

# Trinity Tower



## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS:

June 12 through September 4  
9:00 a.m.  
Worship In-Person and Online

### WEDNESDAYS:

5:00 p.m.  
Online

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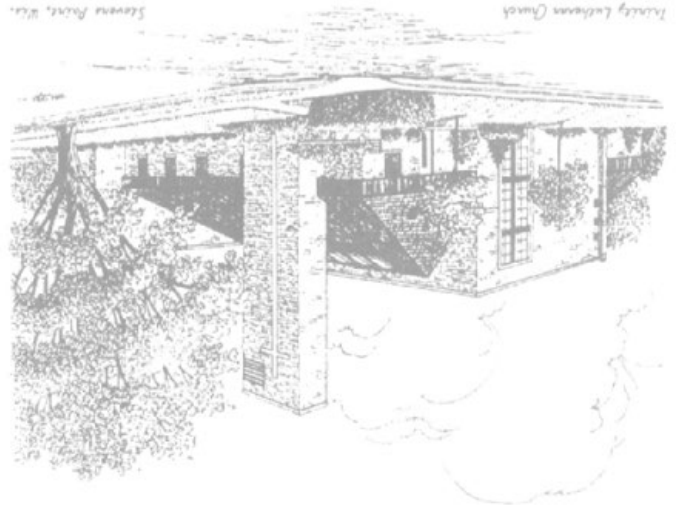
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## PASTOR CLAY'S COLUMN

### A Season of Change

At this time of year, we are giving thanks for the change of seasons. Gone (we hope!) are the days of snow, sleet, and dreary weather. The flowers and budding leaves are a sure sign that God is renewing the earth.

There will also be a few changes happening in our ministry this spring, especially as we turn our thoughts to the summer. First, we are undertaking a full search for a permanent Choir and Band Director. Kelly Nielsen has served us faithfully this winter and spring as she assumed the duties of Interim Director. We have established a search committee and will be advertising our position in regional and state-wide publications. For those who have deeply appreciated Kelly's ministry among us, she will continue on into the summer as we conduct the search. Kelly is also eligible to apply for the position, and we hope that she does. We hope to make an announcement of a permanent hire in the summer. If you know of any good candidates, please pass them along to me.

The worship committee has been discussing another change for the summer. In the past, we have always gone from two Sunday services to one service at 9 am. Starting June 12th, we will be returning to that practice. You may be thinking that this is not a change because this has been our usual practice for years. That is correct. So, the change I am talking about here is simply the non-change of changing our summer worship times. Did that make sense? (In case it didn't: summer worship time will be 9 a.m. each Sunday, starting June 12th.)

Perhaps the most welcome change I want to offer is the move from our pandemic protocols to something resembling NORMAL. We have been moving in this direction for a few months now. Praying that we do not get hit with another variant or wave, we anticipate that this fall, we will be holding all of our usual ministries: Sunday School, Adult Education, Fellowship Hour after the first service, Youth Ministry, and the full re-use of our building. Again, this announcement is tentative because we cannot fully predict how things will be over the summer. But we pray that after two and a half years of extreme caution and prudence, all of this will come to an end.

Please join me in praying that this plan will hold and that our fall will have us living, worshiping, and serving in all our usual and joyful ways.

~Pastor Clay



## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

You're invited to join us on Sunday, May 29th at 9:00 a.m. for our annual "Baccalaureate Service" as we honor Trinity's senior high "Class of 2022." There will be special music, a photo presentation of our graduates through the years and more. SPASH's commencement ceremony will take place that afternoon.

We would also like to honor all 2022 college graduates with a Trinity connection, by including their name, school and degree conferred in the bulletin that day. Please forward this information to the Trinity office by Sunday, May 22nd.

We hope you can join us that morning as we celebrate the gifts these young adults have been to our congregation and pray for them in their future.



I'm so happy to let our volunteers know, finally we can start having greeters in June. Please let me know if you are interested in doing this easy, simple volunteer opportunity.

I have a list from 2019, and will use that as a guideline. As a greeter, you need to be to church 15 minutes before the service, wear a name tag and a smile, stand by the door and welcome members. This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with Your Trinity family.

