

Trinity Tidings

Trinity Lutheran Church
Appleton, WI

June 2019



Meet Max Rusch: 2019 High School Grad

What high school will you graduate from and when?

I will be graduating from Appleton West high school on June 6, 2019.

What are your plans after graduation?

I will be interning with Project SEARCH at St Elizabeth's Hospital

If you were a super hero what would your super power be?

Being able to swing from place to place.

What is one thing on your bucket list? Not sure.

What is your favorite snack food? Flaming hot Cheetos

Share a memory related to Trinity.

I love my lamp that was made from one of the light fixtures from the old church.

What accomplishment are you most proud of?

Getting accepted into Project SEARCH



Meet Alex Kopischke: 2019 High School Grad

Alex will be graduating from Kaukauna High School on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Alex joined Scouts in the 3rd grade where he learned about many things from leaving no trace to always serving your community and helping others. Last summer he finished his huge (2+ year) Eagle Scout project (Restoring the water wheel and house at Grignon Mansion in Kaukauna, WI) and this past winter he received his Eagle status.

Alex was part of the Appleton Boy Choir from second grade until the end of 6th grade when he voiced out and decided to give sports a try while maintaining in band and choir where he lettered twice. Alex enjoyed football where he lettered. In his senior year he put all his focus in wrestling where his heart is and really excelled. He learned many life long skills resulting in being part of the winning teams (2 years state champ D1, and 2 year state qualifiers) where he also lettered.

Alex will be attending UW/Platteville this fall where he will be earning his Mechanical Engineering Degree.



Sharing God's love with all people as we grow in faith together.

Worship in June

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.
Tri-County Chapel
1592 Oneida St.
Menasha, WI 54952

June 2

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Hope of Resurrection
Romans 6:1-14

June 9 - Pentecost

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Nothing Can Separate Us
Acts 2:1-4

June 16

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Psalm 113

June 23

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Psalm 69:1-16

June 30

Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Psalm 27:1-6

Midweek Worship

Holden Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
at Grace Lutheran Church

Every Sunday is Special

June 2: **Worship & Treats**

Change of plans . . . all the grads are now available on June 9, so we will celebrate with them on one Sunday instead of two. On June 2 come to worship our risen Lord together and stay to connect over treats.

June 9: **Pentecost & Graduate Recognition**



Pull out your red (or yellow or orange) clothes to wear to worship on Pentecost Sunday. Together we will celebrate the birth of the church AND we will celebrate with our graduates. Please see their photos and information on the pages 1 & 3. (Some summer surprises will be shared on both June 9 & 16. We can't share more because it's a surprise! Come to worship & find out more.)

June 16: **Worship & Popcorn for your "Pops"**

After worship on June 16, everyone is invited to stay for popcorn after worship to celebrate our "Pops."

June 23: **Potluck & Bowling**

Mark your calendars for a finger food potluck at the Chapel and then to Sabre Lanes for bowling, board games & cards. Bowling is \$1.50 per game and \$1.50 for shoes. To sign up for bowling, talk to Judy Natz or send the church office an email at office@trinityappleton.com. Watch for more details to come.

June 30: **Sundae Sunday**

Pastor Amy will lead us in worship on June 30. After worship, the ever-popular Sundae Sunday returns. Ice cream will be provided. Please bring a topping to share - - hot fudge, peanuts, whipped cream, strawberries, sprinkles, whatever sounds good to you. Ice cream is always a good way to celebrate summer!



Do these guys look familiar? They are looking pretty flat . . . keep your eyes peeled for more.

Word from the Council President

I write this, my first message to the congregation as your Council President, post Synod Assembly. I am still humming tunes to songs from Swaziland, El Salvador, New Zealand, South Korea, Muscogee Indian and Puerto Rico that we sang at Assembly. The theme was, "We are Church, for the Sake of the World." As is evident everywhere, the world is changing and facing many challenges. Our Fox Valley neighborhood faces the same challenges. Prejudice, injustice, economic inequality, isolation, loneliness and shootings, bring the voice of fear into our hearts and minds. So do we hunker down in our church homes and tune out the world?? That is not the message we heard at the Assembly. The message is: we, the church, need to be present in the midst of the upheaval and turmoil in the world. God is out there waiting for us and He is speaking different languages and wears unfamiliar clothes. He may be a stranger to us.

What is God's message for us, at Trinity? It is the same. God calls us to be out in our neighborhood, following the example of Jesus, who washed the feet of His disciples, and listened to prostitutes and the poor. Although many of us may feel uncomfortable and fearful, we know that God promises to be with us and bind us together in His love. It is, in fact, an exciting time for Trinity, to take the lead here in the Fox Valley, as the church who embraces differences (language, dress, status) and welcomes "the stranger" in the community. God is asking all of us to be bold and embrace the calling of the Holy Spirit. Want to talk more about it? Call or email me with your thoughts.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, reminds them (and us), "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up."

