

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## August 2019

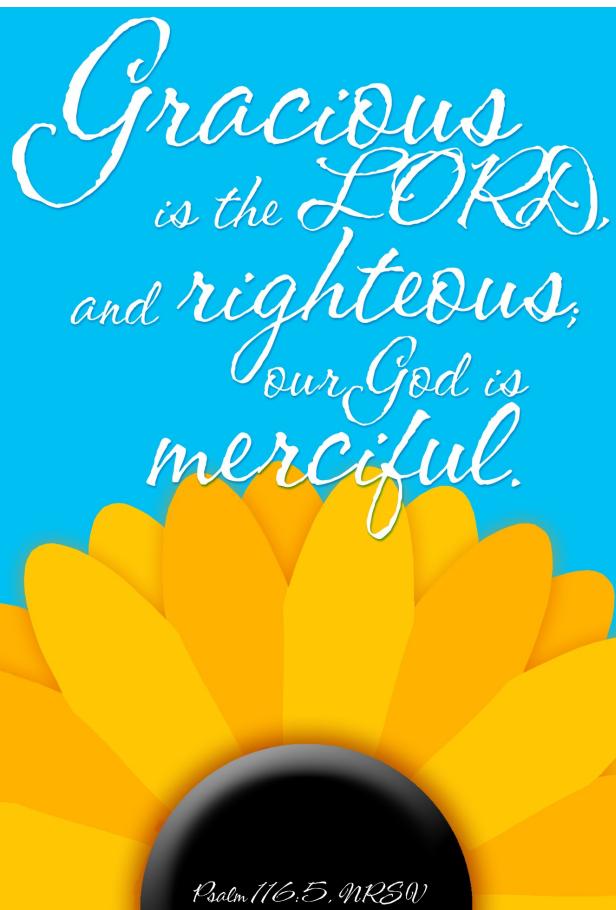
### Newsletter

#### Worship Services

9:00 AM, Sundays

5:30 PM, Wednesdays

Holy Communion at all services.



## Life & Missions Committee Challenges the Congregation

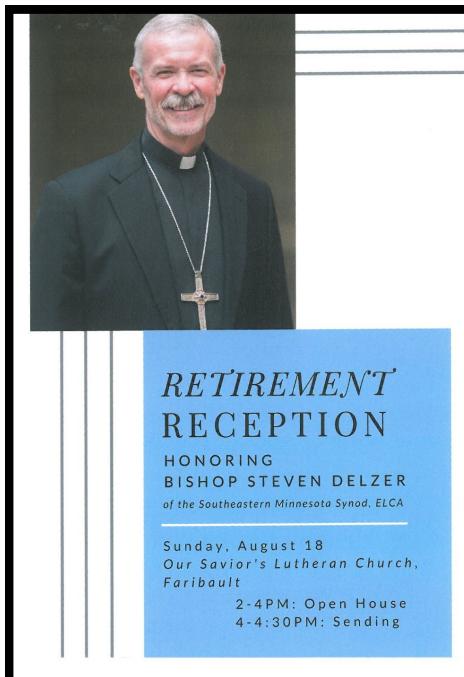
We will be collecting food for the Salvation Army food shelf. There is a grocery shopping cart in the entry of the church. Some of the items needed are: soup, beans, cereal, macaroni and cheese, tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce. They are also in need of personal items like soap, shampoo, Kleenex and paper towels.

Our goal is to collect **650** pounds of food donations by September 30, 2019. Please help us meet the goal.

The other challenge is to receive enough supplies to pack 60 school kits for the TLCW. The balance of the supplies will be given to area schools. We have a red wagon in the entry of the church for these supplies to be put in. The supplies are now on sale at the local stores and have to be exactly what is on the list. Our goal is to fill the wagon as **many** times as possible.

