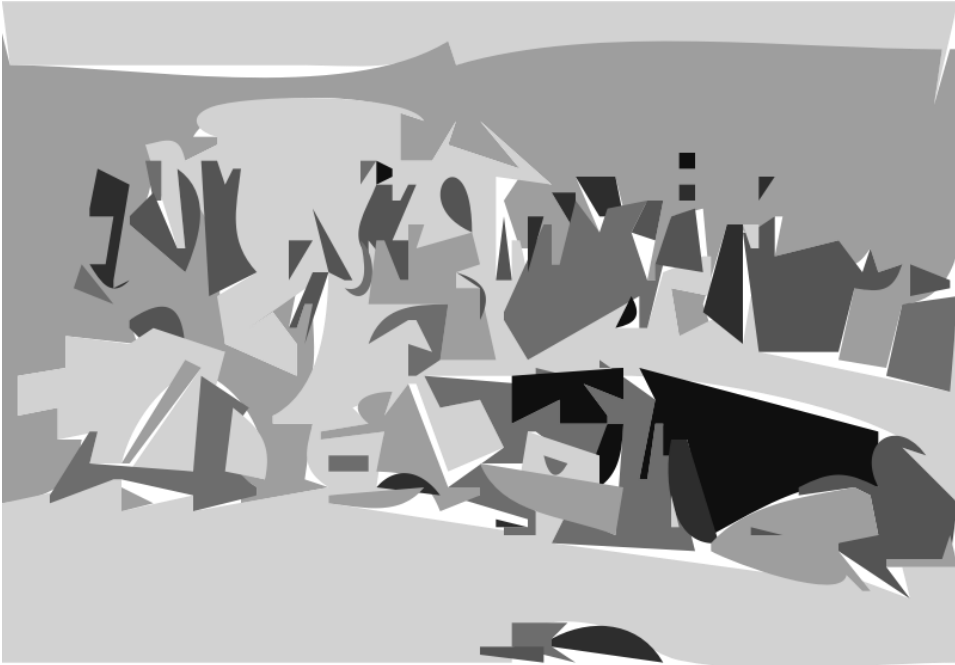


# ***The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany***



February 19, 2017

8:00 & 10:30am

## ***Trinity Lutheran Church***

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE

Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association  
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

# Welcome

## Those Serving Today

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Pastor Paul Cloeter
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Jon Fuchs
		10:30am	Creighton Clark
Lector	8:00am		Delano Schultz
		10:30am	Pastor John Bakou
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Ashley Woitalla, Riley Prow
		10:30am	Selena Alvarez, Kassandra Kari
Altar Guild			Judy Lazer
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone – 4	Sandy Austin
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Craig Cooper
Greeters	8:00am	Zone – 4	Nancy Cloeter
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy Schaefer
Ushers	8:00am	Zone – 4	John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn, Chris Kutzorik
	10:30am	Zone – 5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve, Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt
Lay Minister	8:00am		Kyle Dusing, Delano Schultz
		10:30am	Justin Hackett

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February 19, 2017

8:00am & 10:30 a.m.

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

(8:00am) Celebration Ringers..... “How Firm a Foundation”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: (8:00am) “How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728

(10:30am) “We Believe” (see video screens)

## INVOCATION

P: O God the Father, Who created the world for Your glory:

**C: Who sent Your Son into the world to redeem the world.**

P: O God the son, Who has redeemed the whole world to God by Your blood.

**C: Who is Lord over all things and Head of your body, the church.**

P: God the Holy Spirit, Who is the Comforter sent by the Father and the son to lead us into all truth;

**C: And to send a guide us on Your saving mission to a lost world.**

P: Teach us to remember that we are but the dust into which Your Spirit breathes the breath of life, earthen vessels You have selected to be the treasures of Your grace. Lead us to be ambassadors of Your kingdom . Show us how to love our neighbor selflessly. Form us into faithful servants. Mold us to be obedient followers. Retrace our lost image and form us into the image of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Holy God, we hear in Your Word today Your command for us to be holy, even as you are holy. We confess, however, and our lives give evidence of the fact, that we have fallen far short of this perfection. And so we confess to You in the presence of one another...

**C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord’s name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have it’s way with me, so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been**

**soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His suffering, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare this freedom to you, that your sins are forgiven. Live in the strength, the peace and the joy of the Lord.

**C: Amen!**

### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... Father in heaven, throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus revealed His identity and mission through His words and deeds.