Mary Robertson
Trinity Council President



Meet Chrisanna Barricklow: FVTC Grad & Trinity Council Member

What school did you graduate from? When? And with what degree?

Fox Valley Tech, in December 2018 and with an associate degree in criminal justice studies.

If you were a super hero, what super power would you have?

My super power would be to heal those who are hurting.

I grew up in Wayside, WI.

One thing on my bucket list is to travel to another continent.

When I talk to other people about my church I tell them how welcoming it is and that it is a fun place to be!



It is important to me to always be the best version of myself everyday as I listen to God and his plans for me.

Dear People of Trinity,

As you may have heard, I have resigned from my duties as your Faith Formation coordinator as of the end of September. It was a difficult decision, but I believe it is the right decision for me, and I hope for Trinity as well. Mary Robertson and the council have begun to assess Trinity's needs and how best to move forward with the Faith Formation role.

I will continue in the office as the office manager. And Ken and I will continue to worship with you and participate in the life of this congregation. We are invested in Trinity and continue to be excited about our future.

Thank you for your support, your participation, your openness to experimentation and most of all, your strong faith. It has been a blessing to serve among you all. If you have any questions for me, please don't hesitate to ask.

Peace and love,
Sarah Bultman

Offering Envelope Changes

As we have been spreading the word about the change in our giving envelopes, we have also received helpful feedback. When you begin to use your own envelopes now or in July, please include your name and contributor number in the place you would normally address an envelope. Leave the upper right corner of the envelope blank. (See the example below.) The blank area is used by the counters in their process. If you need to know your contributor number (the one that is on your offering envelopes), contact Sarah in the church office - - 734-9895 or office@trinityappleton.com.

If you have not already done so, please let the church office know your preference for offering starting in July. Here are your options.

- 1) I do NOT need labels or envelopes.
- 2) I DO need labels for weekly giving.
- 3) I DO need labels for monthly giving.
- 4) I DO need envelopes. Please give me ____ total offering envelopes.

Leave this area open for the counters please.
Name Contributor #

If you have any suggestions, feedback or questions please talk to Sue Ruppel, Judy Natz or Sarah Bultman. Thank you for your help in this offering transition.



We Are Church for the Sake of the World!

"We Are Church for the Sake of the World" was the theme our annual East Central Synod of Wisconsin Assembly - held this year in Appleton on May 17-18.

The Rev. Sunitha Mortha, director for Mission Formation in the Global Mission Unit of the ELCA, proclaimed a message of accompaniment. She shared that that living in the United States of America, many of us are steeped in an ideology of rugged individualism that is used to justify a system where children go to bed hungry, seniors worry about supporting themselves, people choose between medicine and housing, and individuals feel isolated from community.

In this reality, we start to believe that we can "do it alone." However, the Gospel truth is we cannot do it alone, and to do it together we cannot retreat to our separate corners, sticking to what we think we know best. Isolated, we fail... so, we reach across our denominational and cultural and ethnic boundaries in order to discover new possibilities for the future.

We are reminded that God calls us to engage in the world God loves in response to the grace we receive in Christ. Congregations have long been places where people share from their wealth for a common purpose. But at some point, we stopped talking about it that way. We started talking about "making the budget" and "balancing the books." This mentality causes problems when our gifts lose their connect to their purpose. So we reconnect with this purpose, reimagine service, and recommit to the idea that "we are church for the sake of the world." The "we" part brings us back to the mission of togetherness, pushing ministry organizations to pool resources beyond the church world.

The gospel compels us to celebrate the counter-cultural message that we are not alone, and that charge can be challenging. But we are thankfully in community as we struggle to further create community. At Trinity, your gifts are directly tied to our

Purpose Statement - "Sharing God's love with all people as we grow in faith together." You recently received an update on your giving for 2019. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and helps us live out Trinity's mission.

From the abundance of church, together we can be the Body of Christ in world. God's work is in our collective hands. We can all do better, "for the sake of the world" with positive outcomes and a sense of forever. But what the world needs will take all of us.

Pastor Brian

Thanks to Bob Hulteen, Director of Communications and Organizing for the Minneapolis Area Synod, for this article.



Rooted: June 12 & 19

On June 12, we will meet at Grace about 5:15 p.m. for dinner. After dinner we will focus on the Lord's Prayer and then move into learning more about the Bible.

