

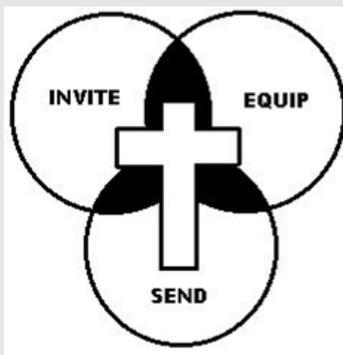
NEWSLETTER

PASTOR MIKE'S MASH

““The kingdom of God is like...” Have you ever noticed how often Jesus uses that phrase to try to describe God’s kingdom in every day images we can understand? Jesus told his first century disciples and all the disciples who have come since, that God’s kingdom is like: a buried treasure; a fishing net; a tiny mustard seed; a beautiful jewel, an incredible act of forgiveness; a lavish party, and the list goes on and on. The point of all these “kingdom” parables is to show us that the kingdom and the work we have been called to do in that kingdom isn’t off in the distance somewhere, but here. Now.

In Philippians, the apostle Paul writes: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone for the Lord is near.” (Philippians 4:4-5) I believe this verse (and the ones that follow) are Paul’s way of telling the early church that they are the expression of God’s love for the world in their attitude, their giving, and in their service. It was through the efforts of their hands, hearts and voices that others could come to know the “nearness” of God in their lives. In this age and in this time, it is through our attitude, our giving, our service and our hands that God continues to be made known to the world around us. We need the help of every member to get this joyous work done.

The material below is this year's Time & Talent sheets. We ask that you please fill them out and return them to the church office. In doing so, you will help us to better plan the ministries we hope to accomplish and you will let us know we can count on you to make it happen!



If you have been around here long enough, you will recognize, at least, the concept of our Time & Talent sheets, if not this version of it. And, if you've been around here long enough, you might even offer the critique, "I've quit filling these out and turning them in because I never get called." Point and critique well taken! (Here's just another reminder that our response to being a part of God's joy-filled kingdom is still lived and carried out by fallible human beings--or, NOT lived and carried out, as the case may be.) Nonetheless, we want to... We NEED to try and to keep trying to be the responsive, joy-filled people God has created us to be!

"The kingdom of God is like" you, me, all of us together. God's work. ALL of our hands.

—Pastor Mike

A Faith 5 (SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS) Stewardship Moment—Before working on your Time & Talent sheet, sit down and work your way through this resource.

SHARE—Either as a conversation with another person, or simply as a “written” exercise...

- One spiritual gift or talent I have seen others offer in and through the life of our congregation and really appreciate is...
- One spiritual gift or talent that people have told me I have to offer is...
- One of the most fulfilling ways I have been able to serve God by serving others through my congregation is...

READ—1 Corinthians 12:4-27

[The apostle Paul writes:] 4 There are different kinds of gifts. But it is the same Holy Spirit Who gives them. 5 There are different kinds of work to be done for Him. But the work is for the same Lord. 6 There are different ways of doing His work. But it is the same God who uses all these ways in all people. 7 The Holy Spirit works in each person in one way or another for the good of all. 8 One person is given the gift of teaching words of wisdom. Another person is given the gift of teaching what he has learned and knows. These gifts are by the same Holy Spirit. 9 One person receives the gift of faith. Another person receives the gifts of healing. These gifts are given by the same Holy Spirit. 10 One person is given the gift of doing powerful works. Another person is given the gift of speaking God's Word. Another person is given the gift of telling the difference between the Holy Spirit and false spirits. Another person is given the gift of speaking in special sounds. Another person is given the gift of telling what these special sounds mean. 11 But it is the same Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God, Who does all these things. He gives to each person as He wants to give.

12 Our own body has many parts. When all these many parts are put together, they are only one body. The body of Christ is like this. 13 It is the same way with us. Jews or those who are not Jews, men who are owned by someone or men who are free to do what they want to do, have all been baptized into the one body by the same Holy Spirit. We have all received the one Spirit.