Please contact me if this is something you feel comfortable doing. The website is [www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Trinitystevenspoint](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/Trinitystevenspoint) Thank you for considering this fun opportunity, please call me at 715-344-8826 or e-mail me at [edsclusman@charter.net](mailto:edsclusman@charter.net) if you have any questions. You may also contact the church office at 715-344-2869.

~Blessings, Sue Clussman



- What:** A general post winter clean-up of our Trinity grounds.
- When:** Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
- Who:** All are welcome to join the Building & Grounds Committee.
- What to Bring:** Leaf blowers and rakes. Together let us wake up our Trinity grounds and let Spring begin!



With the topic of refugees and immigrants in the forefront of our news, I would like to share a few of these books in our library.

Strength in What Remains (305.89 Kid) by Tracy Kidder is a biography of a young Burundi medical student who in 1994 flees a civil war and the genocide in neighboring Rwanda. He makes his way to Europe and then to New York City. He works part-time jobs and sleeps in the park. With the help of strangers he is able to find a place to live and continue his medical studies. He graduated from Columbia, and enrolled at the Harvard School of Public Health, specializing in infectious diseases. Throughout his narrative he refers back to the conditions in the refugee camps and the life he was forced to live in Africa. He becomes a U. S. citizen in 2007. He is able to return and build clinics in towns where he and family members lived.

Chasing the Moon (F Boe) by Carolyn K. Boehlke is a Young Adult novel about 15-year-old Nadia from southern Mexico. She and her family sneak into the U. S. for a better life. As an illegal immigrant she finds work with a cruel farmer in Arizona. She runs away and makes her way to Minneapolis, working as a hotel maid and facing many hardships. She misses her family who were caught and sent back to Mexico. She wonders whether she has truly found "that better life" they were all seeking.

Americanah (F Adi) by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie is written by a woman who grew up in Nigeria. The novel begins with a young Nigerian woman getting ready to return to her home country. She has come to the United

States to attend a university, becoming acutely aware of being Black. She looks back on her life in both countries, the loves lost and the experiences shared.

For our younger readers and listeners:

The Sky of Afghanistan (Pri deE) by Ana A. deEulate A girl dreams of flying like a kite over her country that she loves, Afghanistan. She dreams that the sounds of war are gone, that doors are opened for her to learn, and for peace to return.

My Name is Sangoel (Pri Wil) by Karen Lynn Williams After his father is killed in the war Sangoel leaves a Sudanese refugee camp with his mother and sister for America. As they settle into their new home he finds everyone he comes in contact with struggles to pronounce his name. In school as he learns English he decides to draw pictures on his t-shirt instead of writing his name. He draws a sun and a soccer goal. The other students think this is a great idea, and they do the same with their names.

I'm New Here (Pri OBr) by Anne Sibley O'Brien We meet Maria from Guatemala, Jin from Korea, and Fatimah from Somalia. They share their feelings as they struggle to fit in to a new community. They all find their place in their new schoolroom.

The Name Jar (Pri Cho) by Yangsook Choi Unhei and her family come to America from Korea. She wants to pick an American name. When asked her name at school she says she doesn't know, because she hasn't chosen one yet. Her classmates put together a glass jar with names in for her to pick from. After several days she decides to stay with her Korean name, which means *grace*.

~Pat Gerbitz, for the library committee

## LOOSE CHANGE SPARE-A-DIME



United Way of Portage County  
Community-Wide Diaper Drive



Trinity's Loose Change appeal for May is the United Way of Portage County's Community Diaper Drive. Monetary donations are encouraged, as many distribution partners may be able to take advantage of large quantity pricing, resulting in the dollars going further. Additionally, storage space is always at a premium and monetary donations allow the distribution partners to buy the sizes they need, when they need them. Diapers will be distributed to eligible families through organizations such as Operation Bootstrap, Interfaith Food Pantry, Salvation Army, CAP Services, Portage County Health and Human Services, and more.

To contribute, bring to worship or mail your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with Diaper Drive in the memo. You may drop your loose change in the collection plate.



Thank you for your generosity!