**C: As You have shown steadfast love and faithfulness to us, so in our dealings with the people around us may we be seen as Your faith-filled people to the glory of your holy name;**

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Sit*

### **OLD TESTAMENT: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy. "When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God. "Do not steal. "Do not lie. "Do not deceive one another. "Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. "Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. "Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight. "Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly. "Do not go about spreading slander among your people. "Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor's life. I am the LORD. "Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt. "Do not seek revenge or bear

a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG:** (10:30am) “Cornerstone” (see video screens)

### **EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23**

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written: “He catches the wise in their craftiness”; and again, “The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile.” So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Stand*

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue**

**you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN:** (8:00am) “Where Charity and Love Prevail” LSB 845  
(10:30am) “Firm Foundation” (see video screens)

**SERMON:** “Tough Love” (Matthew 5:46-48)

**HYMN:** (8:00am) “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” LSB 848

**OFFERING** (8:00am only) (Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew. The children are invited to bring their offerings to the front at this time.)

## *Stand*

### **PRAYERS**

P: O God the Father, who made Jesus, Your Son, the cornerstone of the Church:

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O Christ, Head of Your body, the Church, which You purchased with Your blood:

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: O Spirit of holiness and truth, who sanctifies, guides, and empowers the Church:

**C: Have mercy on us.**

P: From fear of the future, from lack of zeal, from wrong priorities, and from concern for self more than others:

**C: Lord, save Your Church.**

P: From friendship with the world, from lust for power, from discord, from division, from pride, from stubbornness, and from unfaithfulness:

**C: Lord, save Your Church.**

P: Cause those who have been washed in the waters of Baptism to be filled with joy in their new birth and to be desirous of telling everyone of Your good grace in Jesus Christ:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Help us to see these United States of America as a field ripe for harvest and to reach out to every place and person, whether in town or village, city or country, suburb or ghetto, whether to newly arrived or seventh generation, black or white, yellow or brown, rich or poor, neighborly or hostile:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Remove from our minds worldly distinctions of race, tribe, nation, language, dialect, political affiliation, wealth or family background; help us to see everyone as a person for whom our Lord Jesus died.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Give us zeal for Your kingdom's growth that we may be led to serve in our own neighborhood or in a strange place, that we may pray for the success of workers who serve in our stead, that we may with cheerful hearts give generously of our resources, and that we may work while it is still day before the night comes and no one can work:

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: Cause us to remember the sheep that are not of the fold, to seek out the wandering and the lost, to proclaim the forgiveness of sins to the penitent, and to be impatient about reaching the whole world with the good news of Jesus, our Savior.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

P: (*prayers for special needs*) Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*(10:30am continues on pg. 8)*

*(8:00am only)*

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*Sit*



**About Holy Communion**—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "**What is the Lord's Supper?**" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. If your health requires gluten-free wafers, they are available upon request. Speak to the pastor prior to the service. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.



## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

CELEBRATION RINGERS.....“Lord of all Hopefulness”

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN..... “Lord of All Hopefulness” LSB 738

*(10:30am continues here)*

**OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING:** *(10:30am only)*

“Jesus” *(see video screens)*

## SENDING PRAYER

P: O Lord, help us to see ourselves as Your mission to people in their every need.

**C: To society in all its tensions.**

P: To the church in all its tribulation,

**C: To the whole world in all its futile struggles to find its peace without You.**

P: Give us, who are Your sent ones, Your compassion for Your lost ones.

**C: Keep us from becoming so preoccupied with ourselves that we lose our sense and purpose of being on Your mission.**

P: Preserve us from the paralysis of fear. Give us the courage of conviction that we have no higher calling than that of a witness to the love of God in Jesus.

**C: Grant Your promised gifts of power and love and a sound mind.**

P: Cause us all to walk together as people who know they are yet sinners; who deal with one another, not as the good or the bad, but as the forgiven, who love much because they are forgiven much by You.

