

The Trinity Times

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Last Day to Shop the Trinity Clothing Store!

Today, September 27, is the last day to order Trinity Lutheran Church apparel and gear! Don't miss your chance to grab your Trinity gear before the online store closes. Simply scan the QR code on the flyer or visit the Trinity Lutheran Church apparel store through General Sports to see all available items.



Faith and Civic Life Study

Interested in thinking about how our Lutheran faith informs our lives as citizens, especially in this election season? Pr. Scott will lead this five-week study of the ELCA social statement "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-Being of All." We'll meet on Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The dates are: Sept 17 & 24, Oct 1, 8, 22 & 29. Can't make all the sessions? No worries! Come when you can.

Take Note

Just a reminder that there will be no Bible Study on Monday, September 28. See you next time.

Catch Up with Kristie Olson at Gustavus

Kristie Olson, a former Trinity staff member, recently completed a year of service through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. She spent the year in Budapest, Hungary, helping with English conversation at a high school, refugee center, and senior community center.

Kristie is now serving as a short-term recruiter and will be at the Jackson Campus Center at Gustavus Adolphus College on Wednesday, September 30, from 10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m. If you happen to be around and would like to stop by to say hello, learn more about YAGM, or hear about her experience in Hungary, she would love to see you!

Kristie will also give a short presentation at First Lutheran Church that evening from 5:15–6:15 p.m. For more information, you can contact Kristie at kristie.olson@elca.org.

Ways to Give...

Thank you for supporting Trinity Lutheran Church ministries that Gather, Grow, and Go! Ways to give:
Text: message 844-373-8817 with amount you want to contribute (example: 25).

App: download Vanco Mobile through your app store.

Website: Click on "Give" button on the TLC website.

Mail: 511 S. 5th St., St. Peter, MN 56082

Scan:



Trinity Fall Festival

All are welcome to join the fun and fellowship after service Today, September 27th! There will be games, crafts, apple tasting & raffle items to support our youth!

What's Your Favorite Fall Treat? Salty or sweet? Pumpkin spice or apple cinnamon? The Fall Festival will include a potluck of tasty fall treats! Bring your favorite fall-inspired treat to share—whether it's salty, sweet, pumpkin-spiced, apple-filled, or another seasonal favorite.



A Web of Splendor:

A Hymn Festival of Creation

Join us in worship on Sunday, **October 4** as we lift up themes of Creation. In this "hymn festival," we will sing many Creation-themed hymns, hear the story of Creation in scripture, and be invited to reflect on special music from each of our choirs. As we look at the world around us, we hope that each of us is inspired by this time of worship to be faithful stewards of all living beings!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS

God's Work Our Hands is coming up Sunday, October 25, following worship at 10:15 am.

Join us as we put our faith into action by helping with fall cleanup around Trinity's property and raking leaves for senior members of our church community.

Volunteers: Wear your jeans to church, bring a rake, and join us after worship. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve, connect with others, and lend a helping hand. Lunch will be provided!

Seniors needing assistance:

If you would appreciate help with fall leaf clean-up at your home, please contact the church office at 507-934-4786 and leave your name, contact information, and address. You may also sign up on the clipboard at the Information Table in the Narthex or email the office:

office@trinitystpeter.org

Come lend a hand as we serve our neighbors and do God's work together!

PLEASE BRING YOUR RAKE!

Time and Talents

Time and talent surveys are available in the narthex. Please fill one out and return it to the office, place it in the box, or scan the QR code to complete it online. This is a great way to express your interest in volunteer opportunities throughout the year and provide information on your availability. These will also be mailed out with giving statements at the end of the month.

This week @ Trinity

Sunday, September 27 Fall Festival

8:00 am Celebration Singers Rehearsal
9:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:00 am Fall Festival
10:15 am Worship Music & Art Meeting

Monday, September 28

NO Bible Study
5:30 pm The Kitchen

Tuesday, September 29

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

4:30 pm Bell Choir
5:45 pm Joy Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm Confirmation

Thursday, October 1

7:30 pm Faith and Civic Life Study

Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 4

8:00 am Celebration Singers Rehearsal
9:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Coffee Fellowship
10:15 am WELCA Annual Meeting
10:15 am Community Life Meeting
10:30 am First Communion Class

Attendance:

September 20: 9:00 am ~ 190

In our prayers...

Beau and Estee Bachman and family
Marlyn Bottolfson, father of Mari Feder
Mary Jo Erickson
Mari Feder
Tami, friend of Mari Feder
Sheila, daughter of Ruth Sundin
Sue Guth
Jill, sister of Mari Feder
Helga Haedt
Bryan Ebbenga
Sandy Grochow
Merle Hoffman, son of Melva Leonard
Daniel Espeland, friend of Tammala Pierce
Geneva Mueller, mother of Gretchen Lind
Edi Thorstensson
Erin Buss, daughter of Dale Buss
Judy Maharry
Dorothy Paulsen
Casey Dunker
David Scheff
Jesse Hokom
Alena Nyhammer
Walt Grochow
Nancy Sizer
Ruth Sundin
Sally Lambert
Sandy Fahning
Jaye Marcotte, sister of Ytve Prafke
Arlene Lindquist

Coming This Fall: The Nobel Conference

This October, Gustavus Adolphus College's annual Nobel Conference will turn its attention to a familiar and important part of our region—the Mississippi River. In the weeks leading up to the conference, we'll highlight a different aspect of this year's theme, **The Mighty Mississippi: Currents of Change**, in Trinity Times.

Week 1: Shall We Gather at the River?

This year's Nobel Conference invites us to take a closer look at our very own Mississippi River and the many forces that have shaped it.

Leading experts from multiple disciplines will explore the river through scientific, cultural, ecological, and Indigenous perspectives. Topics will include the changing watershed, the introduction of new fish and plant species, climate change, agricultural runoff, river engineering projects, and other human activities that affect the future health of the river and those who depend on it. Indigenous perspectives will also help illuminate the river's complex ecological, social, and spiritual significance.

The Mighty Mississippi: Currents of Change October 6–7

Gustavus Adolphus College, Christ Chapel

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. both days. **Admission is free.**
Watch Trinity Times each week as we continue exploring this year's Nobel Conference theme.

2026 Exploring Religious Questions at Gustavus Beyond Land Acknowledgements: Toward Relationship, Healing, and Justice October 12, 19, 26 & November 2 at 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Heritage Room/Three Crowns (near the Dining Center)
in Jackson Student Center

October 12: Gustavus on Dakota Lands, Dr. Ursula Lindqvist

October 19: The Blanket Exercise, 500 Years of Broken Treaties, Rev. Amy Odgren

October 26: Living into the Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery, Rev. Amy Odgren & Deacon Colleen Bernu

November 2: Land Acknowledgement and Beyond: Lessons from Anglican and Episcopal Initiatives in North America, Rev. John E. Robertson

Registration is \$35, forms are available on a table in the narthex. Parking in campus lots is free and open to the public after 5:00 p.m.

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