# Trinity Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Caring Christ with all People"

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE Sauk Rapids, MN 56379



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

8:00 a.m.

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

# WELCOME!

# We pray that your time in worship will encourage and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one who loves you most - Jesus Christ!

Officiating Today	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Dave Strohschein
Organist	8:00am		Daniel Reineke
Musician		10:30am	Ruth Immerfall
Screen Team	8:00am		Open
		10:30am	Creighton Clark
Lector	8:00am		Alison Reginek
		10:30am	John Bakou
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Ashley Woitalla, Amber Kutzorik
		10:30am	Brandon Hejhal, Haley Evenson
Altar Guild			Marge Haase, JoAnn Kath, Jan Gratke
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 5	Marie Mendel
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Barb Mingo
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 5	Diane Haffner, Marie Mendel, Amy Schaefer
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Tom Skuza, Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 5	Bob Behrendt, Luke Wendt, Jim & Kathy Stueve. Trevor Jevne, Andy Behrendt
	10:30am	Zone - 1	Mark Helgeson, Jim Gerchy, Dick Mingo, Norm Greenwaldt, Bob Koroll, Dan Reberg, Russ Riehm

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

# **Divine Service I**

May 1, 2016 8:00 a.m.

**AS WE GATHER** The Sundays of Easter all reflect Easter Day itself in some way. Jesus reminds His disciples, including Philip and James the Less, that He is going back to the Father and that things will be changing here on earth. He has shared with them enough of His message and His presence that He can return to the Father in heaven, knowing that the fruits of His resurrection will continue after His departure as the promised Holy Spirit continues to work among the apostles and others. From those first days after the resurrection down to our own time, all Christians are assured and confident Easter people!

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN:** "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" LSB 467 vs. 1, 2, 3 & 7

### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His

authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### INTROIT

P: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

C: he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

P: My heart is in anguish within me;

C: the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

P: But I call to God,

C: and the Lord will save me.

P: Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

C: and he hears my voice.

P: He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

C: for many are arrayed against me.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;

C: he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

#### **KYRIE**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



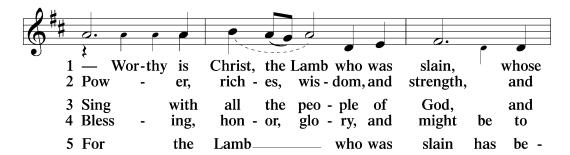
P: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

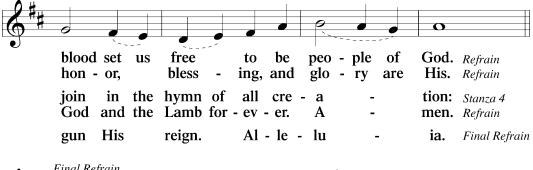














#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray... O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

# FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to

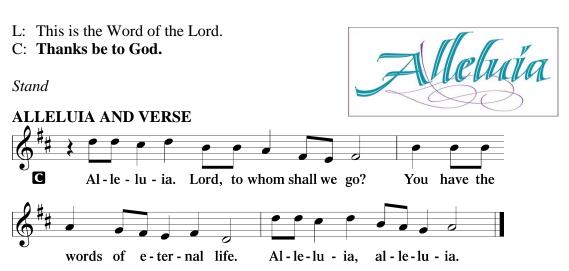
her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **SECOND READING:** Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life



### **HOLY GOSPEL:** John 5:1-3, 5-9

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





Sometime later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. One who was there had

been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath,

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



#### **HYMN OF THE DAY:** "For All the Faithful Women"

For all the faith-ful wom-en, who served in days of old, To You shall thanks be gi-ven; To all, their stor-y told. They served with strength and glad-dness In tasks Your wis-dom gave. To You their lives bore wit-ness, Pro-claimed Your pow'r to save.

You made her heart b-e o-pen, Gave her the gift of grace. And from that mom-ent on, Lord, Her home a wel-come place. So bless Your word among us, Grant faith as Ly-di-a, Who served You ev-er gla-dly, Join her Hal-le-lu-jah!

O God, for saints and ser-vants, Those named and those un-known In whom through all the a-ges, Your light of glo-ry shone, We of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing and fer-vent prayer we raise That, faith-ful in Your ser-vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.

All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son! All praise the Ho-ly Spi-rit, Who binds the Church in one! With saints who went be-fore us, With saints who wit-ness still, We sing glad Al-le-lu-ias And strive to do Your will.