On June 19, we will have a quick meal about 5:15 p.m. and then head over to Pillars Adult & Family Shelter to spend time with the kids there.

Hopefully we will be able to play games and do a few "messy" crafts outside. Thank you to Mary Robertson for organizing a Thrivent Action Team for this Pillars project! We have tons of new toys, games, crafts and equipment.

If you would like to volunteer with the kids at Pillars talk to Sarah Bultman.



Pillars Art Jam

Saturday, June 22 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Appleton Memorial Park Pavilion
1620 W. Witzke Blvd.

Tickets: \$20 - - includes 2 12x12 canvases, all painting supplies and snacks.

All children must be accompanied by an adult and remember to dress for mess.

Visit www.pillarsinc.org to register.

Join us for this family event! Jam to music as you create a work of art for your home and a work of art to donate back to Pillars. It's a great opportunity for kids to learn more about how Pillars is providing for families in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Donated art will decorate the walls at shelter locations or will be given to people moving into their own home. Come join the summer fun!

Blessing Box at Grace

For about a year now, Grace Lutheran Church has had a Blessing Box outside their building filled with food and personal hygiene items. Anyone can take items from the Blessing Box or they can also add. The Blessing Box is very well utilized by the neighborhood.

As an initiative this summer, Trinity will be adding kid-friendly food to the Blessing Box on the weekends and during the month of August. (While summer school is in session through July, any child under 18 is able to get a free lunch and dinner at Lincoln. However there are no weekend food bags available from St. Joe's like during the school year.)

If you are interested in this project, here are ways you can help. The Trinity Foundation has approved a \$300 grant to help support the program.

- ♥ If you would like to shop for food to stock the Blessing Box, please talk to Sarah Bultman (920.252.9643 or office@trinityappleton.com).
- ♥ You may also donate money toward the purchase of food.
- ♥ Or purchase food items on your own. You may bring those items to the church office or put them directly into the Blessing Box.

Please purchase items that are individual serving sizes, and easy to eat.

Chex Mix
Cheese or Peanut Butter Crackers
EZ Mac
Applesauce Cups
Chewy Granola Bars
Nature Valley Honey & Oat Bars
Fruit & Nut Bars

Small cans of pasta: ravioli, spaghettios, etc.
Chicken Noodle Soup
Oatmeal or Individual Cereal
Turkey Sticks
Fruit cups
Juice boxes



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel)	3	4 10 am Staff mtg. 6:30 pm Vision & Action Team Mtg.	5 9 am KIT 6:30pm Worship - Grace	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Worship (Tri-County Chapel) Pentecost Sunday	10 2 pm Worship at Heritage 5:15 pm Exec/Staff Mtg.	11 10 am Staff mtg. 2 pm Laundry Initiative	12 9 am KIT 5:15 pm Rooted 6:30pm Worship - Grace	13	14	15
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Worship VOLUNTEERS Schedule

June 2019

June 2

Greeter:

Marilyn Schucknecht

Altar Care: Judy Natz**Ushers:**

1. Jerry LeMoine
2. Sandy LeMoine

Reader: Sharon Helms**Communion Assistants:**

1. Jeanne Beckley
2. [Can you help?](#)

Healing:

1. Judy Natz
2. [Can you help?](#)

Children's Time:

Jann Seidl

Fellowship:

Sandy LeMoine

June 9: Pentecost

Greeter: Mary Robertson**Altar Care:** Judy Natz**Ushers:**

1. Ron Robertson
2. Mary Robertson

Reader: Jean Haese**Communion Assistants:**

1. Jean Haese
2. Shirley Connell

Children's Time:

Jen Cornelius

Fellowship:

Jeanne Beckley

June 16

Greeter: Kay Schroeder**Altar Care:**

Sandy LeMoine

Ushers:

1. Steve Schroeder
2. Kay Schroeder

Reader: Sandy LeMoine**Communion Assistants:**

1. Sandy LeMoine
2. [Can you help?](#)

Children's Time:

Chrisanna Barricklow

Fellowship:

Popcorn for "Pops' Day"

June 23

Greeter: Judy Van Elzen**Altar Care:** Judy Natz**Ushers:**

1. [Can you help?](#)
2. [Can you help?](#)

Reader: Leanne M.W.**Communion Assistants:**

1. Shirley Connell
2. Leanne Meidam Wincentsen

Children's Time: Dena Krueger**Fellowship:** [Can you help?](#)

June 30

Greeter: [Can you help?](#)**Altar Care:** Judy Natz**Ushers:**

1. [Can you help?](#)
2. [Can you help?](#)

Reader: Jean DeVoll-Donaldson**Communion Assistants:**

1. Jean DeVoll-Donaldson
2. [Can you help?](#)

Children's Time: Dorothy Warren**Fellowship:** Ice Cream Sundaes

Worship Volunteer Openings

As you can see there are several opportunities for you to serve at worship in the month of June. If you would like to sign up for an opening, please contact the church office - - office@trinityappleton.com or 734-9895.