14 The body is not one part, but many parts. 15 If the foot should say, “I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand,” that would not stop it from being a part of the body. 16 If the ear should say, “I am not a part of the body because I am not an eye,” that would not stop it from being a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye how would it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how would it smell? 18 But God has put all the parts into the body just as He wants to have them. 19 If all the parts were the same, it could not be a body. 20 But now there are many parts, but one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you.” Or the head cannot say to the feet, “I do not need you.” 22 Some of the parts we think are weak and not important are very important. 23 We take good care of and cover with clothes the parts of the body that look less important. The parts which do not look beautiful have an important work to do. 24 The parts that can be seen do not need as much care. God has made the body so more care is given to the parts that need it most. 25 This is so the body will not be divided into parts. All the parts care for each other. 26 If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it. If one part is given special care, the other parts are happy.

TALK—Either as a conversation with another person, or simply as a “written” exercise...

- TO WHAT does Paul compare the church with all its differing gifts and talents?
- Have you ever dealt with an injury in your own body? A broken bone or sore muscle? How does the rest of your body react to and deal with the injury? How does the rest of your body respond when one part isn't working as it should?
- What does Paul have to say about parts of the body that feel devalued or are seen as “less” important? Is any part of the body REALLY less valuable or less important?
- One way that I have been able to offer my time, effort, and talents in and through my congregation has been...

PRAY—This prayer invites you to “put it all together.” Before you start praying, go back and review your responses to the **SHARE** and **TALK** exercises from above. They will become “the grist” for this particular prayer!

Gracious Lord, I thank you for the gifts and talents with which you have blessed me and our congregation. You have blessed me, not only with gifts and talents, like... [here you would name the spiritual gifts or talents you named in the **SHARE** exercise above]; you have also blessed those gifts as a holy calling to be engaged in and through the life of my congregation. Thank you for the gifts you have given me!

You have continually blessed this congregation with A WHOLE HOST and VARIETIES of gifts and talents in other's lives, as well, especially... [here you would name the gifts and talents in others you named in the **SHARE** exercise above]. Thank you for those gifts and talents with which you have blessed us! Continue to bless us in and through these gifts and talents.

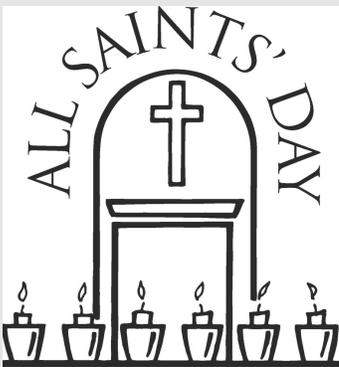
Fill me with your living spirit of generosity and grace, that I may continue to be a blessing to others through the offering of my own gifts and talents. Let me not ever look down on my feelings of inadequacy, not on those of others. Let me not ever think for a moment that I don't have something to contribute. Help me to trust and believe that, indeed, even the little toe in the Body of Christ has something to offer!

Guide, direct, and keep us in your steadfast presence.

I ask this through the name of our crucified and resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESS—If you are doing this Faith 5 with another person, bless him/her with the sign of the cross on his/her forehead. If you are doing this alone, mark yourself with that same cross and these words of blessing:

God has blessed you to be a blessing to this world. Amen.



All Saints Sunday, November 6

Next Sunday, November 6 is our observation of All Saints' Day (November 1—the day after All Hallows' Eve, or Halloween). We will be remembering by name and in prayer all those from our congregation who have left us in death, or those whom our congregation had the privilege of serving in their time death and grieving.

Those beloved saints are: **Ron AlMBERG; Dale Dunham; Maxcine Laseter; Jamie Lundberg; Wayne Senne; Rachel Siewert; Helen Stark; and Don Tessmer.** In addition, there will be opportunity for YOU to light and candle and remember with prayer and thanksgiving all those in your own life—both recently and long ago departed—who have been foundational to your faith and life. God bless the memory, faith, and witness of all the saints who have pointed us toward Christ and his promises.