~Diane Witte for Global and Local Outreach Committee



## GROCERY DONATIONS

### Mobile Pantry

During the month of May we will collect cash and groceries for the Mobile Pantry. Mobile Pantry specifically serves residents of rural Portage County. Many of these residents lack reliable transportation to access food sources in Stevens Point proper.

Twice a month volunteers deliver needed food, personal items and household necessities according to the recipients' needs. Grocery items that the Mobile Pantry is short on include: spaghetti sauce, spaghetti, peanut butter, coffee, canned chicken, crackers. Other items needed include shampoo and conditioner, body wash, dish soap, and household cleaner. Cash donations will be used to purchase perishable items to be included in the delivery boxes. Thank you for your ongoing support of our neighbors in Portage County.

**NEEDED:** Volunteers to deliver the groceries that we collect in the grocery cart at church to one of the four food pantries that we support: Mobile Pantry, Operation Bootstrap, Salvation Army, Interfaith Food Pantry. You would be responsible for delivering donated items from the grocery cart to the food pantry for that particular month. Contact Janet Swiston (715-344-5927) if you can help out. Thanks for sharing your time for this important ministry.

~Janet Swiston for Global & Local Outreach Committee

## CONNECTION

CARD

Please assist Trinity's office staff by fully completing the Connection card found in your bulletin. We use this important information to keep record of our weekly attendance, as well as note those who have received communion. You can also let us know of any prayer requests or if you desire additional information about our congregation and its ministries. Members and friends may also update their mailing address by filling out this card. Thanks in advance for your help!



