012. Before that, he served for 16 years at Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN and worked in the areas of justice, evangelism, small groups and children/youth/and family. While at Trinity, John created a program to support first call pastors and their congregations in both the Northwestern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota Synods.

After graduating from Luther Seminary in 1987, John began his first call into parish ministry at a small congregation on the east side of St. Paul. In the course of his 10 years on the east side, his call grew from a one congregation to two, and finally to a three-point parish. While serving the three congregations, John initiated youth ministry and outreach programs in the working-class neighborhoods, including Summer Program for Kids, Music on the Blacktop, and Worship in the Park. Trained

in congregational-based organizing, he also worked as a conflict mediator for the Saint Paul Area Synod.

John grew up in four US time zones, fell in love with his wife Becky at Concordia College, and loves to go back to Northwest Montana any chance he gets.

Trinity Lutheran Women

Rummage Sale September 25, 26 & 27

Fall cleaning? Bought new school clothes?
Just don't use that kitchen gadget you received?
Hung up your dancing shoes or soccer cleats?

DONATE YOUR GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR THE SALE

Reduce, Re-use, Re-purpose

Clothing—all sizes and styles, children's clothes, workwear or business casual attire

Household items—small electric appliances and tools, small furniture, and sports equipment

Please NO electronics and NO upholstery.

Children's goods—toys, puzzles, books, sport equipment

Mark your calendar and start saving your items!
Start bringing in your items on Sunday, September 22.



DONATE YOUR TIME FOR THE SALE—VOLUNTEER

SET-UP tables on Sunday, September 22 following worship
SET-UP and organize donations on Monday and Tuesday, Sept 23-24

WORK DURING THE SALE Wednesday through Friday, Sept 25-27

CLEAN-UP and BOX UP after the sale at 12 noon on Friday, Sept 27

Sign-up in the lobby or narthex area at the TLW table.



Sale Hours

Wednesday 12 to 6 pm

Thursday 9 am to 6 pm

Friday 9 am to noon

Back by popular demand, homegrown and home baked goods will be part of the rummage sale.

GENERAL STORE

Bake Sale

SEPTEMBER 25-27

DONATE HOMEMADE GOODS

Baked Goods —muffins, coffee cake, breads, rolls, bars, cookies (or candy)

Garden or farm produce

Home canned goods—jams, jellies, beans, pickles, beets, you name it (!)

*Please bring these specialty items to church on Tuesday, September 24 (9am to 5pm) or Wednesday, September 25 (9am to 12noon). Refrigerate as needed.
Thank you bakers & home cooks!*

TLC Happenings

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY September 22, 2019

If you have been involved at Trinity for a while, in worship or through Vacation Bible School or perhaps the Men's group, we hope you will consider becoming an official part of our faith community. Participating and supporting your congregation can be a richly rewarding experience, and is a great way to display your commitment to Jesus Christ and to his church on earth. Trinity is a worshipping community which offers a number of opportunities to fulfill our calling to love and serve as Christ did.

We will have a **prospective member "Get Acquainted" meeting on Sunday, September 15, 10:00 am in the Library.** We will get to know one another and provide information about the congregation and its programs.

We will welcome new members into our congregation during the worship service on Sunday, September 22.

Contact the church office if you plan to attend, or to learn more. Please call 763-295-2092, or email office@tlcmonticello.org.



Fall is a great time to start collecting spare change, to bless someone at Christmas time. Start a jar today.

2019 CHRISTMAS JARS

For a number of years, our youth have been surprising random Monticello residents with the no-strings-attached gift of a coin-filled jar—and little act of kindness that may provide a toy for a child or a special meal for a family at Christmas time.

The concept is simple. Use a pickle jar, peanut butter jar, mason jar or similar, to collect spare change. As a family or individual, commit to adding to the jar every evening when you empty your pockets. Each time you drop your change in the jar, let it be a reminder of the anticipation, excitement, and joy your gift may be bring. Like excitedly waiting for Jesus! This is one way our youth can be the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing and blessing someone else without any expectations.

In December, our Club 3:16 youth group will go out in the community and randomly select people to receive a jar. A small card accompanies the jar to explain the gift, from you - Trinity Lutheran Church.

A limited number of decorated jars are on the welcome desk. Take one home today! Feel free to borrow the one copy of the book that inspired this project - *The Christmas Jar* by Jason Wright. Read it and return it when you're finished.