### **School kit supplies:**

notebooks 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper, 70 sheets, blunt scissors  
rulers (inches and centimeters), pencil sharpener  
new pencils with erasers, ballpoint pens (no gel ink)  
2-1/2" eraser, box of 24 count crayons



# **CONFIRMED**

*In Faith*

**June 9, 2019**



Left to Right: Evan Kallberg, Nicholas Johnson,  
Pastor Eileen Woyen, Macy Benson and Blake Kelley.

## ***Undie Sunday***

It seems early, but school sales will be starting before we know it. We will again be collecting underwear for elementary age boys and girls to be given to the Salvation Army.

With the early start to the school year, collection Sundays will be July 28th and August 4th.

## ***Trinity's Mission Statement***

We are a fellowship of believers in Christ, sustained by God's Word, led by the Holy Spirit and committed to God's vision of caring!



Trinity Book club will be meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Our book is “Where the Crawdads Sing”, author is Delia Owens.

How long can you protect your heart?

For years, rumors of the “Marsh Girl” have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kyla Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl.

But Kyla is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand.

Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kyla opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

“Where the Crawdads Sing” is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder.

***Everyone is welcome to join us!***

### ***Mark your calendars..***

#### ***Thursday Morning Bible Study***

Will resume on Thursday, September 5th at 9:30 AM

#### ***Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Sharing Time***

Will resume on Saturday, September 7th.

All Trinity men (all ages) and friends.

Meet at Hardees at **\*7:30 AM** for breakfast.

Then we go to Trinity at 8:00 and meet in the confirmation center.

**Trinity Lutheran Church Women**  
**Co-Presidents: LeAnn Juveland and Linda Olson**



**Our Finest Teacher By Patsy Clairmont**

In the New Testament we have the joy of listening in as the seeker, the lost, the broken, the forgotten, the paralyzed, and the skeptical gather around Jesus. The Lord, who understood their frayed and scattered condition, prescribed truth, direction, wholeness, mercy, forgiveness, love, and liberty for all who came with an ear and a heart to receive.

Interestingly, the ones who were the most receptive were the most obviously damaged (lepers, crippled, grief-stricken, neglected). That confirms what I've always suspected: The things we fear (pain, failure, disgrace, rejections, limitations) are ultimately some of our finest teachers, educating us in compassion, grace, wisdom, and understanding.

I love the chorus "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of the earth will grow dim in the light of his glory and grace." And that, my friend, includes our fears. They will wither in his presence while we grow in our grace.

We have received an invitation to Ascension Lutheran Women's Guest Night Tuesday, August 20th at 6pm to a salad supper and a program by Charlotte Laxen-artist. Charlotte will share testimonies of God's faithfulness when life doesn't go the way we thought it would and how he inspires her paintings to minister to others.

He is truly a God of the impossible.

It is that time of year to start thinking about lefse making and Soup and Pie. The dates are September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for lefse and October 3<sup>rd</sup> for Soup and Pie. Hoping for many great volunteers again this year, so please put these dates on your calendar, Thanks.

**Calendar of Events**

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| Sun. August 4th:   | Undie Sunday   |
| Tues., August 6th: | TLCW Board Meeting; 9:30 AM  |
| Wed. August 14th:  | Sewing Day; 9:00 AM  |
| Wed. August 21st:  | Combined Bible Study Circles: 2:00 PM<br><i>Jacobsen Fellowship Hall</i> |

## A message from Pastor Eileen

When I teach, I wonder if I learn more than my students. I love sharing Bible stories and talking about God's story in our own lives. It is a joy when I realize that some of the lessons actually stuck.

