

OUR STORIES

Finding a Loving Church Home from Jim and Edie Morrison

*An inspiring story from our parish to fill
your day with joy.*



Generosity Stories

We are delighted to share that our Stewardship Team continues to work with a program hosted by the Lutheran synod called Stewardship for All Seasons. As a part of this program, our overall goal for our congregation is to build a culture of generosity. We have so many wonderful stories of generosity right here in our own community, and we will be sharing those with you on a more consistent basis.

Be on the lookout for "Our Stories" in your email, in our Weekly Announcements, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

We are grateful for those who are sharing their stories to help get this important ministry started.

Edie and I (she raised Catholic and Episcopalian, I Presbyterian) were not greatly involved in a church during our years working and raising a family. With retirement and moving to SML in late 1995, we wanted to find a church home, one similar to our faith denominations and with a friendly congregation and inspiring pastor.

In 1996, we attended our first worship service at Trinity, meeting then at Resurrection. We were welcomed by several parishioners and Pastor Gary Scheidt. Gary's sermon was first-rate. We began worshipping at Trinity every Sunday, not even looking at another church. We really felt like Trinity was our home in 1997 when we were encouraged to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Trinity's new church building and three years later when we were selected to serve on the Expansion Team that planned the doubling of the size of the new church building.

Trinity's ministry is like a diamond with many facets to appreciate. We love the worship services – the music, sermons, prayers, and fellowship. We also greatly appreciate the opportunities to love, serve, learn, and grow through the some 60 ministry and small group teams. We have helped greet and welcome people since our early years at Trinity and have helped with Trinity Treasures and VBS. Edie co-lead hospitality for years and is a Stephen Minister. I have served on Parish Council and the Session, lead the Small Group Ministry team, have joined the Ministry of Service, and work on writing church history.

I learned generosity from my parents. My dad's golf foursome even put their winnings in the church offering on Sundays. Edie learned from her mother, who while raising four children, traveled daily to help her mother who was bedridden.

We support several charities because of their missions, but Trinity is first in our hearts for our time, talents, and financial gifts because of our love of God and Trinity's mission and ministry.

We hope that Trinity maintains its loving spirit and continues to reach out and serve its parishioners and the SML community with caring and high-quality ministry.

-Jim and Edie Morrison