Hanging of the Greens—Sunday, November 20th at 10:15am

All are welcomed AND NEEDED to help decorate and prepare the building for Advent and Christmas. Lunch will be served after the decorating and rearranging is done!!

By the way—this would also be a great opportunity for Living IT Biblically (confirmation youth) In-service hours.



Thank You From the Trinity Lutheran Women for a great Hotdish Luncheon

We served about 125 and collected \$1,528.—\$1,316 meal and donations —\$233 bake Sale —\$79 hats, all of which will allow us to donate \$500 to WWV. \$200 Pine Ridge Reservation SD. \$100 to Liz for extra bathroom supplies in women bathrooms. \$150 to Reel plus purchase a new 100 c coffee pot. The remaining money is saved for camperships.

Thank you everyone for all the food donations for lunch and baked goods. Thank you JoAnn Eldridge for donating money from hats she knit. Thank you for all who came to eat or made a money donation. We'll be looking forward to our next Hot Dish Luncheon April 18,2023.

Thank you from Becky Porter

Thank you to all of you who gave so generously to me for the Walk Out of Darkness. The walk was Sunday, October 2 and it was a beautiful morning. My goal for the last few years has been to reach \$2,000 in funds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I am happy to say that this year I was able to meet my goal and exceed it! Together we – you and I and so many others – raised \$2,270!

If you or someone you love is suffering please ask for help. The AFSP has many great resources. I miss my Joe every day and pray none of you will ever have to endure that pain.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! - Becky Porter



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

REVERSE PRE-ADVENT CALENDAR



Many people use an Advent calendar to mark the days counting down through Advent to Christmas. Often, those calendars include some kind of treat hidden in a small gift box; behind a small door; or in a small pocket.

We're a little less than a month away from Advent, and NOVEMBER is one of our designated "Food Share Months." But in the spirit of giving of ourselves in the way God gives to us, especially through the gift of himself through his Son, Jesus, we are encouraging and inviting you to use this **Reverse Pre-Advent Calendar** to count down to Advent by building a food pantry donation. **Each day, instead of TAKING a treat we want to challenge you to ADD something to your food pantry donation.** As November wanes and Advent approaches, we'll be equipped to donate a generous and grace-filled gift during this season of giving and feasting either to the Princeton Pantry OR the Student Pantry.

Sun., Nov. 6	Socks
Nov. 7	Instant oatmeal
Nov. 8	peanut butter
Nov. 9	Individual cereal boxes
Nov. 10	Instant stuffing
Nov. 11	Goldfish snack crackers
Nov. 12	boxed potatoes
Sun., Nov. 13	Feminine hygiene products
Nov. 14	canned fruit
Nov. 15	trail mix
Nov. 16	canned tuna
Nov. 17	Ramen noodles
Nov. 18	cranberry sauce
Nov. 19	fruit snacks
Sun., Nov. 20	canned beans
Nov. 21	mac & cheese (microwaveable or boxed)
Nov. 22	instant rice

Nov. 23	deodorant
Nov. 24	pasta
Nov. 25	Spaghetti O's
Nov. 26	spaghetti sauce

Sun., Nov. 27—First Sunday in Advent

- You can bring your offerings EITHER as a large donation on the 1st Sunday in Advent (Nov. 27) or bring them to either in our Princeton Pantry shopping cart or our Student Pantry collection bin. If you would prefer, you can also make a cash donation, with checks made out to Princeton Pantry.
- Involve your kids in the process—let them pick out the items at the grocery store; have them put the donations in the church's shopping cart or collection bin; talk with them about WHY we do this; etc.

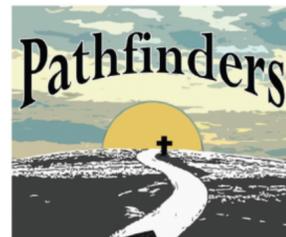


PATHFINDERS—NEW MEMBERS TO START SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Our next installment of Pathfinders (New Members) is scheduled to begin on **Sunday, November 13, 11:30am**, immediately following our 9am service and Sunday School. Our first session is simply an introduction to the process and looking at the schedule for the rest of the year—New Members' Sunday is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21**.

