

# OUR STORIES

## Making a Difference from Neil Strong

*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.

When Carolyn and I moved to the lake in 2002, we were on the lookout for a Presbyterian church when we saw the sign for Trinity Ecumenical Parish on Route 122. We decided to attend a service the following Sunday, and from that moment, we knew we had found something special. We never visited another church. The welcoming, ecumenical spirit of the congregation created a non-judgmental atmosphere where friendships blossomed quickly. During Carolyn's illness and passing in 2006, the support and care we received from this community were both comforting and deeply moving.

One of the most remarkable aspects of Trinity is its commitment to generosity. Our practice of planned giving is how I express my faith in action.

Personally, Debbie and I have been inspired by this spirit of giving to enhance our own planned giving. Witnessing how Trinity's support has transformed lives and empowered meaningful causes has reinforced our commitment to contribute generously. We have seen firsthand the positive outcomes of Trinity's contributions.

We are confident that every contribution is carefully vetted and directed towards causes that align with our shared mission and faith. This level of intentional generosity has fostered a sense of purpose and unity within the congregation, reinforcing our collective commitment to living out our mission.

As we look to the future, I am assured that Trinity will continue to be a beacon of Spirit-led generosity. By keeping our focus on Jesus and striving to fulfill His will, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in the world.

-Neil Strong

