



Trinity

Lutheran Church



Welcome Pastor Peter!

You are invited to the installation of Pastor Peter Bredlau into the ministry of Trinity on Sunday, August 7, at the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Pastor Lori Skow-Anderson of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin will preside at the rite of installation. A reception in the Trinity Room

to welcome Pastor Peter and his family will follow each worship service. You can read more about Pastor Peter at trinity-ec.org

From the Start Up Committee

The Start Up Committee invites you to write a card of welcome and/or provide a gift card from your favorite local business to help Pastor Peter and his family get acclimated to the Eau Claire area. Please bring all items to the church by Wednesday, August 3. The cards will be presented to Pastor Peter at his installation on August 7. Thank you for your help in welcoming Pastor Peter and his family!

A Great Week at VBS!

What a fun week we had July 25–29. This year over 300 children were engaged under the theme "Friends in God's Word." There were crafts, music, science fun, storytelling, rec activities, and great classroom experiences all week as the kids rallied their spirits and energy to learn how to live each day by God's word. The fruits of VBS each summer result in newcomers to our congregation and a marvelous experience of God's Spirit. Check out our Facebook page to see pictures and video from this great event.

Mark your calendars and join us next summer, July 24–28, for Vacation Bible School 2017.

Noah's Ark Openings

Noah's Ark Preschool has openings for the 2016–2017 school year, and we would love to share this experience with your child, grandchild, neighbor, or friend! We have openings in the Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning classes (9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.) for children who are four by September 1, 2016. The M/W/F afternoon class (12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.) has openings for children who turn four by December 31, 2016. These classes allow children to grow through discovery, hands on experiences, and social interaction with friends. Spread the word about this ministry to your friends and neighbors! For information or to register, contact Marlee Knickerbocker at marlee@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601, ext 205.

Free Devotionals

Pick up the two daily devotionals "Christ in our Home" and "Word in Season" for July, August, and September in the information rack today. In addition, there are a few large-print editions available.

*The Trinity Food Pantry
is in need of plastic bags.
You can drop them
off in the church office.
Thank you!*



Dear Friends in Christ,

These past few months, I have found myself both resonating and arguing with a quote by author Marilyn Ferguson. She writes: "It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to."

Changes in staff this last year have been significant, from part-timers to long termers. Lisa Goetz and Alicia Strozinsky transitioned out of youth and children's ministries, where Ashley Olson and soon Heather Day will transition in. Marlee Knickerbocker transitioned from teaching Day Camps and Noah's Ark to Preschool Director as Jeanne Cooper is now transitioning into retirement. Sharry Hebert transitioned from her role as Food Pantry Coordinator, and Faye Ryszkiewicz came aboard. Pastor Jim transitioned to a new call in Florida, and Pastor Dave has transitioned in as Bridge Pastor. Pastor Kurt transitioned to new adventures after 28 years of ministry here, and this month we welcome Pastor Peter, transitioning from ministry in Pennsylvania back to this great home state of Wisconsin.

Can we stop using the word "transition" yet?! That was a question that actually came up—partly as joke, but partly in truth—at a staff meeting this past month. It's true—we are having a banner year of change at Trinity in many ways. And while I can understand the sentiment behind Ferguson's analogy of the trapeze or Linus without his blanket, I still can't quite apply the feeling to Trinity as a whole.

Because "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8); because we took on this "transition year" head on with collective intentionality, prayer, and discernment which made a difference; and, because Trinity is a community that gets that its mission is mission (or in other words, our purpose lies outside of our walls); we have had something to hold on to. Christ, who is ever constant in grace and presence and power, sends us to serve in his love and share the good news. So, when staff transition happens (there is that word again!), it doesn't mean that everything among the Trinity community comes to a halt, because the heart of Trinity resides in the servant hearts and faith of its members, a faith in a gracious, active, and living God who is up to far more than we could ask for or imagine among and through us.

So, in this time of change, we offer bold thanks and joyfully celebrate what has been evolving amongst Trinity over the past 30 years and more. At the same time, we welcome a new chapter and open ourselves up to any changes the Spirit might inspire among us. Because, again, Christ remains constant and God is faithful. As the words above our main entry read: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

May God bless us with continued faith and trust as we "transition" from mission to more mission in these next months and years.