- **If you are not presently a member of TLC and would like to become a member...**
- **If you are not presently a member of TLC and would like to, at least, investigate what that means...**
- **If you ARE a member of TLC and would like a refresher on the basics of the Christian faith and being a follower of Jesus in the Lutheran way...**

...then PATHFINDERS IS FOR YOU!!



A brief word about the process: The name "Pathfinders" acknowledges that all our participants come from a variety of backgrounds (or pathways) that have brought them to TLC—from life-long Lutherans to those new to the Christian faith. And, rather than a brief introduction to Christianity, the Lutheran way, and our congregation, Pathfinders provides a process (an NEW pathway) both to grow in knowledge of these things and perhaps most importantly of all, to grow in relationships within our congregation. In order to do that we try to address 3 vital questions: (1) WHAT do you need/want to know? (About the Bible, about Christianity, about Lutheranism, etc.) (2) WHO do you need to know? (Pastor Mike, Liz, our council members, other members and leaders) and (3) WHAT do you need to experience to be able to say, "TLC is MY congregation"? The aim is that who we take into membership in May have grown in to, literally, the newest active members of the congregation. COME GIVE IT A TRY! Questions? Speak with Pastor Mike.

Are you interested in a night out? How about a comedy show?

We are looking to see if anyone is interested in getting together to go to the Ames Center in Burnsville to see, "The Church Basement Ladies—Plowin' Thru"!

We would attend a matinee in December/January if there's enough interest and possibly looking into to transportation as well. Please sign up in the Narthex today! **Any Questions contact Jeanette Pries at (218-)234-3303**

About: The Church Basement Ladies are at it again. In the 9th installment of the highly successful series, the year is 1975 and all your favorite characters are back! Whether this is your first visit to the basement or you've seen 'em all, you won't want to miss this brand new show. Come along as the ladies don their polyester pantsuits and sing, dance and laugh their way thru this hilarious and touching new musical, PLOWIN' THRU.



**Trinity has collected
our first 500lbs - Lets go another
round!!!**



SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast are the LAST Saturday of the month, 8am at the Church. We will take a break through the holidays and resume January 28th,

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in fellowship hall .

Women's Bible Study

We Meet the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will gather in the fellowship hall next on **Thursday, October 20th at 9:30am.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our group knits Prayer Shawls to be given to those who need God's arms wrapped around them in the time of need. Baby shawls are given to children who are baptized, and caps/scarves are given to support the Twin Ports Seafarers Ministry. All shawls, caps and scarves are blessed before they are given away. Please join us in the choir room during coffee hour.

W.W.W. Quilters Group

Women witnessing to the World. A quilting group that gathers at Trinity Crossings, meets Mondays from 8am-12pm. Come one come all.

AA Meetings, Open & Welcome to All - Thursdays, 7pm here at TLC

If you think you have a problem with alcohol-please attend. If you're interested in attending an AA meeting but this time doesn't work for you other meetings can be found by searching online using "AA Meeting Locator".

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICE:

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS: 8AM-2PM

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAY: 8AM-11AM

FRIDAYS CLOSED

PLEASE NOTE THE DAYS HAVE CHANGED



LOCAL. GLOBAL. YOU!

GET INSPIRED TO SERVE:

All of us are needed to build up God's kingdom in mercy and love. Join with others for a time of inspiration and idea sharing on how communities of faith can work together to address issues of concern both small and great.

COME HEAR AN INTERNATIONAL VOICE FOR JUSTICE

DAN SPECKHARD

CEO of Lutheran World Relief

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

NOON-2:15PM @ CHRIST OUR LIGHT

804 7th Ave., South, Princeton

LIGHT LUNCH: NOON-12:30PM

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE: 12:30-1:15PM

Dan will help us to explore better ways to pay attention to the needs of our world and organize for change.

