



Welcome TO TableTalk



The newsletter of the Northern Lights

May 2025



Summer Faith Connections

Summer often brings a change of schedules, routines, and lots of options for choices. I know I have at least one family wedding to attend as well as an all-school reunion at my hometown. The long sunlit evenings make for late nights and slow mornings.

If you're not already doing so, let me encourage you to put in place a faith routine or practice for your summer enjoyment. Have your Bible out where you can easily access it and commit to reading a portion of it everyday. You can focus on a particular book or you can follow a devotional guide. Trinity provides "Christ In Our Home" devotional booklets. You can also access "God Pause" through Luther Seminary and have a devotional sent to your email inbox each day.

If you are away from worship, you can watch Trinity online through both Facebook and YouTube. Many listen to the 9:00am radio broadcast through KROX in Crookston. Did you know you can download an app to your phone and listen to KROX?

Please remember to keep Trinity in your prayers and your financial giving. Summer months still bring regular expenses and staff are planning programming and taking vacations. You can give through the VANCO app on your phone, mail in your offering to the office, or drop off a contribution through the box near the parking lot doors.

Peace, Rev. Gregory Isaacson



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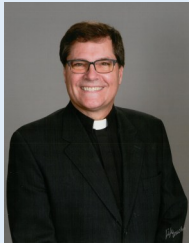
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MEET *The Pastors*



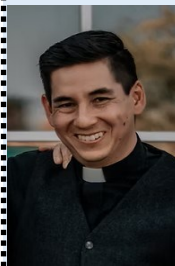
Rev. Gregory Isaacson

Pastor Isaacson grew up in Kittson County, MN and attended Moorhead State University in Moorhead, MN. After a brief period working at American Federal Bank, Pastor Isaacson followed his calling to ministry and entered seminary in 1987. He has served congregations in Clarissa, Ada, Bemidji, Afton, and Crookston, all in Minnesota. He is married to Kristen, and they have a son Karsten, who is in his final year at the University of Minnesota.



Pastor Gretchen Enoch

Pastor Gretchen was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. She served as Director of Christian Education at St. John's Lutheran in Louisville, Kentucky, Associated Chaplain at Snowmass Chapel and Community Center in the Colorado Rockies, ordained in 2009 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jasper, Indiana, a Spiritual Care Counselor at the Betty Ford Center, Associate Pastor at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, and Senior Pastor at First Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN. Beyond her traditional roles, she is deeply passionate about outreach and healing. Currently, and for the last 3 years, she serves as Senior Pastor at Fisher/Bygland Parish in Fisher, Minnesota. She continues her calling to guide and uplift the community with warmth, wisdom, and a fiery passion for Christ's transformative power. Her journey exemplifies a calling to serve all of God's children always with a heart full of love, faith, and a desire to bring light into the darkest places.



Rev. Michael Ozaki

Pastor Michael Ozaki arrived in Crookston in September of 2021 along with his wife Brianna and three children: Elle (8), Emery (6), and Miles (1). A shared Pastor with Trinity Lutheran Church, when he is not looking for new ways to love God's people and be church beyond our walls, you might find him spending time with family, riding a longboard or playing the drums poorly but with high enthusiasm.

Pastor Mike has worked in mercy missions in India, Thailand, and South Africa focusing on HIV/AIDS affected children and families before earning a Bachelors in Sociology from Eastern University, a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and Masters of Social Work from Rutgers University.



Rev. Curt Peterson

Pastor Curt grew up in Maplewood, MN and attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. His first career was in convenience store management. After this, he worked as the thrift store supervisor for the New Life Center in Fargo. It was there that he realized it was time to follow his call to ministry, and he enrolled at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA. He began course work in the fall of 2020, during COVID. While in seminary, he served as a Synod Authorized Minister at Glyndon Lutheran Church and then as an intern at Olivet Lutheran in Fargo, ND. His wife is Anna Erickson, and their son Ezekiel (Zeke) is in the Kindergarten Readiness Program at Washington School in Crookston.



Back Row: Addisyn Schiller, Sawyer Anderson, Ethan Lanctot, Cameron Martin, Madilyn Bruggeman

Front Row: Mollie Samuelson, Lilli Bridgeford, Madalyn Hanson, Teegan Johnson, Kendra Brekken

Not Pictured: Ryan Clauson (*Confirmed the following Sunday*)



A special thank you for the mentors who supported, guided and loved our 2025 Confirmands. So grateful for you opening your heart and sharing your faith and becoming another trusted and loving adult for our youth.

