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a Good Shepherd Community Congregation

Sunday Services: 8:00am & 10:30am

Wednesday Worship Services 6:00pm
(Memorial Day through Labor Day)



Sunday School for All Ages: 9:15am
(Sept–May)

Sunday Radio Broadcast at 8:00am on WVAL 800 on the AM
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From the Pastor

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 of Sunday, February 19th, the **Anyuak Resettlement Project** will commence. 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. Contributions should be placed in envelopes marked **ARP Fund**. To help kick-start this fund, copies of Pastor Jeff Cloeter's recently published book, Love & Sent, are being shamelessly promoted by Jeff's dad and 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.



New Pastor/Chaplain at Good Shepherd

On Sunday, February 5th at 3:30 p.m., Pastor Keith Weise will be installed as Chaplain at the Good Shepherd Community and Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Sauk Rapids. The service of installation will be held at the Good Shepherd chapel. MN North District President Rev. Dr. Don Fondow will preside and local clergy will participate. Since Good Shepherd has been a close partner with us in ministry to the elderly over the years, I encourage you as Trinity members to attend. (*The service will be over with before the Super Bowl begins!*)

Pastor Weise most recently has served as Chaplain at a senior care facility affiliated with Lutheran Senior Services in St. Louis, MO. He will succeed Pastor Don Wilke who has served at Good Shepherd since 1999. Pastor Wilke and his wife, Joanne, will continue to live in Sauk Rapids. We thank him for his years of service and wish him and Joanne well in retirement. And we pray that Pastor Weise's presence among us will continue that blessing.

"The time has come for my departure."

When St. Paul wrote those words (2 Tim. 4:6), he was referring to his impending departure from this world through death. It's hard to tell from the context if he had tears in his eyes. But what is clear is that he was confident about the future, both his own and that of Christ's church that he had worked so hard to establish and was now preparing to leave.

It's with a similar level of confidence that I share those same words with you here in a personal way. The time has come for my departure - not

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DCO CORNER:

Church of the Week Homeless Ministry

Hosted by Trinity Feb. 13 – Feb. 19, 2017

This annual community outreach provides overnight shelter and meals for the homeless. In addition to providing overnight shelter in our Fellowship Hall for 25-35 people each night, we will be preparing and serving a community meal for 100 people at Place of Hope every night at 5:00pm. Many volunteers are needed, 100+, to drive the bus, prepare & serve meals and snacks. Also, hosts/hostesses are needed to serve 5 hour shifts for overnight security (Married couples, 2 men or 2 women). Sign up on the poster in the narthex.

The meals are a labor of love as our "Social Ministry" fund will be used to purchase all the food. It costs about \$2 per plate for the ingredients for a meal. Would you consider helping to feed the hungry during our week?

Would you consider feeding: 10 people = \$20
 20 people = \$40
 50 people = \$100
 100 people = \$200

If you would like to donate, checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and in the memo, please note: **"Social Ministry"**. This is a once a year opportunity for us to show God's love to others in need just as God has shown His love to us in Christ.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." - Matthew 25:35-36



Please call me with any questions, 237-5507

- Craig Cooper, DCO

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from this world through death (hopefully not yet), but from my calling as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids. So, after much prayer and a few moments of reflective sadness, I hereby publicly announce my intention to retire from full time pastoral ministry on September 30th of this year. Without going into too much explanation at this point, I am confident that this is the right decision both for me and for the future of Trinity.

Throughout these next 8 months it will be important for all of us as members - not just those in leadership positions - to step up and engage in the process of determining Trinity's future direction in ministry, and for pastoral staffing to accomplish that ministry. Join me in praying for God's blessing during this time of reflection and transition.

Pastor Paul Cloeter

NEW WEBSITE

Trinity has a new website!!
 Please check it out at:
www.trinitysr.org
 Take a look and let us know
 what you think! Thanks!





The **Quilters** have arrived! Well, not all of them but the first 10 or so have come in and we expect another 25 to make it in the next couple of days. There are two more quilting

events coming up this spring. That's right, ***we just added another one*** and already have about 6 ladies signed up. The first one is actually for all crafters and will be held **March 21-26**. The second will be a quilting retreat and will be held **April 25-30**. We'll have the information up on our website soon.

Camp ambassadors and pastors, we are now ready to schedule our registration jamborees. There will be at least 3 of us available. Give us a call or send us an e-mail to get your registration jamboree set up.