In Christ,
Pastor Sarah

Trinity Liturgical Dance Team



Join the Liturgical Dance Team this fall and help spread God's message through movement. People ages 5 to 105 are invited to participate. No experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be on Mondays; August 1, 8, 15, and 22; from 5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. in the worship center for their next presentation on Sunday, September 11. The Dance Team Leader is Lynn Buske. For more information, contact Shirley Sands at 715.832.6601 Ext. 214 or shirley@trinity-ec.org

Serve Communion

We're looking for adults, teens, and kids willing to serve communion on the first and third Sundays of each month. Simply sign-up on the chart near the Lobby drinking fountains for a particular date/service. Arrive ten minutes before worship, and check in at the table near the pulpit with the pastor leading worship to receive instructions. For more information, contact Shirley Sands at 715.832.6601 Ext 214 or shirley@trinity-ec.org

Friendship Group

Trinity's senior citizens (The Friendship Group) will meet on Wednesday, August 10, at 1:00 P.M. in the Trinity chapel. Stephanie Hebert of Visit Eau Claire will present a program on Staycations, things to do and see in the Chippewa Valley. All are welcome to join them. Lunch will be on our own at Old Country Buffet at 11:30 A.M.



Thank You!

Trinity family, you are amazing! Not only did Soles for Special Souls meet our donation goal for June, we exceeded it. Thank you very much! Shoe vouchers will be distributed during regular food pantry hours the first and third weeks of August. With your generous contributions, we should be able to provide a few more pairs of back-to-school shoes than last year. There will be happy faces on the children and thankful expressions on the parents as they receive their vouchers.

If you would still like to make a donation, just add Soles for Special Souls to the memo line on a check made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Thank You for Serving!

"Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am, there will my servant be also." John 12:26

Members of Trinity have been actively volunteering as a reflection of our faith in God and our mission statement of "Serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news." We had a team of volunteers serve at the Community Table on Monday, July 11. In addition, a group of volunteers served at the Sojourner House on Friday, July 15. Plus, Trinity youth were present in various roles during the last week of June in Denver, Colorado. Thank you to all who give of their time and share their gifts to live out their faith to care for many while supporting our partnering organizations in ministry!

Help Serve the Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House from August 21–24. We have spots available for evening and breakfast hosts, providing dinner, and overnight hosts. If you are available for a volunteer shift, you are invited to sign up at Clipboard Central. Roman and Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

Friends of Flynn Ministry

As a reflection of our mission statement of "Serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news," Trinity has a wonderful partnership with Flynn Elementary School to help address the needs of children.

Have you seen the great prices recently on all the school supplies that children need? If so, please consider purchasing some to give to children at the beginning of the school year. We are in need of folders, paper, bottles of white glue, small glue sticks, boxes of Kleenex facial tissue, child size Fiskar scissors, eight or ten count Crayola classic markers, erasers, yellow highlighters, red pens, and colored pencils. Most stores have a printed list near the supplies to help with your selection for Flynn students. The supplies can be dropped off at Trinity (lobby after worship; office during the week) beginning August 7. Thank you!

Donate Old Cell Phones

Our mission of serving in Christ's love takes on many forms here and throughout the world. It involves being good stewards of our lives, resources, and the grace given to us in Christ. If you have an old cell phone at home, join the mission of Hope Phones and give isolated people in the developing world access to medical care by leaving phones (chargers and cords, too) in the boxes in the lobby. Hope Phones refurbishes all mobiles (old or broken) to create communication networks for health workers serving in fifteen countries. For more information, go to hopephones.org

Prayer Link

You are invited to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and become part of Prayer Link. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and members who've agreed to pray for others. When you join Prayer Link, you will receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Then you pray wherever and whenever you can! We'll provide you a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying.

If you appreciate the benefits of prayer and are willing to pray for those who share requests, email Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org

Produce To Share

If your garden is producing more than you can consume, please remember that Trinity's Food Pantry will gladly distribute your abundance. Deliver produce by noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays to the pantry entrance at Door #4. Contact Faye Ryszkiewicz, Food Pantry Coordinator, at faye@trinity-ec.org for more information.