**C: Hear our prayer in the name of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: May our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** *(8:00am)* “O God of Mercy, God of Might” LSB 852

*(10:30am)* “Shout to the North” *(see video screens)*

# Trinity Lutheran Church Announcements February 19, 2017

## *Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

TODAY 8:00am Worship Z4 (HC)  
 9:15am Voter's Meeting  
 9:15am Bible Classes & SS  
 10:30am Worship Z5  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship  
 1:00pm 4H Meeting

MONDAY *President's Day*

TUESDAY 10:30am Bible Class  
 7:00pm Friends in Harmony

WEDNESDAY

7:00am Men's Bible Study @ GS  
 5:00pm God's Grub  
 6:00pm Confirmation Classes  
 6:00pm Youth Night  
 6:30pm Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAY 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Benton Co. Jail Bible Study

FRIDAY 9:00am Parish Workers

SATURDAY 9:00am Altar Guild  
 6:45pm Traditional Worship Rehearsal

## **IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

### *The Sunday of the Transfiguration*

8:00am Worship Z1  
 9:15am Bible Classes & SS  
 10:30am Worship Z2 (HC)  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship  
 4:00pm Creative Crafts

### **Scripture Lessons:**

*Exodus 24:8-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 7:1-9*

### **1 John 3:18**

*"Little children, let us not love in word  
 or talk, but in deed and in truth."*

### **Church Office Hours:**

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Open during the noon hour.  
 Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
2/12/17	8:00am	101	General Fund Offerings	\$7,106.51
2/12/17	10:30am	163	Building Debt Offerings	\$625.00
	Total	264	Total	\$7,731.51
<b>MISSIONS</b>				
Missions this Week		\$1,041.00	Weekly Need:	\$11,938.00
Received to-date		\$3,317.00		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



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**Sharing the Caring Christ with All People** Matthew 5:38-48: I once heard it said that a prayer life centered on ourselves robs us of a prayer life. To pray our petitions may only take a few minutes, but if you start including your enemies, your competition, your neighbors, and the world, then you have a prayer life. Single out someone with whom you've had a difficulty or where there has been a tension, or worse, a heated, unresolved battle, and lift them up in prayer, and then let them know you prayed for them. Your prayer life will be following God's will and both of you will be blessed by the love of God that has been shared. **God's Word empowers us to go the extra mile with great love and to reach out to the world around us that is begging for compassion and grace that comes from our prayers for them.**

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**Today's Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Paul Richards in memory of Herman and Vi Kutzorik. We thank him for sponsoring this broadcast. We have sponsorship openings in March and April. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at [www.800wval.com](http://www.800wval.com).

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**Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for February are Carl & Helen Oltz. Members who have last names beginning with the letter "C & D" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

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**VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING - TODAY** All congregational members are invited to a Voter's Assembly Meeting which will take place at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 19th in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the implementation of a formal "Call-Committee," which will examine the vacancy left by Pastor Paul. We ask that you prayerfully consider if you would like to be a part of this process. We thank, with grateful hearts, Pastor Paul and Nancy, for all of the Spiritual dedication and devotion they have given Trinity, and ask God to bless the excitement of what they have to look forward to! In His Name, Trinity Leadership Team

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**VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** JoAnne Wilke will soon be vacating her volunteer position as a bookkeeper in the church office. She has been a blessing at Trinity, and with sincerest gratitude, we thank her for all of her dedication and willingness to serve the Lord. This means we are looking for a person to volunteer to help us. This person should be familiar with Quickbooks, accounts payable and general duties such as running reports and bank statements that will take care of our financial obligations. If you are interested, please contact Judy in the church office, or call Jeff Cziok - 253-0475. We congratulate JoAnne and Pastor Don Wilke as they retire and enter an exciting new journey! With Sincerest Thanks, Leadership Team

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**Anyuak Resettlement Project** After many years of working through government agencies and bureaucratic red tape, three families from our Anyuak congregation are finally reunited, or in the final stages of reunification, with relatives who were refugees living in Kenya. (*Much credit for the patience and work that has made this possible goes to DCO Craig!*) One of those families is that of our Pastor John Bakou, whose mother, sister, brother-in-law and children arrived on January 19th and are now living in St. Cloud. In both of our worship services **TODAY**, the **Anyuak Resettlement Project** will commence. Pastor John's family will be formally introduced at the 10:30am worship service. Information and pictures will be presented that day that will tell the story of these refugees. In an effort to assist these families with the resettlement process into our community, we will be starting a fund that will be used to purchase clothing, food and basic household items. **Door offerings** will be received after both services. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo note: **ARP Fund**. To help kick-start this fund, copies of Pastor Jeff Cloeter's recently published book, Loved & Sent, are being made available for purchase. The price of the book is \$15 (*\$15.99 on Amazon*), of which \$7.50 will go to the fund. Books are available in the church office.