Annette Thompson, Aaron Reitmeier, Lon Boike, Christy Wiesmann, Kim Davidson, Trent Fischer, Adrienne Winger, Jimmy Gosse, Marti Newquist, Erica Allrich, Kristy Morris Leas



4th Row: Hunter Nicholas, Parker Kelly, Riley Helgeson

3rd Row: Joey Nesselth, Georgia Sanders,

2nd Row: Kaylie Clauson, Paige Abrahamson, Ella Lanctot

1st Row: Miryah Epema, Madeline Harbott, Makenna Kopecky

If you have time to please thank our incredible crew of JAM/JAM Plus Teachers/Leaders, please do so. They were a dedicated crew of adults/youth who showed up every Sunday/Wednesday to teach, love and share their love for Jesus with the young ones of Trinity—a priceless gift! **THANK YOU!!!**

JAM Coordinator: Marcia Haglund

Little Lutherans (PreK-Kinder): Francine Olson, Jess Bengston, Katie Lariviere, Megan Hanson, Laura Neuman, Teegan Johnson, Addie Schiller, Sawyer Anderson, Ryan Clauson, Ethan Lanctot, Cam Martin, Maddie Hanson, Lilli Bridgeford

1st/2nd Graders: Bridget Peterson, Georgia Sanders, Joey Nesselth

3rd/4th Graders: Brittney Osen, Halle/Reggie Winjum, Emma LaPlante

5th Graders: Crystal Meine

6th/7th Graders: Pastor Mike Ozaki

8th Graders: Leah Winjum

9th/10th Graders: Adrienne Winger

- ♦ **Marti Newquist**—sharing her gifts and leading our 6th-10th graders in meaningful watercolor artwork project.
- ♦ **Discernment Group**—for your time and dedication to sharing your perspective and vision for the future of Trinity and First Presbyterian.
- ♦ **Craig Miller**—assistance with financial items and budget at Trinity.
- ♦ **Sarah Olmstead and Marti Newquist**—Subbing for JAM Plus.
- ♦ **Trinity Quilters**—love, time and dedication to creating beautiful quilts for our Seniors, Trinity Point, Hope Center and beyond! Thank you for providing this incredible outreach ministry for Trinity!
- ♦ **WELCA Service Groups**—serving/clean-up for Lenten Dinners and Funerals.
- ♦ **Dan & Christine Erdman**—preparing DELICIOUS Lenten Dinners!
- ♦ **Lilli Olmstead & Harrison Cameron**—using your gifts of acting in skit during worship.
- ♦ **Darryl & Diana Thompson**—time and love to embroider our Confirmation Stoles.
- ♦ **Dale/Janet/Anne Kopecky**—creating beautiful wooden crosses for our New Member Sunday.
- ♦ **Hospitality Committee**—thoughtfulness and love to add a personal touch to New Member Sunday and providing warmth and welcoming with our Sunday morning greeters.
- ♦ **Kim Michaelson & Diane Rood & Angelica Huglen & Francine Olson**—Beautifully decorating sanctuary during Lent and Holy Week.
- ♦ **Taste of Trinity**—The many individuals and families who prepared and served their family favorite and the families who served and cleaned up in the kitchen—was a wonderful day of delicious food, fun and fellowship!
- ♦ **Addie Schiller and Ryan Clauson**—sharing your beautiful and heartfelt faith statements during Mother's Day worship.
- ♦ **Addisyn Schiller**—leading JAM kids in music during Mother's Day Worship.
- ♦ **Adam Schiller**—sharing your faith story on an Adult Faith Panel at our "Spring Thing" Common Ground event.
- ♦ **Linda Rokke**—sharing your gifts in the kitchen and preparing delicious meals for Family Dinner Worship at JAM Plus.
- ♦ **Jaclyn Martin**—taking picture for Confirmation Sunday.
- ♦ **Cody/Anna Brekken and Derek Brekken Families**—taking time to do sidewalk chalk for Easter Sunday Morning.
- ♦ All who purchased Easter Lilies as a memorial of a loved one.
- ♦ **Jerry & Jackie Lindsay & Leah Winjum**—for sharing your Thrivent Action Team Dollars to support our 8th graders could do their RAY (Random Acts Youth) project for the Crookston Fire Department and our 9th/10th grade idea of Birthday Kits for Care and Share.
- ♦ **8th Graders & Adult Volunteers & Brian/Megan Hanson**—helped facilitate, provide and serve meal at the Fire Department Open House for a May RAY Day Project.