When You Are Hospitalized

The Pastoral Care Team of Trinity makes frequent trips to visit hospitalized Trinity members. But to know about your hospitalization, they depend upon the hospitals having your admission coded into their system. This will not result in your name being shared with anyone beyond the staff. So, when you or a family member are admitted, please inform them of your church affiliation. Better yet, share information about planned or unexpected hospitalizations directly with us by:

- ✓ Calling 715.832.6601 or emailing trinity@trinity-ec.org in advance of or at the start of hospitalization.
- ✓ Asking the hospital chaplain to call Trinity's office.

If you wonder if a Pastoral Care Team member is going to call on you, that's the time to call the church office! Thank you.



Trinity on Facebook

Trinity's Facebook page is an active source of information with inspiration for your faith development, too. Be sure to "Like" Trinity soon and begin enjoying the benefits of inspiration and news.

When Your Address Changes

Whenever you're moving or changing to "temporarily away" with the United States Postal Service, any mail Trinity sends to you is returned at a cost per item. Please inform the church office when your address changes or when you're going away and having your mail held. Email your address updates to heatherd@trinity-ec.org or include Trinity in the United States Postal Service address change cards you send to others. Thank you.

Blood Pressure Screening

One of the ongoing activities of Trinity's Health Ministry is free blood pressure screenings offered the second Sunday of the month between worship services. These screenings are presented to increase awareness and knowledge of prevention, detection, and management of hypertension (high blood pressure). Because it is possible to have high blood pressure without any symptoms—and because untreated high blood pressure can cause serious problems, even death—it is often called the "silent killer." Come to the next free blood pressure screening to help you monitor and control your blood pressure.

The ELCA Women's Retreat

This annual retreat will be held August 17–18 at Luther Park in Chetek. The theme is "Be all that you were meant to be." The presenter is Natalia Peterson, author of "I'm not the Pastor's Wife, I'm Just Married to Him." The retreat begins at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, August 17, and concludes on Thursday, August 18. One day registration is \$30, and both days are \$60. The cost is \$65 after 7.31.2016. Make checks payable to: W/ELCA and send with registration form (available on Women's bulletin board across from the nursery) to Eileen Christopherson, E9941 630th Ave, Elk Mound.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, August 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity

Hostess: Ann Felton

Leader:

Martha/Mary: No information

Miriam

Wednesday, August 17, 9:30 A.M.

Hostess: Leatrice Solberg, 2101 Skeels Ave

Leader: Group

Ruth: No meeting

Funeral Planning Guide

We plan for many important events in our lives, yet many people resist planning for the reality of their death. To assist you in planning, Trinity provides a Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet which walks you through numerous topics and provides options so you can develop a plan which will then assist your family in very helpful ways. Find this guide in the Worship section of trinity-ec.org or print copies are available in the Lobby and the office.

Thrivent Member? The Choice is Yours

If you hold an insurance or annuity product with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you may have Thrivent Choice@ dollars available that could benefit Trinity and our Noah's Ark Preschool. Last year \$5,526 in Thrivent Choice dollars benefitted ministries of our congregation. Contact your Thrivent representative or log-in to your account at thrivent.com, click Choice Dollars, and elect Trinity today!



Grade 7 Group Guides Needed!

This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while leading a small group of enthusiastic students. Confirmation Club 78 Group Guides are responsible for leading a small group of 6–8 students. Group Guides participate with their group in the large group lesson taught by the Pastors, and then they lead a small group follow-up lesson. Club 78 meets approximately every other Wednesday, September through April, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. following worship. It is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! A sign up form is located by Clipboard Central. Please contact Pastor Brahm at 715.832.6601 ext. 213 or brahm@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Volunteer to be a MENTOR!

The best way to define the word mentor is simply "being a friend." A mentor is someone who models a way of faith and offers support and caring for our Club 9 students. Youth Ministry is looking for adults to mentor high school students in our Club 9 confirmation program. Mentors are responsible for attending large group lessons, led by a pastor, with their student. Small group discussion is interwoven throughout the large group lesson. Club 9 meets approximately every other Wednesday, September through April, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. following worship.

This is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 209 with any questions.