## TRINITY QUILTMAKERS

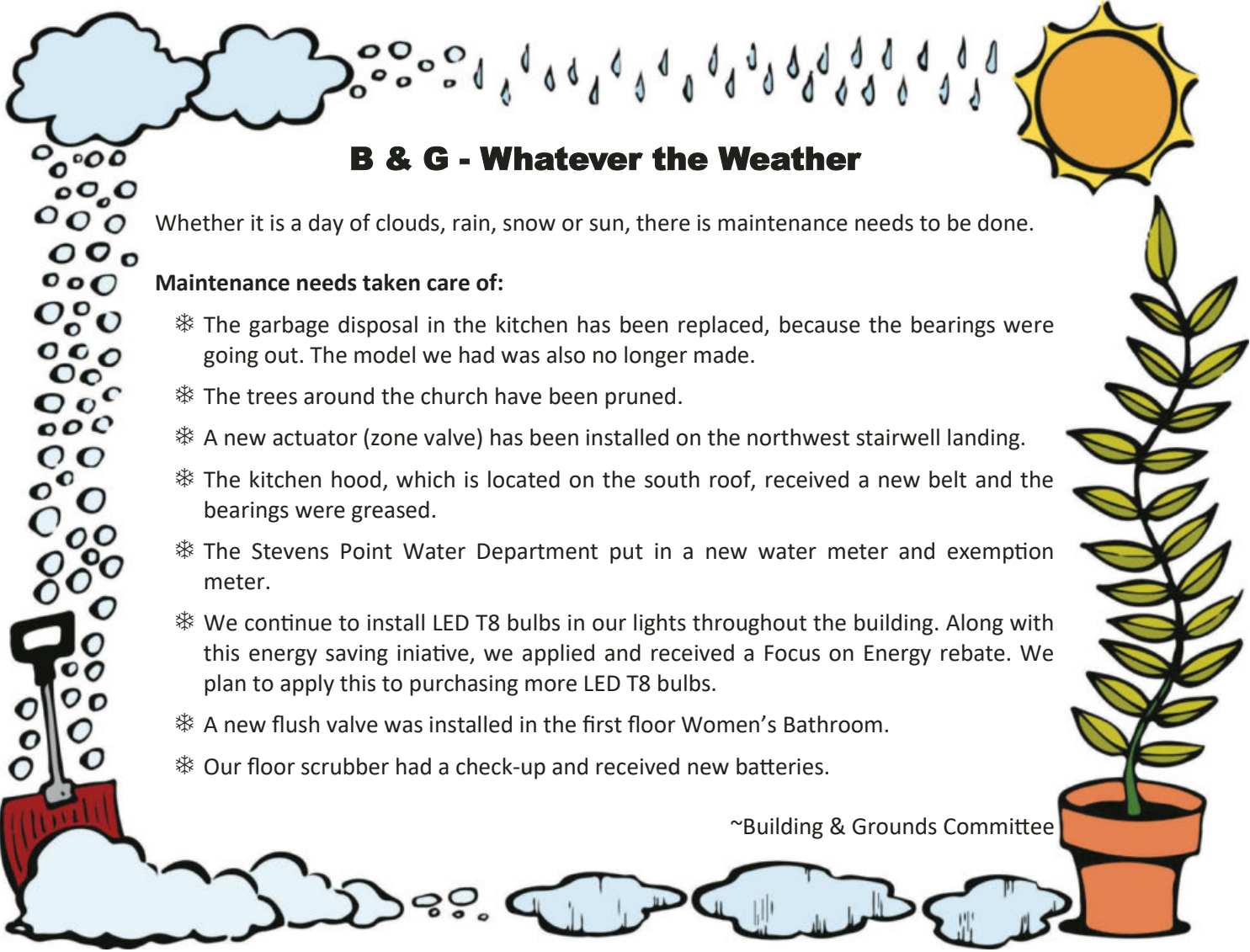


Our quilting days in May are Tuesday, May 10th and Thursday, May 26th from 9-3 p.m. Coffee and treats are at 10:30 a.m. and bag lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Join us in the chapel area as we work together making quilts that bring comfort to those in need around the world.

Lutheran World Relief thanks you for sharing your gifts of love with our neighbors in need around the world. They are truly grateful for your partnership.

You blanket the world with love. You pack up compassion and send it into a world full of need. You give help and comfort to our neighbors with the very least when they need it most. Right now, one of the biggest needs is for the refugees of Ukraine and LWR is there to help.

4 ~Lois Hagen



## B & G - Whatever the Weather

Whether it is a day of clouds, rain, snow or sun, there is maintenance needs to be done.

### Maintenance needs taken care of:

- ✧ The garbage disposal in the kitchen has been replaced, because the bearings were going out. The model we had was also no longer made.
- ✧ The trees around the church have been pruned.
- ✧ A new actuator (zone valve) has been installed on the northwest stairwell landing.
- ✧ The kitchen hood, which is located on the south roof, received a new belt and the bearings were greased.
- ✧ The Stevens Point Water Department put in a new water meter and exemption meter.
- ✧ We continue to install LED T8 bulbs in our lights throughout the building. Along with this energy saving initiative, we applied and received a Focus on Energy rebate. We plan to apply this to purchasing more LED T8 bulbs.
- ✧ A new flush valve was installed in the first floor Women’s Bathroom.
- ✧ Our floor scrubber had a check-up and received new batteries.

~Building & Grounds Committee



## LUNCH BUNCH

The next Trinity Lunch Bunch is at noon Tuesday, May 17th at The Inn at SentryWorld. To help us determine a number for the reservation, RSVP anytime either by email or phone that you will be attending.

Jane Flanagan  
[flanagan55@charter.net](mailto:flanagan55@charter.net) or 715-341-4989

Jane Goudreau

A special thanks to Bob and Gloria Poth, Kathy Martinsen, Sandy & Terry Koch, Shari Willer, Ron Odejewski, Keith & Evelyn Widdel, Ray Pitzrick, Christina Rohm and Sue Clusman for assisting in Easter plant delivery to shut-in members of our church.

~Ed Clusman, Flower Delivery Coordinator



## TLC PRESCHOOL



The children at the learning center are excited that spring is in the air. The Trinity duck’s waddles and puddles have returned for another year. I am not sure who gets more excited, the children or the staff when they return. The children enjoyed making Easter cards for the nursing homes and for their families. It’s hard to believe another school year is almost over. As a reminder, if you have a child who is entering 4K for the 2022/23 school year, we have opening in both of our sessions. You can find the enrollment information on the Stevens Point School website.