This summer we will be having two weeks of camp for newly confirmed campers. Both will have great guest speakers. We will be sending out info in the very near future.

Question and Answer:

Question: When I signed up I got a message that I was enrolled. What does that mean?

Answer: The way the program is set up you are enrolled or you are registered. Enrolled means that you have signed up for a camp and have a spot saved but you haven't paid for it. Only when we get a deposit are you registered. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

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The Reformation at 500 Men's Retreat

February 17-19, 2017

Lutheran Island Camp

Speakers: Rev. Dan Deardoff, Rev. Dan Domke,
Rev. Dan Wagner, Rev. George Sagissor, Rev. Jim
Walburg, Rev. Dr. Don Fondow,
Rev. Dr. Dale Sattgast
Registration Deadline: Feb. 14

Cost is \$99 for the entire weekend.
Registration begins at 6:00pm on Friday, Retreat
ends at noon on Sunday.

Objectives

- To provide a Christ-centered, Bible-based program within the context of our Lutheran (LCMS) heritage.
- To continue to grow spiritually by learning to apply biblical principles to everyday life.
- To give support and insights to grow in our understanding of men's roles as husbands, father, and single men.
- To offer practical tools for man-to-man ministry.
- To encourage practical ways to be supportive of our pastors and church leaders.
- To develop spiritual leadership at home, at church, and in the community.
- To support and encourage one another in proclaiming the Gospel.

Register at: www.islandcamp.org



Worship and Music Notes

Prince of Peace has weekly chapel services every Wednesday morning. Each month, I teach the students a "song of the month". (This is one way they can participate in the service--especially the younger students--because then they'll know at least one of the songs :) This month's song was "Shout to the Lord". Here is the story of how it came to be. . .

Darlene Zschech was born in Brisbane, Australia, and she grew up singing. She was fifteen years old when she received Jesus Christ as her Savior. Years later, one day in 1993, Darlene faced a daunting and discouraging personal problem. She sat down at the old out-of-tune piano in her home, opened her Bible and started reading Psalm 96..."Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day..."

As Darlene meditated on that Psalm, her fingers pressed the keys of the piano and the music and words began to flow. In about twenty minutes, the song was done. She sang it to herself for several days as the truths of it ministered to her heart. She had not

previously called herself a songwriter, so was reluctant to share it with anyone. But mustering her courage, she finally asked her pastor to listen to it. He assured her the song was wonderful and shortly thereafter, they sang "Shout to the Lord" during the offering at church. The congregation took to it quickly. Darlene's pastor predicted it would be sung around the world...and so it has. (**taken from "Then Sings My Soul" Book 3, by Robert J. Morgan)

"Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing. Power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hand. Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You."

Singing His Praises,
Ruth Immerfall,
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*Shout to the Lord,
all the earth
Serve the Lord
with joy
Come before him
with singing.
- Psalm 100:1-2*

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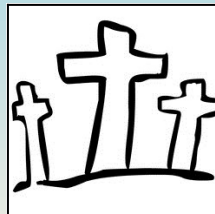
High School Youth Group

All 9th-12th graders are invited to join us in the youth room on Wednesday nights from 6-8pm. Bring a friend!

Make sure you are connected to the youth leaders via media of your choice. Facebook, twitter, instagram, email...

Youth Leaders

Emily, Charlie, Brett and Leah



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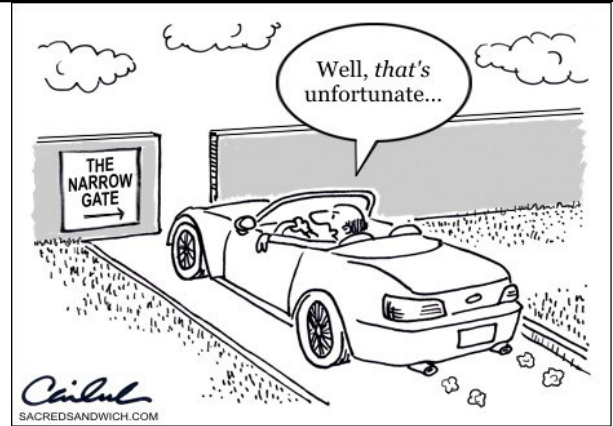
Or check out our Facebook page and website for the latest announcements regarding cancelled events at Trinity this winter.