Prayer Friends

Being a Prayer Friend is a powerful way to connect with God, and it is an extra-ordinary blessing to have other people praying for you. The Youth Leadership Team once again invites adults to be Prayer Friends with our seventh and eighth grade confirmation students. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed in a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to use email (myprayerfriend@trinity-ec.org) to direct prayer requests to their adult partner. The Prayer Friend Administrator will relay requests to the prayer friend. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. You'll be providing a great ministry to our youth. Sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Youth Ministries

CrossWord Youth Band

Calling all high school students who love music! Trinity's high school praise band, CrossWord, led by Drew Brandenburg, is preparing for another year of music, worship, and fun. Our first meeting, including pizza, is Wednesday, September 7, at 5:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Band practice will follow dinner. Contact Cassie at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or cassie@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Confirmation Students, Mark Your Calendars!

- Club 78 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation and Service Fair: Wednesday, September 7, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation: Wednesday, September 14, at 7:15 P.M. in Room 208.
- Club 9 Student, Parent/Guardian, and Mentor Orientation and Service Fair: Wednesday, September 14, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room.





Children's Ministries

First ... A humble and sincere "thank you" to all who made Vacation Bible School happen in the most AWESOME way here at Trinity!

What's Coming Next!

You are invited to be part of the team that shares the Good News with our children. We need volunteers to lead Sunday School and Camp T.G.I.F. classes. Qualified people include adults and youth (youth teachers must have completed Grade 9; 7th, 8th, & 9th grade students can be helpers when they aren't participating in confirmation classes) who are committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus with our young people. Consider job sharing; find a partner or ask to be assigned one. Teaching materials, supplies, and support are provided.

Rally Sunday is September 11 with Rally Day Sundaes. Sunday lessons begin on September 18, and Wednesday lessons begin on September 14.

Sunday Morning Teaching Positions:

- Session 1 (8:55 A.M.–9:30 A.M.): Two year olds–Grade 6
- Session 2 (10:30 A.M.–11:05 A.M.): Two year olds–Grade 6

Wednesday Evening Camp T.G.I.F. Teaching Positions

- There are teaching spots for Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.
- Classes are from 5:00 P.M.–6:25 P.M. and include dinner.

To Volunteer

- Sign up on the chart located in the hallway by the Children's Ministries office or at the display in the lobby on Sunday mornings.
- Call the church office and ask for Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or email Sara at sarar@trinity-ec.org

Teacher Orientations

At each orientation, you will receive your teaching materials, important procedures, and schedules, and you will help generate class lists!

- Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers will meet on Thursday, September 8, from 6:15 P.M.–7:15 P.M.
- Sunday School Teachers will meet on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 P.M.



Dates to Put on Your Calendar!

- **Wednesday, September 7:** Pizza Registration Event for Camp TGIF, Kids' Choirs, and Sunday School beginning at 5:00 P.M. Watch for specific information in the August Children's Ministries mailing and on our website.
- **Rally Sunday, September 11:** Register for Sunday School and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Children who are three years old and in third grade will receive their Spark Bibles at the 9:45 A.M. worship service.
- **Wednesday, September 14:** Camp TGIF and kid's choir rehearsals begin.
- **Sunday, September 25:** Education Staff Installation at 9:45 A.M. worship service. Thank you for saying "YES" to teaching our children about God's love.
- **Saturday, November 5:** Fall Communion Instruction for children in grades 2–5 from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.



Fall Programming for Young Children

For more information on any of our Early Childhood Enrichment fall programs, please check out the Trinity website trinity-ec.org or contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org