This past June four young adults—Maci Benson, Nic Johnson, Evan Kallberg, and Blake Kelley—affirmed their baptism after completing a 2 year program learning and examining their faith. At the completion of the program, they are asked to write a faith statement and pick a Bible verse to help them in their lives. I am always impressed with the results. I'd like to share a few:

**"My favorite Bible story about Jesus is when he walks on water. This story is my favorite because there is a moment in the story when Peter wants to walk on water like Jesus. He was told by Jesus to get out of the boat and walk to him. Peter then got out of the boat and started walking to him. When Peter looked away from Jesus, he started to sink into the water. I feel as though this story tells us to never look away from our Lord because if we do, we will start to follow others who do not have our well-being in mind."** —Maci Benson

**"My Bible verse is Philippians 4:9 – "Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me and the God of peace will be with you." This speaks to me that I will have peace in me if I follow what I have learned and received."** — Nic Johnson

**"My Bible verse is from Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and to help you, plans to give you hope and a future."** —Evan Kallberg

**"There are plenty of fish in the sea, but not when it comes to God, because He is the one and only."** — Blake Kelley

I am so proud of our young people and the wonderful adults they are becoming. Continue to pray for them and their parents during these exciting times.

Confirmation Meeting – Our confirmation students and parents will meet to discuss our upcoming year on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> after worship. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader, please plan on being at this meeting. Questions? See Pastor Eileen.

Backpack, Student, & Teacher Blessing – Albert Lea schools start back on August 19. We will be blessing our Students, Teachers, and Backpacks on Sunday, August 18 during worship. Bring your student. Bring your teacher. Bring your backpack!



Lutheran World Relief

### Items needed for the Lutheran World Relief Van.

#### Personal Care Kits

Bath towels – light to medium weight (approx. 52 x 27)  
*dark colors preferred*

Bath size bars of soap (4 oz) (*any brand*)

Wide tooth combs (*No picks*)

Nail Clippers

Toothbrushes

#### Baby Care Kits

Short or long sleeved gowns or sleepers **without feet.**  
*(6 to 24 months)*

Tops and pants may be used. (*6 to 24 months*)

Baby socks

Bath size bars of Ivory or other gentle soap (4 oz)

Receiving Blankets

Sweaters

T-shirts – Lightweight Cotton (*6 to 24 months*)

*\*Gently used baby clothes may be donated.*

## Council President

It seems like summer just started. However, it is already August. The county fair is finishing up. Students, parents, and teachers are preparing for another school year. Oh my, how time flies!

My journey in life also seems to be moving on the fast track. I “celebrated” my 45<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion in July. It was good to connect with former classmates. In many ways it still seemed like we were back in elementary and high school. However, there was also the reality that members of the Albert Lea Class of 1974 have passed on. We can never be sure when The Lord will call us home. One thing is certain though. He walks with us through our life’s journey and will always be there for us.

Thank you to everyone who makes things happen at Trinity. There is something for everyone to find an interest and activity to participate in at church. Invite someone to come with you to church. It never hurts to ask. Someone is waiting for an invitation!

Sincerely,  
Ron Petersen

## Wednesday Night Suppers

**Serving time:** 5:00 to 6:00 PM

Supper will be served in Trinity Hall.

**Everyone is invited.**



## Finance

Just like that, it is August. Reminder we offer online giving through <http://myeoffering.com/>. Online giving is a great tool ensuring your offering is received by the church when you are not able to attend worship. Click on the link above to see the features offered. It is a low cost service to our congregation.

The finance committee has set up 2 new accounts that need the congregation's help. The first account is a designation for our Roof/Steeple Repair. The second account is a designation for our Parking Lot resurfacing project. Both of these accounts are in need of our financial support for when the time comes to have these repairs made. You can designate funds to this at any time. Thank you for the financial support to keep our church a great place to worship.

Congregation members above the age of 70 ½ years, can make contributions to Trinity directly from an IRA. There are tax advantages in doing this. If you are interested in making contributions from your IRA you can contact Lance and he can give you the details on how you could benefit from this type of contribution.

May financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$28,148.19
Total Disbursements	
\$21,934.21	
(Cushion)	\$6213.98

June financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$21,540.25
Total Disbursements	
\$23,466.19	
(Shortfall)	(\$1925.94)

YTD financial overview:

Total Receipts	\$137,690.81
Total Disbursements	
\$146,831.55	
(Shortfall)	(\$9,140.74)

s/ Chris Skogheim

# Youth Mission Trip



## Premises

This summer has been busy for the premises committee. We have some water leakage in our bell tower area which has damaged the ceiling in the balcony area. We have found two areas that need repair. The rubber roofing on the bell tower itself is loose. This roofing needs to be repaired and refastened to the south wall where it is loose. The main water leakage seems to be getting in through the flashing along the roof edge where it meets the bell tower. We are in process of getting bids on this repair. Once the leakage is repaired, we then need to remove the damaged plaster in the balcony area and replaster and paint this area. There is also some leakage in the south tower that needs to be repaired. There is some tuckpointing that also needs to be addressed in this area.

The big thunderstorm with the high winds did some damage to our A/C units on the roof. The unit for Jacobson Hall and the unit for two offices were blown over from the wind. Both units were still running while tipped over. This concerned me because the compressors were running without oil. I received a quote to replace both units, which was approved by our insurance company. Also, when the Jacobson unit blew over it damaged the rubber roof and we had water leakage in the area over the stairway to second floor and area outside of Jacobson. I did a temporary patch on the roof and a contractor is coming to hot patch the hole. An insurance adjuster is also coming to access the damage to the roof and ceiling.

We plan to have these repairs completed before summer end. Because of the needed roof repairs, the parking lot project has been put on hold for now.

Any premises concerns or suggestions feel free to contact Jeff or Steve, or any council member.

**Sunday, August 4, 2019—Lectionary 18, Year C**

**Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

*Search out wisdom, for all is vanity*

**Psalm 49:1-12**

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (*Ps. 49:3*)

**Colossians 3:1-11**

*Clothed in Christ, your life is hidden with him in God*

**Luke 12:13-21**

*Jesus says: Be on guard against greed; be rich toward God, your treasure*



**Sunday, August 11, 2019 -Lectionary 19, Year C**

**Genesis 15:1-6**

*God's promise of a child for Abram and Sarai*

**Psalm 33:12-22**

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (*Ps. 33:22*)

**Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*A model for us: Abraham's faith in a new home given by God*

**Luke 12:32-40**

*God will give you the treasure of the kingdom; sell all that you have*

**Sunday, August 18, 2019- Lectionary 20, Year C**

**Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*God's word is like fire, like a hammer that breaks rocks*

**Psalm 82**

Arise, O God, and rule the earth. (*Ps. 82:8*)

**Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The faith of the Hebrew people, a great cloud of witnesses*

**Luke 12:49-56**

*Jesus brings fire on earth and has a baptism with which to be baptized*

**Sunday, August 25, 2019-Lectionary 21, Year C**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**

*Do not trample the sabbath, but feed the hungry*

**Psalm 103:1-8**

The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (*Ps. 103:4*)

**Hebrews 12:18-29**

*You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus*

**Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a crippled woman on the sabbath and is condemned*

## *Records from June & July 2019*

### Average Attendance

#### June

Sundays: 126      Wednesdays: 18

#### July

Sundays: 104      Wednesdays: 16

### Baptism

Alistair Rosell

### Funerals

David Poole

Ray Sorensen

Dennis Baseman

## Family Ministry Director

August makes us think of many things, like the fair, corn on the cob, schools starting and many others to. In family and children's ministry this is a very exciting time (at least for me). All the kid noises, rustling paper, glue, music and tired parents who may need a quiet hour for themselves. This summer we had many great family events and Day Camp with Okoboji leaders. We even had the Rad Zoo (reptile zoo) from Owatonna come the last day of camp to do a program for the kids. Trinity Lutheran is blessed to have so many dedicated members who take an interest in our kids and families; too much of the time a Thank You to them is not heard enough. A few new items to add to our FFF programs will be a  $\frac{1}{2}$  court basketball area with a portable hoop and 4 square areas put in the lower parking lot. Also adding a new Family Ministry for all who would like to discuss issues and advice. There are so many times we run out of ideas to help family life be a better place for tomorrow's families.