STUDENTS of all ages - please remember to bring your backpacks and/or lunch boxes on September 8 for a special blessing.

You are special to God. You are loved by God. You are valued by Trinity.

Begin another year of school with prayer and thanksgiving.

September 2019 Calendar

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Sunday	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 Social Ministry Mtg 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	2 OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY	3 9:00 Bible Study 2:00 Welcome/ Outreach 5:30 Refit Class	4 9:00 Faithfully Fit	5 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Trinity Choir	6 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	7 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
8 RALLY SUNDAY 9:00 Worship with Backpack Blessing 10:00 Fellowship/ Sunday Church School 10:00—11:30 Youth Breakfast 10:30 Worship/Music Mtg 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	9 5:00 Finance 5:30 Refit Class	10 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Refit Class 7:00 Church Council	11 9:00 Faithfully Fit	12 <i>12:00 Pastor Conference Meeting (offsite)</i> <i>12:00 Monti Ministerium Meeting (offsite)</i> 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Choir	13 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	14 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
15 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion 10:00 Fellowship/ Sunday Church School 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	16 5:30 Refit Class	17 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Refit Class	18 9:00 Faithfully Fit	19 5:30 Refit Class 6:00 Choir	20 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	21 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
22 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship/ Sunday Church School 10:00 Fall Boutique Mtg 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service 7:00 Confirmation Parent Night (meal at 6:30 pm)	23 5:30 Refit Class <i>Pastor Amy at MplsArea Synod Conference</i> Set Up for Rummage Sale	24 9:00 Bible Study 5:30 Refit Class 6:30 Property Set Up for Rummage Sale	25 Trinity Women's Rummage Sale 12:00- 6:00pm 7:00 Confirmation	26 Trinity Rummage Sale 9:00am-6:00pm 6:00 Trinity Choir	27 Trinity Rummage Sale 9:00am-noon 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00 Refit Class 5:00 Iglesia Shalom Service
29 9:00 Worship with Holy Communion Pastor Amy's Installation 10:00 Potluck following service 2:00 Iglesia Shalom Service	30 5:30 Refit Class	<i>October 1</i>	<i>October 2</i>	<i>October 3</i>	<i>October 4</i>	<i>October 5</i> Global Missions Weekend
<p>THANK YOU</p> <p><i>Thanks to all the awesome Trinity volunteers who packed lunches and snacks for the summer program, Kids Kitchen.</i></p> <p><i>Hope you had fun!</i></p> <p>We LOVE all our volunteers!</p>						

Children, Youth, and Family



What do YOU want?!!

LISTENING EVENT

OCTOBER 9 @ 8:15pm

Parents and youth ages 12-18+ are invited to attend an evening of BRAINSTORMING and DREAMING!

What do you WANT for the Youth and Family programming at TLC? We will talk about the various possibilities for Confirmation and beyond. What unique experiences might our older youth find meaningful? Service/mission trip? Ice cream social? Camp?

COME add your voice and help make a program that will make a difference! There will be snacks!

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is a dedicated time of Biblical and theological learning, faith exploration, reflection.

The program is for anyone in grades 7, 8, or 9.

This Confirmation instructional time is:

- a time to learn how to pray and to worship, to read and explore,
- a time to ask questions (What? Why? How? **What does this mean to me and my life?**),
- a time to learn how to care for God's people in the world and to use your gifts (talents, skills) for the good of God's world, and
- a time to reflect upon your relationship with God personally and through the Christian community (at Trinity, and within the larger Christian church – wherever you go).

What does one learn about in Confirmation?

It is hoped that students learn:

- what it means to be God's child,
- what it means to have the faith of the Christian church,
- the 3 church creeds, and great Bible stories.

CLASSES RESUME THIS MONTH

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 7-8:15 pm

ORIENTATION - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 7:00 pm

God bless our Sunday Church School teachers and helpers. Thank you all.



Youth Breakfast Rally Sunday - September 8 10 am – 11:30 am

(Menu to be determined. It's a surprise and guaranteed to be yummy!)

Let us cook and serve YOU
while YOU sit back, relax and
ENJOY!

*****FREE WILL OFFERING APPRECIATED!*****



Worship and Music

Calling all Singers! Instrumentalists, too!

Love to sing? Looking for a place to belong? Consider joining the choir. Trinity is blessed to have a vocal choir leading our singing during the year, and the Trinity Choir is open to all. Raise your voice to praise God in the choir! You don't even need to read music (although it helps). Rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary space.