Meet the Council: Sue Barden

I grew up right here in Appleton graduating from Appleton HS-East. I grew up in a strict Catholic home and we only missed church if you were sick. Even when we were on vacation, we would make going to church a priority. I joined Trinity Church and became Lutheran when I married Scott in 1990. He was a member of Trinity most of his life, getting confirmed back in the 1970's. We have been happy here ever since then with both my children baptized and confirmed here.

My first job after high school was working the Veterans Service Office for Outagamie County. That job was totally an eye-opener for me. I would fill out applications and explain benefits to veterans who were recently discharged and older veterans too. I think I was too young at the time to appreciate all the sacrifices the people made. Since then, I have been employed at Appvion (formerly Appleton Papers) for the past 38+ years working my way up the ladder to Lab Technician V. Even though our company has not been that stable lately, it has been good for me throughout the years and it's the people who keep me working there.

In my free time, I like to take walks, bike, go fishing and boating with my family. This summer I am going up to Ontario to fish with Scott – my first time; Scott has been there many times and will show me the ropes. I keep in



close contact with my children, Nick and Emily and my siblings and friends. I am blessed to have them in my life.

It's important for me to spread God's word. Even though I feel I always have had a strong faith, it's the tough times that you turn to him the most. My faith has gotten me through the bad times and I will try and help anyone who needs it.

My dream for Trinity is to grow our membership and someday have the church building that we all long for. For now, I think we are going in the right direction and I believe it will happen someday.

Eight Word Memoir – *May our circle of love never be broken.* This is something my mother would write on every card she gave us and we would hold hands in a circle saying it every time we prayed together. Truly words to live by.

Meet the Council: Chris Anderson-Kroiss, Treasurer



Chris Anderson-Kroiss' bio was published in the May newsletter, but we didn't have a photo to share. Thanks for sending us a photo Chris!

Meet the Council: Chrisanna Barricklow

Chrisanna Barricklow is both a graduate and a Trinity Council member. You can read about Chrisanna and see her photo on page 3.



Opportunities at Trinity to Study GOD'S MESSAGE for You

Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. at Grace in the Kitchen

The Grace and Trinity Bible Study groups have a combined study, and meet on Wednesday mornings at 9 a.m. in the kitchen at Grace. Please consider joining to study God's message for us. It is a fun experience, with lots of good discussion. The study is based on the ELCA lectionary gospel lesson for the week.

Readings and studies for Wednesdays June include:

June 5 - John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 12 - John 16:12-15

June 19 - Luke 8:26-39

June 26 - Luke 9:51-62

You are Welcome to...*"Keep in Touch"* with God and with one another!
Refreshments provided!

Linwood Place Fox Valley Lutheran Homes - June 2019 NEWS

THANK YOU!!! for your part in helping us meet the \$50,000 matching grant for our elevator. As I write, it's too close to call, but we appreciate ALL the help you gave us! We'll let you know how it turned out!

Did you know that our monthly calendar is full of classes and events that are open to seniors in your congregation? Check it out! Go to our webpage each month and see what's happening at www.fvlhomes.org. Our classes, events, and games are free and have room for more participants. We'd love to have you join our exercise class, Tai Chi, Bible Study, Dominoes, Cribbage or Sheepshead games, Coloring night, BINGO, or any of the occasional special classes and events we schedule. Just watch the monthly calendars and come when you can!

My last month as Executive Director at Fox Valley Lutheran Homes will have ended by the time you read this. I have decided to retire and enjoy my time this summer in my garden and with my grandchildren. I plan to continue to volunteer at FVLH and I hope you will do the same! It's a wonderful place to work, to live, and to volunteer! Thanks to all of you for your support!

Becky Luett, Deacon & Executive Director

FVLH Executive Director Search

Fox Valley Lutheran Homes is seeking an Executive Director to oversee the operational and fund development of their 41-unit complex. Ideal candidate will enjoy working with and share empathy for the changing needs of Seniors. Enjoys leading a team of staff and volunteers to create an environment of community involved living. Ability to raise funds, financial acumen, leadership experience with a heart for a faith based mission-focused community are all important attributes of the successful candidate. If interested, please contact Sharon Hulce of Employment Resource Group at sharon@ergsearch.com.

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*Feel free to contact any of these
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concerns for Trinity.*

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as we grow in faith together.*