DISCUSSION & COMMISSIONING: 1:15-2:15PM

FREE EVENT!

ALL ARE WELCOME.
PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED:

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BREEZE—OUR ON-LINE CHURCH DIRECTORY IS A “BREEZE”

Our church directory is on-line through a service we use called “Breeze.” For those of you who are digitally connected, you can download the free app from wherever you get your apps—i.e., Google Play or the App Store.

(Look for the blue “b” pictured here.)

Our Church ID is TrinityLutheranPrinceton

Once you are signed in with the free account that you create, you have access to our whole congregation’s contact information—names, addresses, phone #s, and email addresses. It is free and secure, and it is the platform we’ve been using for about 3 years now. (You can also update all your information as it changes and even upload you and your family’s own photo, as well.) If you’re looking for more information about how to use Breeze, stay tuned for an upcoming mini-seminar on getting signed up and how to use it. If you’re not on-line, be in touch with Liz in the office, and she can provide you with a printed directory.



SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
4:30-7:00PM

Happy
"FRIENDS"
GIVING



*Come hang out with us to celebrate Thanksgiving with our friends!
All HS youth are welcome, invite a friend to join you!*

-HIGH SCHOOL LIVING IT EVENT-
VIKINGS-COWBOYS FOOTBALL GAME | FOOD

GAMES | FOOD | FRIENDS AND FUN

TURKEY AND DRESSING PROVIDED

BRING A FRIEND AND A DISH TO SHARE!

AT PASTOR MIKE PANCOAST'S HOME:

11184 BRENDA BLVD BECKER, MN 55371

SOUND TECH



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING BEHIND THE SCENES AT TRINITY ? WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU! WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE FOLKS TO ADD TO OUR ROSTER OF SOUND TECHS BUT WE ALSO HAVE SOME MORE EXCITING NEWS — YOU CAN MAKE SOME EXTRA CASH FOR LEARNING THE ROPES! CONTACT THE OFFICE TODAY TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION!

763-389-2671 OR OFFICE@TRINITY-PRINCETON.ORG

LIVING IT YOUTH DIRECTOR



WE ARE LOOKING TO HIRE IN COLLABORATION WITH IMMANUEL LUTHERAN A JOINT YOUTH DIRECTOR. THIS IS A FULL TIME POSITION WITH BENEFITS. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU MAY KNOW WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SUBMIT A COVER LETTER AND RESUME TO THE OFFICE AT OFFICE@IMMANUELPRINCETON.ORG

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONDAY, OCTOBER 10 MEETING

- General fund offerings of \$19,500, expenses of \$24,476—yet we're still \$35K UNDER budget for the year, due to controlled spending.
- Discussion around considerations, brainstorming, advertised availability, and other potential options for Trinity Crossing. JoAnn Eldridge, Mitch Elness, & Sally McCarney volunteered to be a part of the Trinity Crossing Task Force.
- Still working on implementing background checks for all adults working with youth.
- Investigating upcoming CPR/AED classes, per our insurance policy.
- Nominating Committee to be set up in anticipation of Annual Meeting.
- New check signers for bank account approved with the addition of new bookkeeper Scott Hendrickson.
- Bylaws for Living IT collaboration with Immanuel approved, as well as approval of all future fundraisers needed for youth ministry.
- 11 youth approved for confirmation as "baptized and confirmed" members.
- Living IT Report—still looking for a youth director.
- Music & Worship Report—Christmas Eve Services: 3, 5, & 10pm. Lenten round robin planned for Feb. 2023.
- Property Report—All safety checks completed. Boiler at Trinity Crossing out again.
- Hospitality & Welcome—first meeting convened with 11 in attendance.
- Complete minutes are available in the binder located in the Narthex—please don't remove minutes. If you want a copy, copies can be made in the office.

Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 14, 7pm.