~Amy Kurkowski, Trinity Learning Center & Preschool

## PASTORAL ACTS

### Weddings

Raymond Pitzrick & Caitlin Pesmark (March 17, 2022)

### Baptism

Kensington Jo Molski daughter of A. J. & Melissa Molski. Sponsors are Shayna Molski, Austin Anderson, Jenna Meer, and Cindi Jaeger. (4-3-2022)

Maxwell Sosnovske son of Cory & Anastasia Sosnovske. Sponsors are Alissa Sosnovske and Peter & Elizabeth Jewczyk. (4-17-2022)

### Memorial Service

Daniel Snider. (died 1-21-2022; memorial service 4-9-2022)  
Rev. Dr. Clay Schmit/ Shuda Funeral Home.

## FROM OUR CHURCH RECORDS THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH 2022

	12-MONTH BUDGET	ACTUAL
Envelope Offering	506,117.80	155,783.42
Loose Offering	2,500.00	1,224.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	15.00
World Hunger	0.00	496.50
Seasonal Offering	7,750.00	1146.25
Receipts (YTD)	521,367.80	158,626.42
Disbursements	549,472.00	126,651.14
Net (+/-)	(28,104.20)	31,975.28
Receipts (Month)		44,035.62
Disbursements		44,249.36
Net (+/-)		(213.74)
	<b>12/31/20</b>	<b>12/31/21</b>
Baptized Membership	1064	1020
Confirmed Membership	783	745

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All Committee Night ..... Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.  
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**TOWER DEADLINE: May 17, 2022**

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday																		
<b>1</b> 3rd Sunday After Easter 9:00 am Worship in-person and online 10:45 am Worship	<b>2</b> 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Charity Circle 6:45 pm Troop 293 and 9293	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Whispering Pines Service 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 2:30 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm Pack 293 7:00 pm All Committee Night 7:00 pm GLO Committee	<b>4</b> 11:00 am Willow Brooke Service Facebook Live 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>5</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Riverview Lodge Service 11:00 am Northcrest Service 1:00 pm Dimensions Living Service 1:00 pm Wellington Place Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 am AI-Anon Meeting	<b>8</b> 4th Sunday After Easter 9:00 am Worship in-person and online 10:45 am Worship	<b>9</b> 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:45 pm Troop 293 and 9293	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Quilters 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm B & G Committee 6:30 pm Pack 293	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation (Last Day) 7:15 pm Trinity Choir 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>12</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 am Northcrest Service 1:00 pm Wellington Service	<b>13</b> Synod Assembly in Oshkosh	<b>14</b> Synod Assembly in Oshkosh 9:00 am AI-Anon Meeting 9:00 am Building & Grounds--Spring Work Day!	<b>15</b> 5th Sunday After Easter 9:00 am Worship in-person and online 10:45 am Worship	<b>16</b> 1:00 pm Joy Circle 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Executive Committee 6:45 pm Troop 293 and 9293	<b>17</b> <b>TOWER DEADLINE</b> 9:45 am Stevens Point Health Services 10:45 am Portage County Healthcare Center Services 12:00 pm Lunch Bunch @ The Inn at Sentry World 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 1:30 pm Library Committee 6:30 pm Pack 293	<b>18</b> 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:15 pm Trinity Choir 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>19</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 11:00 am Northcrest Service 1:00 pm Dimensions Living Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 am AI-Anon Meeting	<b>22</b> 6th Sunday After Easter 9:00 am Worship in-person and online 10:45 am Worship	<b>23</b> 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:45 pm Troop 293 and 9293	<b>24</b> 9:45 am Stevens Point Health Services 10:45 am Portage County Healthcare Center Services 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Pack 293	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm Online Worship-Facebook Live 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:15 pm Trinity Choir 8:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>26</b> 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:00 am Quilters	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 am AI-Anon Meeting	<b>29</b> 7th Sunday After Easter Baccalaureate Service 9:00 am Worship in-person and online (Baccalaureate Service) 10:45 am Worship	<b>30</b> Church Office & Preschool Closed 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984	<b>31</b> 1:00 pm Service Broadcast 95/984 6:30 pm Pack 293

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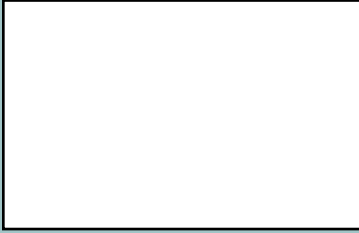
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