Weekly rehearsals begin Thursday, September 5, at 6:00 pm.

The choir regularly performs during worship on the fourth Sunday of the month, and for other special occasions.

Do you play an instrument like flute, violin, or oboe? We would love to have you join us as an accompanist from time to time!!

Our Wellspring group will continue to lead worship on the first Sunday of each month. This group is looking for a percussionist and a guitarist or two, as well as a jazz keyboardist. Is that you?



Wellspring 2019



OPTIONAL MUSIC TIME FAMILIES WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Most Sunday mornings during the school year, when music educator Amy Klatt is not playing piano for the Wellspring service, she will take the children downstairs to the Opening Room to teach the children songs they may later sing for the congregation.

It is your option to keep your children in church, or send them downstairs for music. Amy will bring the children back to the service during the hymn that follows the sermon.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	USHERS	LECTORS	GREETERS
September 1	Steve/Janet Bromberg	Janet Bromberg	Karen Stupar
September 8	Ketzel/Deb Domke	Ketzel Domke	Dave & Audrey Murray
September 15	Phil/Ollie White	Steve Fuchs	LeAnn Nordberg
September 22			Jackie Fallon
September 29	Council Members	Council	Judy Harn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these members, friends, family members, and community residents in your prayers this month.

Karen Wickline
Ki Orre
Marilee Heuchert
Barb Thorpe
James Given
Nancy Axelson

Joan Rohloff
Lance Gubrud
David Grimes
Darla Berry
Sara Freiday
Jack Hansen

Rebecca Florek
Loyal Dudley
Jim Thorpe
Buddy Kalpin
Larry Peterson
Lois (Steve's Mom)

Becky Grabski
Denny Holker
Mary Zieman
Gene Decke
Natalie Myrick
Tom Merchlewicz



NEW TEACHER BAGS

Trinity Lutheran helped stuff the "welcome new teachers" bags distributed to within the Monticello School District! Trinity donated new ballpoint pens purchased by the Welcome and Outreach Committee. The pens say "Trinity Lutheran" and were also given away during Walk 'n' Roll this summer.

Thanks to Ellen Bjorlie for driving our donation to the sorting site.



GARDEN EXCHANGE

Have extra garden produce to share? Tomato yields extra abundant this year with all the rain? Please consider bringing those big zucchini or bucket o' beans or carrots to spare (or whatever you harvest) to church to share with other worshippers who may no longer have a garden or could use some fresh homegrown goodness.

Sundays in September, as available.



GLOBAL MISSIONS WEEKEND

OCTOBER 5-6

Trinity celebrates the work of God throughout the world. Our congregation participates with these efforts in various ways, including through our monthly benevolence giving, and some social ministry projects like Operation Christmas Child.

SUNDAY—the Wellspring worship music team leads us in wonderful ethnic-sourced music. The Scripture lessons will be read in other languages.

***NEW* SATURDAY**—food packing event at Feed My Starving Children (Coon Rapids)

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

HELP WANTED

Seeking capable volunteer(s) for weekly Communications assistance at Trinity. Primarily proofing weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter. Some graphics work. Must be detail-oriented. Excellent resume building opportunity for high school or college student.

If interested, call Pastor Amy in the church office 763-295-2092.

Trinity Tidbits

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jackie Fallon and her mother for the special music shared with the Trinity community during worship on Sunday, August 18. A unique musical offering, Jackie played the oboe, accompanied by Sharon Klasse, while the offering plates were passed through the pews. *Missed it? See the pic to the right. Darlene Solberg also has a recording of the morning.*



Remember monthly Benevolence Sunday

Trinity has designated the first Sunday of each month as “Benevolence Sunday” when we take a special offering to support our synod benevolence. This offering is *in addition to* the standard plates or baskets, and is often collected in globe-shaped bowls—to show that the funds will be “sent forth” to do God’s work throughout the church and world.

What is benevolence?

As members of the ELCA, we do *mission together* through our financial giving. We do God’s work in ways that no individual congregation or synod can do alone. “Mission” is a broad term used to describe all the ministries of this church, including those involving ELCA missionaries who work with our Lutheran partners around the world and ELCA World Hunger. “Support” is the portion of members’ offerings that makes all ELCA ministries possible, here at home and abroad.