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**Lenten Soup Suppers** will begin Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, served from 4:45 to 5:45pm. Volunteers needed for set-up, serving, clean-up or to make soup. Sign-up sheet to bring desserts will be on the kitchen door. To volunteer, talk to Gail Reginek, 253-9462. Come to enjoy great soup and fellowship before the 6pm Lenten worship.

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### **Church of The Week Homeless Ministry**

We have been hosting about 30 guests each night this past week. Thanks to all those who gave up sleep to provide security. Thanks to everyone who helped with meals and snacks, the food was great! We fed about 100 people each night at 5:00 p.m. at Place of Hope. The generous donations from you are covering all the expenses. Thanks too, to Bonnie for all her extra cleaning and to Tony Hall for driving the bus. It is a joy to serve with so many, about 75, willing volunteers that are involved each year with the Church of the Week Homeless Ministry.  
– Craig Cooper, DCO



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**Why would I want to enroll my child(ren) at Prince of Peace?** That is an excellent question, and certainly one deserving some answers. Some of those answers will be provided at our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, March 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity to experience the Christian environment of our school as well as meet our faculty, and those are two very good reasons for enrolling at Prince of Peace! Please come and check us out. We would love to have the opportunity of providing a quality education (our students have the top MCA scores of all area schools) to your child(ren) that is Christ-centered!

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## ***Dadaab Refugee Camp***



Dadaab is in Kenya and is located approximately 60 miles from the Kenya-Somalia border.

It was set up in 1991 by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to host up to 90,000 refugees. A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster.

Many of the original refugees are still in the camp 25 years later. In 2011 the population grew to about 500,000! Current population is 350,000. More than 90% of the refugees in Dadaab are from Somalia. Pastor John's mom, sister and her family spent 12 years in the camp.

Under international law, cross-border refugee camps are supposed to be temporary shelters and camp agencies are to work to either integrate the refugees into the host country, resettle them to another country, or repatriate them back home.

In 2015 there were 19.5 million refugees worldwide. The United States resettles less than ½ of 1% of them. In 2016 we received 85,000.

Refugees live in tents, which are made of plastic sheeting and distributed by the UNHCR.

World Food Program (WFP) provides food rations containing cereal, beans, oil and sugar. Although the rations are not enough.

In 2006 the camp experienced a flood which displaced more than 10,000 refugees. In 2011 there was a severe drought in Eastern Africa placing even greater strain on resources.

The camp is not safe as the Kenyan government does not provide security.

Poor sanitary conditions, lack of clean water and medical care contribute to many diseases.

The Kenyan government had planned on closing the camp in May of this year. However, the High Court in Kenya has blocked the government's plan. This is because of the persecution that many Somalis face when they return to Somalia.



**“The Passion for Prodigals!”** is the theme for our Lenten journey this year, with Lent beginning on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Each week we will listen to a Word of Jesus from the cross and connect that Word to His parable of the Prodigal Son through a dialogue message shared by Pastor Paul and Pastor Dave. Worship will be at 6:00 p.m. preceded by a delicious soup supper.

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**Salvation Army Food Drive** Boy Scout Troop 9 of Sauk Rapids will be collecting food for the Salvation Army. They are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. Please bring non-perishable food items to donate or cash donations will also be accepted. The Boy Scouts will be collecting food in the narthex before both services on Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts and the Salvation Army.



**Anna Marie’s Alliance** Trinity LWML is requesting help in gathering items needed at Anna Marie’s Alliance of St. Cloud. This appeal will continue until the league’s March 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting. Items needed are: personal care items, children’s hats, mittens, gloves sleepwear, blankets, games and puzzles. Gift certificates from stores are welcome. The basket to gather donations will be in the narthex. A listing of items needed will be posted on the kiosk.

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**SCRIP is back TODAY!** This is a great way to support Prince of Peace School. SCRIP gift cards will be available on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity. Gift cards are available from 90 businesses including gas stations, restaurants, movies, and retailers will be available. Forms will be available at the information desk. Please talk with Jenny or John Sprengeler if you have any questions. THANK YOU from Prince of Peace!

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**Ministry Shawls** are now available at the Information desk. If you know someone that may be going through an illness or recovering from an illness, loss of a loved one? The shawls are free for the asking. We pray the shawl will give comfort and a hug to someone in need. You may pick on up today after the service.



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### **WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a “time out,” please feel free to leave the service. If you leave the service, you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the Sunday school hour, (9:15am – 10:15am) and during the 10:30am worship service the **nursery** is staffed for children 0-3 years old. The nursery is in the preschool on the north end of the building. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

**Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.