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Lent begins Wednesday, March 1st! The theme for our faith-journey to the cross and ultimately the empty tomb of Christ this year will be "The

Passion for Prodigals." Each week we will look at one set of Jesus' words from the cross as well as a corresponding section from Luke 15 and the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Pastor Paul and Pastor Dave will engage you every Wednesday through a dialogue-style message as they make connections with what Jesus said from the cross to the parable He told about the "man who had two sons." Worship will be at 6:00 p.m. and will be preceded by a delicious soup supper. May our gracious Lord bless our Lenten journey into His Word!



500th Anniversary
Reformation –2017
MN North-South
Districts



Concordia University St. Paul Reformation 500 Celebration

The weekend of October 29, 2017 will have a number of opportunities for members and friends of the LCMS to celebrate the Reformation at Concordia University, St. Paul, including an art exhibit of Reformation-themed pieces, displays of rare books and other resources from the Concordia collection, the play *Luther* by John Osborne, performed on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, a continuous showing of one of the Luther films, and other fun and engaging activities. Costs for all of these events will be funded by CSP.

The cornerstone event will be the joint worship service at 4:00 p.m. on October 29th co-sponsored by the Minnesota North and Minnesota South Districts and Concordia University. That event will feature a mass adult, youth and children's choirs, dramatic vignettes performed by the cast of *Luther*, and a sermon by LCMS President Matthew Harrison.

All-School Open House at Prince of Peace!

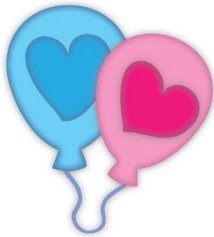
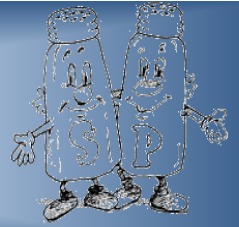
We would absolutely love to have you pay a visit to our school on Thursday, March 2nd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. As our guest you will have the opportunity to tour the beautiful facility God has given us. Our faculty will be present to answer your questions specific to each grade. And, you will receive information as to how to go about enrolling your child(ren) at Prince of Peace, including financial aid information.

Please come and discover for yourself the great Christian education that is available at Prince of Peace!



Salt & Pepper

On Feb 3rd at 6:30 pm we will be hosting Rebecca Kotz of the St. Cloud Sexual Assault Center and Officer Justin Thompson of the Waite Park Police Dept. They will be doing a presentation on sex trafficking in this area. This is an adult only event. Please sign up at the kiosk.



LWML

Trinity LWML will meet at 1pm Thursday, Feb. 9th in the Fellowship Hall. On the agenda will be Bible Study from the Quarterly and Review of 2017 Handbook. We look forward to our get-together, **you** are welcome to join us!!

Lenten Soup Suppers

will begin Wednesday, March 1st, 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.



SCRIP will be back Feb 19th!

This is a great way to support Prince of Peace School. SCRIP gift cards will be available on Sunday February 19th at Trinity. If there is a gift card you can't live without, you may pre-order by February 12th. By pre-ordering you will be guaranteed your favorite gift card on Feb 19th. If you wait until the 19th you can select from the cards available. 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!

DINE TO DONATE IN FEBRUARY

Join Prince of Peace at Panera,

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on Feb. 27

between 4 and 8pm.



SAVE THE DATE:

Prince of Peace
Legacy Dinner
Sunday, April 23rd.



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"And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit." Ephesians 2:22.



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God's Grub:

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Opportunities to Volunteer

Sunday Band Transporter

Do you enjoy live music? So do many of the residents at Country Manor! Every Sunday they have a live band and could use help assisting residents to and from the music. Volunteers would arrive at 1:30 to begin assisting residents to the band, stay and enjoy the music with the residents, and help assist them back to their room or dayroom around 3:15 pm.

Contact Caitlin, Country Manor Campus Volunteer Services at (320) 253-1920

Kiosk Attendants Needed

The St. Cloud VA is looking for volunteers to help as a Medical Center Kiosk Attendant. Volunteers will assist Veterans with the use of electronic kiosks throughout the facility. Veterans can utilize these kiosks for a multitude of things but can sometimes be hesitant to try something new. Volunteers will receive specialized training in the kiosk functionality and will be there as a support measure to increase the kiosk usage. Volunteers must exhibit excellent customer service, have the ability to promote use of the kiosks and have the desire to help Veterans.

Contact Angie Paulson, St. Cloud VA at (320) 255-6365



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