Thank
you



- ♦ **11th Graders/Families**—providing and serving reception for seniors on Baccalaureate Sunday.
- ♦ **9th/10th Graders and JAM Plus Families**—executing your RAY day project to purchase items and put together Birthday kits for the Care and Share.
- ♦ **Sandi Schmitz**—assistance with financial accounts for Children, Youth and Family Team.
- ♦ **Brittney Osen, Bridget Peterson, Matt Torgerson**—Coordinating monthly Care and Share Meal for Children, Youth and Family Team.
- ♦ **Leah Winjum**—the staff at Trinity would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU for all of her hard work, time and love she puts into every part of this church. Her joy and light shine so bright and nothing at Trinity would be possible without her.

JAM MASH UP



Common Ground "Spring Thing" 2025



Holy Week



Taste of Trinity 2025



Trinity/St. Paul's SUMMER FAITH sPARK PRESENTS...

TRINITY & ST. PAUL'S

SUMMER FAITH SPARK

ARTS & CRAFTS

GAMES

PICNICS & SNACKS

LIVING WATER
SUMMER FAITH SPARK
2025

BIBLE STORIES

MUSIC

WATER & PARK FUN

1ST - 6TH GRADERS
(START OF 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR)

THURSDAYS IN JUNE

JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

5:30-8 P.M.

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY WED, MAY 28
CONTACT LEAH WINJUM IF QUESTIONS
281-4276 (OFFICE) OR 289-3250 (C)



Calling all 1st-6th graders (2025-26 School Year)! You are invited for 4 Summer Thursday evenings- **June 5, 12,**

19, 26 from 5:30-8 p.m. for BIBLE TIME, GAMES, SNACKS, MUSIC, ARTS & CRAFTS, and OUTDOOR FUN TOGETHER!!!

Each evening we ask that you **bring your own picnic lunch** and meet us at a local park (see *schedule below*). We will have a different weekly lesson around our "LIVING WATER" theme. Come for 1, come for ALL!

Invite a friend - ALL are welcome 😊 We look forward to sharing time together with you this summer!

Please register by Wednesday, May 28, by bringing forms to office.

****Encourage you to apply bug spray before attending and bring personal water bottles each evening****

<p>Thurs., June 5, 5:30-8 p.m.: LOCATION: CASTLE PARK LESSON: Jesus - our LIVING WATER</p>
<p>Thurs., June 12, 5:30-8 p.m. LOCATION: RAY ECKLUND PARK (Highland Complex) LESSON: The WATER of Baptism</p>
<p>Thurs., June 19, 5:30-8 p.m.: LOCATION: TBD..... LESSON: Jesus Walks on WATER</p>
<p>Thurs., June 26, 5:00-8 p.m. LOCATION: Crookston Pool & Trinity ACTIVITIES: FAMILY POOL PARTY, PIZZA PARTY & FINAL PROGRAM <i>(Details to come)</i></p>

COUNT US IN FOR SUMMER FAITH sPARK!

Child/ren's Name/s: _____ Grade/s Entering: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Dates Attending: _____

Any known Allergies/Medical Concerns: _____

Other pertinent information we should know about your child/ren: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

COST: To help defray cost of Summer Faith sPARK - we encourage a \$10/child donation. Encouraged, not required.



NEW BOOK STUDY (starting May 8)!

THURSDAYS @ 1:00PM

We began a new book together,
“Awe: The New Science of Everyday
Wonder and How It Can Transform
Your Life” by Dacher Keltner

Join Today!



Join Our Weekly E-mail!

Each week FPC puts out an e-mail for the whole community with not only worship, calendar and announcement information but also prayer requests, birthdays, special note from the pastor and video resources for spiritual growth. We hope that this can be the main way members receive up to date information about the church and each other. If you do not yet receive this email please contact the office with your e-mail to be added.



HOME DELIVERED MEALS

Thank you to everyone who signed up! All the slots were filled and so were many bellies because of you!

Summer Preaching Rotation with Pastors Greg Isaacson, Gretchen Enoch Curt Peterson & Michael Ozaki

Thanks to our collaborative with Trinity Lutheran, Pastor Greg Isaacson from Trinity Lutheran, Pastor Gretchen Enoch from Fisher/ Bygland Lutheran Church, Pastor Curt Peterson from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Pastor Michael Ozaki from First Presbyterian will be working together, trading pulpits, to lead all of our worship services throughout the summer.