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Join Us 4:30-6:30pm 2022

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 26th

June 23rd

July 28th

August 25th

September 22nd

October 27th

NO NOVEMBER MEAL

December 1st

**Princeton
Community
Table**

Trinity Crossing

111 6th Ave N, Princeton
**Good Eats with
Great Folks!**



**This is a partnership event of Trinity Lutheran Church and
Christ Our Light Catholic Church For more information contact:**

**Either church office OR
princetontable@gmail.com
OR find us on Facebook**

REMINDER: HELP US MAKE FINANCIAL HEAD WAY TODAY!

Ways to give:

- **By Mail**—Simply drop your gift in the mail: Trinity Lutheran Church, 111 6th Ave. N, Princeton, MN 55371
- **On-line**—You can visit www.trinity-princeton.org and give RIGHT NOW, if you want, and that gift can also be set-up to come in a recurring way. (This is from our website, scroll down and click on the offering plate image there.) This is THE most efficient way of signing up for Simply Giving, which is administered by Vanco, one of the most secure e-commerce companies in the industry.
- **Automatic Withdrawal**—Contact your bank.
- **By App**—Both the Apple and Google Play app stores have a free app called **"GivePlus."** Once downloaded to your device, simply search for "Trinity Lutheran Church, Princeton, MN"; follow the directions for registering; and set-up your giving in whatever way works for your faithful generosity, one time, recurring, or whatever.
- **In-Person**--We have I-pads set-up to receive your debit or credit cards for those who don't travel with cash or checkbooks. And, of course, our offering plates are always available to receive your gifts. Thank you again for supporting God's mission for us! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!**

Members

Prayer List

Tony Alferness
Margaret Braun
Jeri Ann Bredemus
Jan Dery
Jim Dery
Susan Deyle
Katey Donais
Lainey Druar
Bob Duncan
Marlys Hanson
Bruce Lacher
Del Liestman
Donna Liestman
Eric Lukkari
Jim Lundgren
Chellis Matz
Jean Miller
Pastor Mike Pancoast
Ed Peterson
Bev Reed
Warren Reed
Dina Scandinato
Carol Skare
Brenda Smith
Anne Stevenson
Curtis Strombeck
Joyce Tessmer
Ardy Tourville
Barb Wicktor
Russ Wicktor
Dean Winslow
Ginny Winslow

Prayer List

Family Members & Friends

Peter Berry (Mary Berry's son)
Diane Boser (Friend of Dan & Jean Anderson)
Gene Brown (Pastor Mike's uncle)
David Doerfler (Pastor Mike's uncle)
Jan Gale's daughter Jamie
Joan Gessar (Courtney Hoppe's mother in-law)
Johnathan Gillette (Friend of Liz Christensen)
Lylias Hodgson (Renee Lueck's mother)
Pastor Karl Jacobson (friend of the Pancoast family)
Evelyn Kingma (June Kunkel's sister in-law)
Randall Lundgren (Debi's Pederson's nephew)
Dale McLaen (Darcee Larsen/Laurel McKenney's brother in-law)
Esther Neussendorfer (Danette Scephurek's grandmother)
Janice Omtvedt (Ingrid Bavier's mother)
Elliott Pancoast (Pastor Mike's dad)
Tracy Pidde(Princeton 3rd grade teacher)
John Rova (Chuck & Carol Warner's brother inlaw)
Rob Savage (Friend of the Keller family)
John Schmid (family of Mike & Linda Baumann)
Andy Struthers (Maria Barlage's brother)
Mauricio Trujillo (friend of the Patnode and Miller families)
Patty Thul's Sister Sheri
Scott Wallin (Char Kramersmeier's son)
Ronda Wetzel (daughter of Andrea & Ron Sandusky)

Serving in the Military

Andrew Anderson
Jacob Benver
Eden Betzler
Lacee Broding
Riley Broding
Ronald Duresky
Riley Forland
Derek Hanson
Hunter Lestrud
Kenzi Lytle
Anthony Mandt
David McCarney
John McCarney
Zachary Morisset
Ben Noard
Parker Pedersen
Benjamin Roth
Mario Scandinato
Jaden Thimmesch