Blessings to all,  
Jill Hagen

## *Memorials Given in Loving Memory of...*

Jacobsen Hall

***LaRaye Anderson***

by Elizabeth Circle

***Marlene Skophammer***

by Elizabeth Circle

***David Poole***

by Marlene Wright

by Shorty and Nancy Jensen

Parking Lot

***David Poole***

by Glen and Leann Juveland

***Ray Sorensen***

by Jan Drews

by Dick and Phyllis Tavis

***Arlo Jasperson***

by Mary Circle

Kitchen Upgrades

***David Poole***

by Leverne and Liz Skov

***Ray Sorensen***

by Mary Ann Martinson

Undesignated

***Ray Sorensen***

by John and Cheri Butler

by Fern Rockwell

by Marcia Hall

***David Poole***

by Alan and Nancy Halvorson

by Friends and Family

Building Improvements

***Ray Sorensen***

by Ron Petersen

Youth Fund

***Ray Sorensen***

by Marlene Wright

Elevator fund

***Arlo Jasperson***

by Mary Circle

Water Heater

***Ray Sorensen***

by Lyle Hinz

Wednesday Night Supper

***Ray Sorensen***

by Barry and Donna Oliva

by Jean Pestorius

Music

***Ray Sorensen***

by Alfred and Nancy Jensen

Scholarships

***Ray Sorensen***

by Richard and Karen Nelson

Steeple Repair

***Dennis Baseman***

by Leverne and Liz Skov

World Hunger

***David Poole***

by Eleanor Schou

Commercial Can Opener

***Ray Sorensen***

by Lois Circle

Roof Repair

***Ray Sorensen***

by Gloria Fitzgerald

by Leverne and Liz Skov

by Tom and Jody Nygaard

by Friends and family

by Lance Skov

by Eleanor Schou

by Barb Larson

by Glen and Leann Juveland

Undesignated  
*Celebration of Nathan and Sharon Johnson's*  
*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
By Marlene Wright

# Walk to Fight Suicide

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
501 S WASHINGTON AVE  
ALBERT LEA MN 56007

CHECK IN/REGISTRATION 9AM  
WALK BEGINS 10AM  
FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT: DARCY NIELSEN  
PH 507-402-7886  
EMAIL: nielsendarcy55@gmail.com

Albert Lea Community Walk

September 7, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church

Register at [afsp.org/albertlea](http://afsp.org/albertlea)



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for Suicide  
Prevention



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**Pastor Eileen's email:** pastor@tlc-al.org



fam'ily noun  
1. a blessing  
2. the ones you  
live with, laugh  
with and love

Family  
*family*  
family

Ministry



# New this Fall

## Family Ministry

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles,  
sister in-laws & brother in-laws,  
adults care givers.

Did I miss anyone?

We will meet once a month

The third Sunday of the Month after church

From 10:05 to about 10:25am

Bring your coffee and treat with you

Some of our topics will be:

Social media and the effects on our kids

Tame the cell phone beast

Parenting through puberty

Money and teens

Family time

# August Service Ministers

## **Acolytes** To help, call Kelly Gleason, 369-3467.

August 4	Aly Colby
August 11	Jake Woyen
August 18	Kaiden Verness
August 25	Kameron Behncke

## **Altar Guild** To help, call Jean Pestorius, 391-1209.

Doris Hansen	Sharon Herfendal
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## **Communion Assistants** To help, call LeAnn Juveland, 373-9831.

August 4	Allan Halvorsen, Andrea Jensen, Jean Pestorius
August 11	Myron Jensen, Barry & Donna Oliva
August 18	Gloria Fitzgerald, Lorraine Malepsy, Tim Malepsy
August 25	Gloria Fitzgerald, Bob Goldman, Elaine Porter

## **Flower Committee** To help, call Donna Oliva, 377-1368, or Joyce Hoium 373-4196.

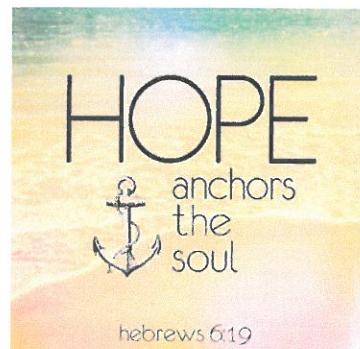
August 4	Marlin & Sharon Herfendal
August 11	Joyce Johnson
August 18	Barb Larson
August 25	Bob & Pat Goldman