What this means is that each week you will have a different pastor offering a fresh and new word, no churches will need to pay for pulpit supply, and each of the pastors will be able to take vacation time at peace knowing Sundays are well cared for.



June 1—Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder
 June 8—Marlys Mjoen & Marsha Odom
 June 15—Craig Morgan & Connor Morgan
 June 22—Ralph Pester & Mary Pulkrabek
 June 29—Lynne Mullins & Lori Folkers
 July 6—Dan & Laurie Wilson
 July 13—Bruce & Jody Hanson
 July 20—Wally & JoAnn Hoselton
 July 27—Dan & Vicki Svedarsky
 August 3—Glen & Marlys Finkenbinder
 August 10—Connor & Laura Thoreson
 August 17—Jeri Melsa & Marsha Odom
 August 24—Dan & Laurie Wilson
 August 31—Jon & Merrie Nelson



June 1—Mary Pulkrabek
 Communion Preparer: Deacon: Jeri M.
 July 6— Marlys Mjoen
 Communion Preparer: Deacon: Laurie W.
 August 3— Ralph Pester
 Communion Preparer: Deacon: Marlys M.



June 1—Mary Pulkrabek
 June 8—Lynne Mullins
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Repeating Calendar Items:

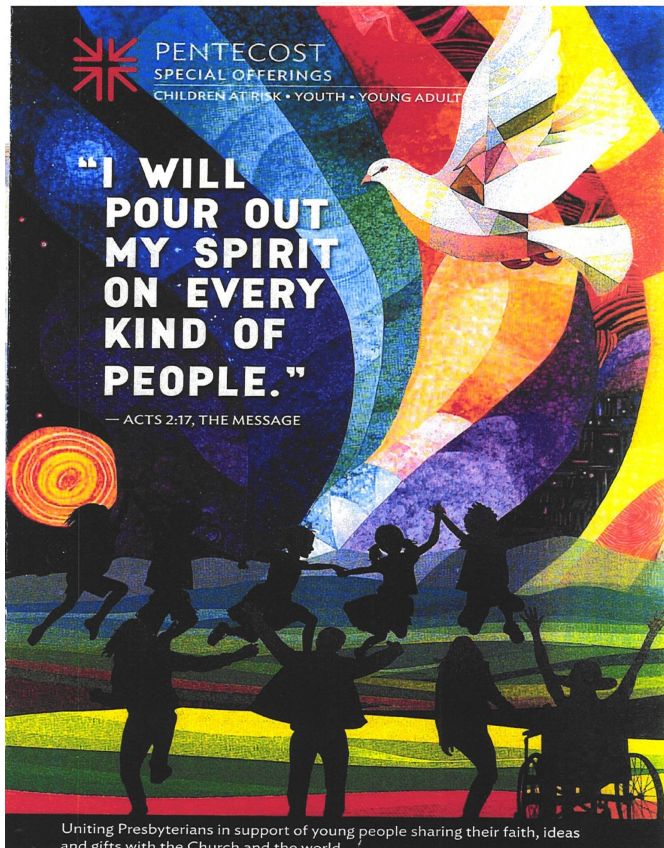
Every Sunday:	10:45am—Worship 12:00pm—Coffee Fellowship
First Sunday of Each Month:	Communion
Every Tuesday—(Oct-Jan):	6:00pm—Area Woman's Chorus
Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month	3:45pm—Presbyterian Women's
Every Wednesday— (Sept-Jan):	6:00pm—Bell Choir Rehearsal
Every Thursday—All Months:	1:00pm—Book Study
Table Worship—5th Sunday of the Month	



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

April 21—June 8, 2025



**"I WILL
POUR OUT
MY SPIRIT
ON EVERY
KIND OF
PEOPLE."**

— ACTS 2:17, THE MESSAGE

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"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT"

Through our gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we join together to support the faith of young people all around the world who enrich the Church with their creativity and vibrancy. We are there to work to correct the lack of access to education for children-at-risk, nurture the faith and vocation of youth and create space for young adults to explore and grow as leaders in Christ's church.

This Offering helps our young people begin life with a strong start in the years from childhood through young adulthood that will last a lifetime.



WON'T YOU JOIN US?

Please give generously...
for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Trinity Lutheran Church WELCA

Rhubarb Festival

12th June | **THURSDAY** | 11:00am - 1:00pm

Join us for our Rhubarb Luncheon with dessert and Bake Sale!
Cost is \$12 and Take Out is Available

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