

Freeing Tomorrow Began Yesterday

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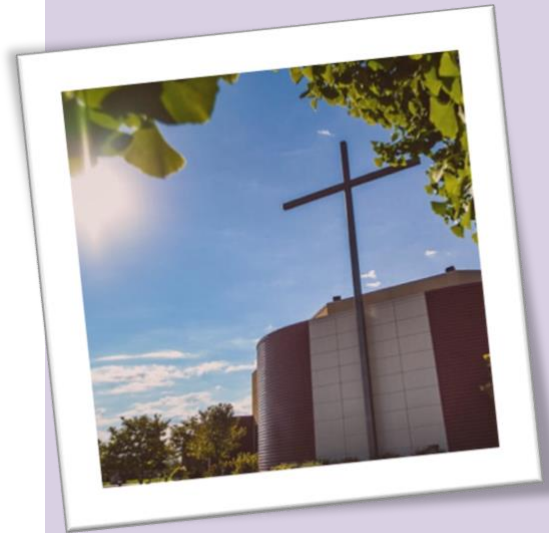
REVISIT/REVIEW/REVIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Trinity has been spending Summer in the Psalms to encourage us in our faith walk. One of the prominent themes in David's psalms is revisiting and reviewing God's past faithfulness to him and, through this, the shepherd king is revived and expectant of God's continued goodness for the future. As 1 Samuel 30:6 says "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God". When we consider events in our church's early days we can employ that example and move confidently into Tomorrow for Trinity. Let's revisit and review together.

Our roots are intrinsically connected to a godly widow used by the Holy Spirit in the mid-1940's. Sadie Sneller was told by her doctor that she had a year to live and her response was to pray "Lord, may this year count for you. Give me something hard to do." God then put it on her heart to "Go and reach the young people..." She had been involved in mission work in downtown Minneapolis and knew the pitfalls that those young people would face and didn't want another generation to fall into a life of struggle and sin. Her compassion was for the youth of the Orchard Gardens area, which is now incorporated into Lakeville. After prayer with her sons, Sadie felt that she should establish this ministry along Lyndale Ave (currently County Road 5) because electric lights would be available there. She was led to reach out to Christina Huddleston, a resident of the area who had a small store on the corner of County Rds 5 and 46. God had given Sadie a dream one night of the site for her future ministry. She had been shown a knoll with tall grass around tombstones and trees. She went to Christina and shared this dream, after which Mrs. Huddleston took her to the living quarters behind the store. She pulled back a curtain to reveal a grass knoll with tombstones and trees. It was just as Sadie had described. Additionally Christina told her the land adjacent to the cemetery was donated several years earlier by her parents, the Streeflands, to a group whose intent was to build a church on the property. That project was never accomplished but the land and money raised by the group were still intact if the Lord would give Sadie favor with these people. Gloriously this was the result and the land and financial bonds were transferred to the Victorious Life Sunday School. The fruit of Sadie's own victorious life would then, through several transitions, many more glory stories and ultimately a move to 210th Street, become Trinity Church today. Let us likewise encourage ourselves in the Lord our God.

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Paul Sollie, our church chairman, shares his heart for Trinity's tomorrow:

Our mission at Trinity is "to glorify God by loving Him and all people through obedience to His Word." The center of this mission is the Gospel and our desire that others would come to know and love Jesus. When we moved to our current location in 2007, I wondered what God had for us with Lakeville South High School right next door. As I think of what Freeing Tomorrow looks like, I see us more intentionally reaching the next generation in our communities with the gospel. Lakeville South represents the next generation and is next to us for a reason. It is not just the students at Lakeville South that need the Gospel, but the families that they are a part of. This includes young children, students, young adults, and older adults - all in the area that God has placed us. As I consider the future without a mortgage, I see many opportunities to reach the next generation and their families. This starts at our location and the connection to Lakeville South, but ultimately reaches to all of our neighbors who need the Gospel. So here are some questions that come to my mind as I consider our future without a mortgage. What if our outreach to kids was expanded throughout the year with the same energy and support of our annual summer Vacation Bible School? What if our Youth program was expanded with greater reach and connectedness to Lakeville South? What if the expanded children and youth outreach was used to connect more families to Trinity and to the Gospel? The answer: more salvation stories and baptisms. That is what excites me - rejoicing together as a church family as people get saved and we praise God together at baptism services. I look forward to many of these celebrations in our future!

DOING THE MATH HEARING THE MANDATE

God called Sadie Sneller to the young people south of the river in 1946. The population of Dakota County in the year of that call was approximately 44,000, based on the median of the census data of 1940 and 1950. In 2023, the population of this same county was 447,440, quite specifically ten times higher. Our mandate to reach our young population should be ten times more compelling! We are given another motivation for "Freeing Tomorrow". Revive us again, Lord, to go and reach!



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