## **Greeters** To help, call Verlaine Williams, 507-269-0292

August 4	Mary & Bill Bartholmey, Kathy Bock and Ann Christenson
August 11	Gloria Fitzgerald, Sharon & Marlin Herfendal
August 18	Gloria Fitzgerald and Doris Hansen
August 25	Linda & Brent Bergland, Kathy Bock and Ann Christenson

## **Ushers**

Bob Hamsund	Skylar Kelley
Mike & Andrea Jensen	Jean Pestorius
Lowell & Darcy Nielsen	



# AUGUST 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Undie Sunday <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour served by Youth and Families	29	30 5:00 PM TOPS	31 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Suppers <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:30 PM Gospel Singers	1 6:15 PM Committee Meetings	2	3
4 Undie Sunday <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour served by Youth and Families	5	6 9:30 AM TLCW Board Meeting 1:00 PM Bible Study Leaders <b>3:00 PM</b> Trinity serves communion at Thorne Crest 5:00 PM FFF Committee Meeting 5:00 PM TOPS	7 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Trinity serves communion at Oak Park Place <b>5:00 PM</b> Wednesday Night Suppers <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:30 PM Gospel Singers	8 6:15 PM Council	9	10
11 <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour served by Youth and Families 1:00 PM Trinity Day at the Aquatic Center	12	13 11:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 1:30 PM Mary Circle Bible Study 5:00 PM TOPS	14 Valleyfair Trip <b>9:00 AM</b> Sewing Day 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Suppers <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:30 PM Gospel Singers	15	16	17
18  <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion with Backpack Blessing</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour served by Youth and Families	19	20 5:00 PM TOPS 6:00 PM Corn Hole (Bean Bag) League	21 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Combined Bible Study Circles 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Suppers <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:30 PM Gospel Singers	22	23	24
25  <b>9:00 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 10:00 AM Coffee Hour served by Youth and Families 10:15 AM Confirmation Meeting 10:15 AM Pre-Confirmation Meeting	26	27 5:00 PM TOPS	28 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Wednesday Night Suppers <b>5:30 PM Worship Service with Holy Communion</b> 6:30 PM Gospel Singers	29	30	31

# August 2019

## Youth & Family Ministry



Free Swimming  
At the  
City Pool  
From 1-3 pm  
Please sign up on the  
Opportunity table.

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**Sunday school** is looking for extra helpers for Rally Sunday and other special events. If you're able to donate a small amount of time for our kids, it would be a blessing. See Jill if you have questions.



### Pre-Confirmation Meeting

Our pre-confirmation students and parents will meet to discuss our upcoming year on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the Resource Room. If you have a 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grader, please plan on being at this meeting. Questions? See Jill Hagen.

### Confirmation Meeting

Our confirmation students and parents will meet to discuss our upcoming year on **Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>** after worship in the Confirmation Center. If you have an 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grader, please plan on being at this



## Valleyfair Family Fun!

**Wednesday, August 14**

**\$25 per person**

(includes transportation)

Leaving from Trinity at 8:00 AM

Back in Albert Lea by about 7:00 PM

Lunch is extra and on your own OR bring a sack lunch and you can eat outside the park in the picnic area.

Kids 10 years & younger MUST come with an adult!

You must sign up by

**Friday, August 9.**



Starting in September

### "The Whole"

Will be open Sunday evenings

From 4-6 pm

Third Sunday—grades 4-7

Fourth Sunday—grades 8-10



New opportunities are in the making.



# 2019

## September 8th

From 10:00 - 12:00 am

Join us for **GREAT** food

**Crafty** craft

**Games** galore

And best of all

**Fabulous** fellowship



Sponsored by FFF Committee