**SERMON:** "Your Welcome!" (Acts 16:15)

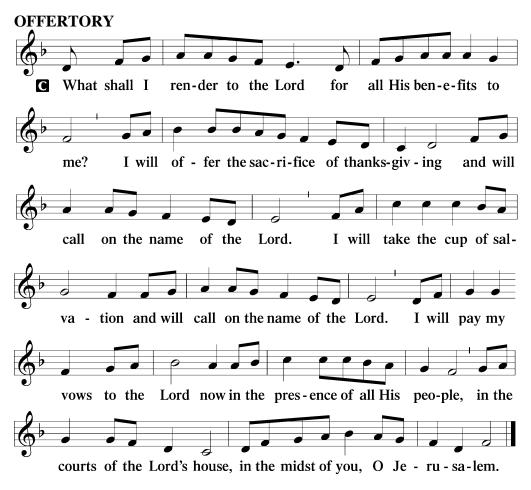
#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### **OFFERING**

(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.)



#### **PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.





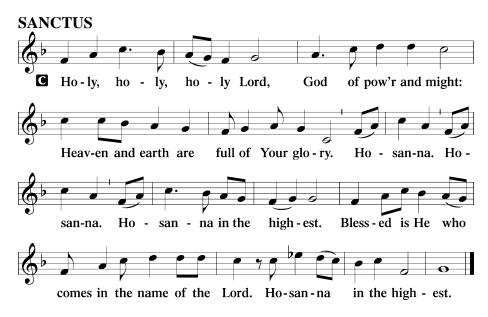
P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His

body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### **PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.







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. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN:** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411





**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.





He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### BENEDICTION





CLOSING HYMN: "Jerusalem the Golden" LSB 672

**Barnyard Round-up!** Mark Your Calendar!! Vacation Bible School is June 12 - 16, from 6:0pm to 8:30pm. See more information at the table display in the Narthex!

<u>Playhouse Child Care Center</u> is hiring FT/PT Assistant Teachers and Aides. Apply online at <u>www.playhousechildcare.com</u>

# Trinity Lutheran Church Announcements for May 1, 2016

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter

TODAY Worship Z5 (HC) 8:00am
Bible Class & SS 9:15am
Youth Study 9:15am
Worship Z1 10:30am
Anyuak Worship 12:00pm
Immerfall Piano Recital 2:00pm

#### **MONDAY**

Salt & Pepper Planning Mtg. 5:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm

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

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am Finance Team Mtg. 8:00am HS Youth Night 6:00pm Adult Choir 6:00pm

THURSDAY Sewing and Crafts 9:00am
Brownie Troop 6:30pm
Worship Team Rehearsal 7:00pm

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am
PRC Walk for Life 10:00am
@ Lake George
Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm

# IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

# Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00am Worship Z2 9:15am Bible Class & SS 9:15am Youth Study 10:30am Worship Z3 (HC) 12:00pm Anyuak Worship 4:00pm Creative Crafts

### Scripture Lessons:

Acts 1:1-11; Revelation 22:1-6,12-20 John 17:20-26

#### **Church Office Hours:**

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm Open during the noon hour.

Church Office Phone 252-3670

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
4/24/16	8:00am	115	General Fund Offerings	\$7,071.86
4/24/16	10:30am	143	Building Debt Offerings	\$2,016.00
	Total	258	Total	\$9,087.86
MISSIONS				
Missions this Week		\$564.00	-	
Received to-date		\$8,124.00		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		



Baptized into God's family of grace during our 10:30am service today is Kaden Gene McLaughlin, infant son of Shawn and Jennifer McLaughlin. Sponsors are Todd and Jennifer Bristow. We pray God's blessing upon Kaden and his family as they grow in faith.

Sharing the Caring Christ with All People John 16:23-33: The world is a hostile place for Christians, but Jesus tells us to have courage because He has overcome the world. Because of our faith, we have peace even in the face of trial. This peace and joy adds power to our witnessing. Today's peace in the face of trial may be the most encouraging Word someone may ever hear from you or see in you.

<u>The Flower Arrangement</u> by the altar is given by Cindy Bradow and Jeff Cziok, in loving memory of their beloved mother Doreen Cziok, who was lifted by angel's to her Heavenly home on April 28, 2015. We miss her dearly, but she is alive in our heart's.

<u>Today's Radio Broadcast</u> by the Altar Guild in gratitude for our Savior's love. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. We have sponsorship openings in May and June. 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.80owval.com.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Our servers for May are Pat and Fred Kjorlein. Members who have last names beginning with the letter "K" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board.

<u>It's Grain Train Time!</u> All congregations in the MN North District are invited to collect New Socks and Undies (men's, women's and children's) and especially for children age 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the Orphan Grain Train. **Please put socks and undies in the container in the narthex.** These items will be sent to help meet the needs of children in Haiti, Texas missions and other countries where new items are allowed. Thank You!

**Prince of Peace Lutheran School** says "THANK YOU!" to all who came out to generously give and support the ministry of Christian Education last Sunday! Over \$40,000 was given to our school to support both the scholarship fund as well as general operating costs. We THANK THE LORD for you!

The Middle School Youth will play dodgeball at Prince of Peace on Wednesday, May 18, from 6:30 – 8:00pm. Pizza and soda provided! Meet at church at 6:00pm if you need a ride. Join us for the fun! Speak with Terry Kurash, 251-4071 if you would like to participate.