If God has blessed you, please consider bringing some extra cash with you the first Sunday of the month for benevolence—in the globe bowls—during the offering collection. Denote “benev” on any checks. Thank you.



Food Shelf Needs—Focus on Freshness

Give thanks for your meals and give to those without.

Back to School time again! Please donate items needed for good nutrition.

During the school year, children need a good nutritious breakfast and snacks for snack time. Consider filling the barrel by the TLC stairs with cereal, fruit juices, fruit snacks, raisins, trail mix, pretzels, granola bars, etc. There is always need for diapers of all sizes. Or simply write a check and place it in a pew envelope marked Food Shelf, or send a check directly to the food shelf at: Monticello Help Center—Food Shelf, PO Box 1220, Monticello, MN 55362. The food shelf can buy a lot of food with money donated. For example, a \$10 cash donation will buy seven meals worth of food for a hurting or struggling family.

The children of Monticello and the Social Ministry Committee thank you for your generosity.

For a number of years, Trinity has been sharing Christmas joy with kids around the world by packing shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's purse. You can participate too, in a variety of ways. One easy way: donate items to fill shoe boxes.

Since there are always lots of donations for babies and toddlers, Trinity has chosen to only collect for 5-14 year olds.



Find new, unused (and small!) items at dollar stores, Goodwill, local shops, or big box retail.

Some suggested items:

Doll and doll clothes, Soccer ball, Foam ball, Baseball, Stuffed animal, Small musical instrument (harmonica, woodwind recorder), Small notebooks and crayons, Compact mirror, Pencils and small manual pencil sharpener, Solar powered calculator, Coloring books. Personal note or family picture.

DO NOT INCLUDE: Candy, Gum, Toothpaste, used items, war-related items (toy guns, figures), Liquids of any kind.

If you wish to participate, we're wrapping shoeboxes this year. Ask your friends and coworkers for help. (Please remember all items must be able to fit into a shoebox.)



R U Crafty? Operation Christmas Child has many ideas for crafts and easy projects suitable for kids and adults. **Shoe Boxes go to ages 5-14.**

Craft Nights for Operation Christmas Child



Wednesday, Sept 11 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept 25 6:30 pm

Bring crafting supplies: scissors, glue, rulers, needle and thread, etc.

We will make an assortment of crafts—some only for the adults and some suitable for 6 year olds and older kids. Bring your crafty imagination. If you have a great idea for a craft, drop it off at the social ministry table on Sunday!

We will have a dessert after craft time.

(Pics from the August craft night)



I grew up during the communist regime in Romania. There was a cloud of gloom and sadness in the country. The atmosphere was very cold and unwelcoming. People focused all their energy on their jobs and sometimes overlooked their children.

Sometimes my dad worked two jobs. He worked hard, and our basic needs were met, but we didn't have anything extra. My sister and I didn't usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas.

Even though it was forbidden to talk about God, I grew up in a family that loved Jesus and went to church. But I was looked down upon for my faith. At school I was often ridiculed and bullied—it wasn't easy for me.



Tania and the School Supplies

When I was 10 years old I participated in a Christmas Eve program at church. After the program, the children were surprised with shoebox gifts. We were thrilled to receive the boxes. I saw so much joy and excitement in the room. I was deeply appreciative of the gift. We had to wait and open the shoeboxes when we got home. Our house was a 30-minute walk from the church, and we had to walk in the snow.

When I opened my shoebox, I saw an explosion of color—plastic jewelry, a new hat, and scarves. My favorite items were school supplies. I received colorful pens, a notebook, and colored pencils. As a child, I really loved going to school. I loved reading and writing. But school supplies were not readily available at that time. We only received a few pencils and they needed to last a long time. So, anything extra, or anything colorful, really meant a lot to me.

We were told that the shoeboxes were packed by other Christians. I learned that there are people who love Jesus Christ enough to give special gifts to children they haven't even met. I felt valued and loved, and this helped me to have a deeper walk with the Lord.

“My sister and I didn't usually receive gifts, even at birthdays or Christmas.

Through a shoebox, I learned that there are people who love Jesus enough to give special gifts to children they haven't even met.”

I moved to the United States in 2003, and I'm now a special education teacher at a high school. Every year I pack shoeboxes with my husband and children. Packing shoeboxes has become a treasured family tradition. I want my children to understand that many children around the world do not have as much as they do. I want to teach my children to be cheerful givers. We must give abundantly in order to bless others in the way we have been blessed.

