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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.

Food Pantry Needs

Help us keep our shelves filled and ready to assist those in need in our community. Items especially needed include canned soups, canned vegetables and fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, macaroni and cheese, rice, shelf-stable meals, and other nonperishable food items. Donations may be dropped off at Trinity. Thank you for helping us keep our Food Pantry stocked and for caring for our neighbors!

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.

October Featured TLC Library Books

Changes in the water, landscape, creation and ... so much to learn. Enjoy these books, Trinity's Adult Ed sessions, and the Nobel Conference at Gustavus!



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:



Indigenous Peoples Day Event

The Native American Parents Association of our local School District along with the St Peter Good Neighbors Diversity Council have prepared a wonderful event to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day.

On Monday, October 12, people are invited to assemble in the south side parking lot of the Middle School at 5:00 pm to join the walk to Minnesota Square Park where food will be served, indigenous dancers will perform, brief speeches will be heard, and all will be invited to join in the large circle dance! Those who prefer can come directly to the Park to see and participate in the event as well. What a great way to celebrate our neighbors! What's more, it comes as a gift, with no charges at all. We hope to see you in the park!

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!



**God's Work
Our Hands**

Gather...Grow..Go!

This week @ Trinity

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*

Monday, October 5

5:30 pm *The Kitchen*
1:00 pm *Bible Study*
5:30 pm *Finance Committee Meeting*
6:30 pm *Executive Committee Meeting*

Tuesday, October 6

9:00 am *Mission Quilters*
10:30 am *Staff Meeting*
5:30 pm *CYF Committee Meeting*

Wednesday, October 7

4:00 pm *Bell Choir*
5:45 pm *Joy Choir Rehearsal*
6:00 pm *Confirmation*
7:00 pm *Stewardship Committee Meeting*
7:15 pm *Youth Group*

Thursday, October 8

7:00 pm *Mission Committee Meeting*
7:30 pm *Faith and Civic Life Study*

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

9:30 am *Visitation for Sharon Haugen*
11:00 am *Funeral for Sharon Haugen*

Sunday, October 11

8:00 am *Celebration Singers Rehearsal*
9:00 am *Worship Service*
9:15 am *Sunday School*
10:00 am *Coffee Fellowship*
10:15 am *Adult Education*
10:30 am *First Communion Class*
5:30 pm *Men's Ministry*

In our prayers..

Tim Rietz, brother of Ron Rietz
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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