<u>Summer Worship Schedule</u> A change will take place in our midweek worship schedule this summer. Beginning June 1st and ending August 31st, worship will held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. instead of Monday evening, as in previous years. Also, this Wednesday service will be similar in theme to the following Sunday's worship, not the previous Sunday (as was the case with our Monday services). If you know that you'll be out of town for the weekend during the summer months, why not make Wednesday your "church day"?

**Prince of Peace Lutheran School** is currently receiving the enrollment of new students for the 2016/2017 school year for Preschool through Grade 8. We offer small class sizes and a strong education within the setting of our Christian faith. Financial assistance is available to families who qualify. Contact Pastor Dave to arrange for a tour or to obtain more information (admin@princeofpeacels.org or pds@trinitysr.org or 251-1477).

**The GRANDParenting** class meets for the final session today between the services in the Caring Ministry Room.

Gabriel's Box Project Fund Raiser Creative Crafts with a mission will be holding a door offering on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to raise dollars for our Gabriel's Box mission project. This project provides memory boxes for parents who experience a loss of a baby. Whether through miscarriage, stillbirth or shortly following birth, its goal is to provide items and information to help provide some comfort in their time of grief. There will be a display table in the narthex showcasing the items they receive along with our

scrapbook filled with heart felt notes from parents and caregivers. There will also be a limited supply of ribbon crosses for sale between services. You may also place a check in the offering plate at any time with Gabriel's box in the memo. Thrivent will be providing some project funds. Thank you

for your consideration of this meaningful ministry.

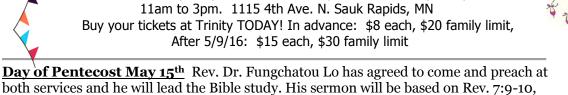
WALK FOR LIFE We are excited to partner with pregnancy resource center for their annual Walk for Life. PRC is a vital ministry fighting to save babies lives through accurate medical information, ultrasounds, and counseling support. The appointments are at NO COST to PRC"s clients because of the generous financial support of churches, business's, and families. Mark your calendars next Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at Lake George for this great fundraiser. The Walk for Life starts at 10am with food and prizes to follow. Register or make a donation online today. Preghelpfriends.com/walk. See you there!

<u>**Help!**</u> The Youth Room is in need of replacement furniture. Please talk to Terry Kurash, 251-4071 if you have gently used pieces you would like to donate. Thank you!

**Trinity Estate Planning and Endowment:** An effort is being made at this time to form a committee here at Trinity that will be charged with two goals: 1) assist members in understanding ministry opportunities and tax benefits that result from implementing a legal estate plan; and 2) overseeing Trinity's Endowment Fund, including the encouragement of its use both in terms of receiving and distributing its assets. Knowledge of and interest in the area of financials would be helpful but not required. Ouestions or offers to volunteer may be directed to Pastor Paul.

# **Good Shepherd and Prince of Peace Fundayfest - Inter-Generational Event**

Sunday, May 22nd at Good Shepherd Community Campus, 11am to 3pm. 1115 4th Ave. N. Sauk Rapids, MN Buy your tickets at Trinity TODAY! In advance: \$8 each, \$20 family limit, After 5/9/16: \$15 each, \$30 family limit



"Reflecting the Revelation 7 Church on Earth as it is in Heaven." Dr. Lo has served as a missionary in Indonesia and Cambodia and he has also been a professor of sociology with expertise in urban studies. He is currently the Executive Director of Lutheran Intercity Network Coalition (LINC) Twin Cities, a non-profit dedicated to reaching the "Nations" (all ethnic groups). He will be encouraging us to continue to seek the opportunities here to minister to immigrants and refugees here in Central MN. God is bringing people to us so we can share Christ with them and come alongside them as they settle in to our community. We can also work with them to get their loved ones here through family reunification.

Our Anyuak Congregation will share some songs with us at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. After the service we will have a potluck. You are asked to bring a dish to share according to the first letter of your last name: A-J Salad, K-Z Hot dish, Dessert will be provided. The Anyuak will bring their ethnic foods so be sure and try something different like Injera bread dipped in Lamb & Okra stew with a dollop of Asida. At the potluck a freewill offering will be received for our future trip to South Sudan/Ethiopia. Checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran, with 'Anyuak Mission Trip' in the memo line. This will be an information gathering trip, for a few leaders from Trinity and from the Anyuak congregation, to determine how we can assist the local churches in Africa without creating a dependency.

## **HS Grad. Recognition** 2016 graduates are:

Joe Bastian Skyler Figallo Cody Montag Tyler Haffner Caleb Notch Brooke Butkowski Korev Keske Brenna Cash Katie Oltz

Taenaesha Cooley Cidavia Marchand

We will be recognizing our HS graduates on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30 service. If we have overlooked anyone, please call the church office so we can extend an invitation to them as well. 320-252-3670. Thank you.