FOR SALE: SOCCER BALLS & PUMPS

We like to send soccer balls and pumps in our shoeboxes because that gift is for many children not just one. One ball start a friendship. One ball can serve a whole school!

Buy a Soccer Ball and pump to put in a shoebox for a lucky boy or girl. Only \$10 each! Social Ministry will start their soccer ball sales on Rally Sunday, September 8.



Sixth Annual Fall Boutique

Calling all Crafters and Vendors:

We're looking for homemade crafters and direct sales vendors for Trinity Lutheran's 6th Annual Fall Boutique.



FINAL PLANNING MEETING

for the Fall
Boutique

**Sunday,
September 22
10:00 am**

Anyone
interested in
helping with the
boutique is
invited to attend

Contact Jackie
Fallon if you are
unable to attend

Seller's \$50 paid registration includes:

- 8' x 10' space (\$5 extra for electricity)
- Helping hands for loading and unloading
- Boutique game with attractive prizes
- Facebook and local signage promoting the event

Email tlccraftfair@gmail.com for the registration paperwork

Join us for a fun and successful boutique!



CASH DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR FALL BOUTIQUE

We request your donation of money to buy Scrip Cards for the Fall Boutique. The gift cards will be used for prizes in a game that shoppers play for a donation of \$10.00. The goal is to have $100 \times 10 = \$1,000$ for Trinity! This is in addition to the proceeds to Trinity from purchasing cards through Scrip.

The players have a chance to win a prize for at least the value of \$10.00.

Please see Ketzell or Jan with your donation of money and make sure you say it's for the "Fall Boutique".

Sixth Annual Fall Boutique

Terms and Conditions

Booths are rented on a first come, first serve basis; upon receipt of mailed registration and payment. No email confirmations will be sent until payment is received. **We reserve the right to limit the number of same/similar products and/or particular category (i.e. jewelry).** If you are not accepted, your payment will be returned.

You may not sell any type of alcoholic beverages of any kind, or any products that are deemed inappropriate for our craft fair.

Setup begins at 7:00 a.m. on November 9, 2019.

Participants must provide their own tables and chair to fit the space. A limited number of 8' tables are available.

Participants are responsible for the setup, take down, and clean-up of the assigned booth area, including garbage and tape.

You will not be allowed to move booth locations once a booth has been assigned. No exceptions.

Cancellation Policy: Any participant who cancels on or before October 27, 2019 will be refunded, minus a cancellation Fee of \$10.00; there will be no refunds after October 27, 2019.

Confirmations will be emailed.

Contact—tlccraftfair@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM – FALL BOUTIQUE WITH TLC – NOVEMBER 9, 2019

Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone: Home _____ Mobile _____

E-mail: _____

Brief Description of Product(s): _____

Type of Products:

_____ Fine Art _____ Handmade _____ Jewelry _____ Crafts _____ Clothing

_____ Wood Works _____ Pottery _____ Candles _____ Toys _____ Basketry

_____ Glass _____ Other: _____

Electricity is available for an additional fee of \$5.00. Please bring extension cords and duct tape to secure your cord to the floor for safety.

_____ Yes, I would like electrical access and will bring extension cords and tape.

_____ No, I will not need electricity.

Additional booth requests / special accommodation needs? _____

Table (circle): YES or NO

I have included payment for the registration fee and have read and understand the terms and conditions of the Fair. Trinity Lutheran Church accepts no responsibility for any injury, theft, or mishap that occurs during this activity. I agree to the above and all provisions on the enclosed Terms and Conditions.

Dated: _____ Signed: _____

Fees Included:

Booth \$50 x _____ = \$ _____

Electrical Fee \$5 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Mail Payment / Registration: Jackie Fallon, 5537 108TH Avenue, Clear Lake MN 55319.

Drop Off Payment / Registration: Trinity Lutheran Church, 449 W. Broadway St., Monticello.

***** Checks payable to: "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" *****

Trinity Lutheran Church
449 W Broadway St.
Monticello, MN 55362

Bible Verse of the Month

1Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Mark your calendars!

Join us for **Rally Sunday** September 8, 2019

Worship at 9:00am

"Blessing of Backpacks"

Sunday School Registration in the lobby

Youth Breakfast for Rally Sunday

(Serving from 10:00 to 11:30am)

Classes will start September 15



Inviting People ... Igniting Passion ... Exciting Believers