- **MUSIC & MOVEMENT:** Children will move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. Session One: 9:05–9:50 A.M. This class is for children who turn one by 6.01.16 through those who turn three by 8.31.16. This is a parent/child class. (\$80) Session Two: 10:00 A.M. –11:30 A.M. This class is for children who turn three by 9.01.16. Children experience this class independently. This 14 week class meets on Mondays beginning September 12. (\$170) No class on November 21.
- **CREATIVE ARTS:** Spend Mondays engaged in a variety of creative activities! Children will dance, sing, and experiment with art processes. They will hear stories, Bible stories, and enhance language learning through finger plays. This class is for children who turn three by 9.01.16. This 14 week class meets on Mondays from 12:30 P.M.–2:30 P.M. beginning September 12. (\$180) No class on November 21.
- **GREAT PRETENDERS:** Let your child's imagination run free in this high energy, dynamic drama and art class. Children will build literacy skills as they create story props, costumes, and puppets and then use them to retell stories. For children who turn four by 1.01.17. This 14 week class meets on Tuesdays from 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning Tuesday, September 13. (\$190) No class on November 22.
- **READERS, AUTHORS, AND ARTISTS:** Immerse your child in literature and early oral and written language experiences with a focus on nurturing a child's natural readiness for reading, writing, and creating. Children will explore books, authors, and illustrators through discovery, music, play, and art. For children who turn four by 1.01.17. This 14 week class meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. beginning September 13. (\$190) No class on November 22.
- **COME AND PLAY:** In this great precursor to preschool, children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children. Art, music activities, and snack are included. For children who turn two by 05.31.16. This 15 week class meets on Wednesdays in Trinity's Nursery from 9:15–11:15 A.M. or 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. beginning September 7. (\$200) No class on November 23.
- **THRILLING THURSDAYS:** Spend Thursdays engaged in a variety of preschool activities in a Christian environment. Emphasis will be on science and cooking with a hands-on discovery approach encouraging observation, predicting, investigating, and other creative thinking. For children who turn four by 01.01.17 This 13 week class meets on Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. –11:15 A.M. or 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning September 15. (\$180) No class on October 27 and November 24.

Noah's Ark News



Happy August from Noah's Ark! We hope you are all enjoying a great summer, but we are happily preparing for kids in the fall! It has been a busy summer in the Noah's Ark classroom. The new bathroom has been completed and will be such a welcome addition for the children. Mrs. Lien, Mrs. Kasmarek, and I have spent a lot of time cleaning and reorganizing the closets and classroom. The result of that was a thrift sale we hosted in mid-July. We were happy to share our extras with others in the community who will find new uses for things, and we were grateful to receive people's generous donations! Those funds will help pay the costs for the new bathroom.

Now our focus is on welcoming the children who will come to us in September. We look forward to the ways we will share God's love through our actions and words and through sharing God's wonderful creation with these young people and families. We kick off the school year with Parent Orientation on Monday, August 29, at 6:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. Enrollment in our Tuesday/Thursday classes is full at this time, but we look forward to enrolling more children in our M/W/F classes. Please spread the word to your family and friends about the ministry of Noah's Ark! Enjoy the remaining days of summer fun in God's world! Sending PEACE from the staff of Noah's Ark!

Marlee Knickerbocker
Preschool Director





OUR LIBRARY

Be a Happy Camper—Read!

For your summer time reading, come to Trinity's Library to find these new books and many others.

Non-Fiction

- *The Lovers* by Rod Nordland. This book is an astonishingly powerful and profoundly moving story of a young couple willing to risk everything for love that puts a human face on the ongoing debate about women's rights in the Muslim world. When the author was the Kabul bureau chief of the New York Times, he had watched these abuses unfold for years when he came upon Zakia and Ali. He has not only chronicled their plight, but he has also shepherded them from danger. (958.1 NOR)
- *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. From surgeon and bestselling author Atul Gawande comes this book that gives the reader a moving and clear-eyed look at aging and death in our society. (362.17 GAW)



Biography

- *Five Presidents: My Extraordinary Journey with Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, and Ford* by Clint Hill. Former Secret Service agent Clint Hill shares stories from the ultimate inner circle in this biography. (B HIL)

Fiction

- *The Age of Miracles* by Karen Thompson Walker. This is a beautiful novel of catastrophe and survival, growth and change, the story of Julia and her family as they struggle to live in an extraordinary time. On an ordinary Saturday, Julia awakes to discover that something has happened to the rotation of the earth. The days and nights are growing longer and longer; gravity is affected; the birds, the tides, human behavior, and cosmic rhythms are thrown into disarray. (FIC WAL)
- *The Cherry Harvest* by Lucy Sanna. A memorable coming-of-age story and love story, laced with suspense, which explores a hidden side of the home front during World War II when German POWs were put to work in a Wisconsin farm community with dark and unexpected consequences. (FIC SAN)
- *A Desperate Fortune* by Susanna Kearsley. This novel is about two women who were divided by centuries but were brought together through the discovery of a cryptic journal. (FIC KEA)

- *Dancing on Broken Glass* by Ka Hancock. In her debut novel, Ka Hancock has written a story about the enduring power of love and the devastation of loss, a story about fighting for a happiness that's often shadowed by the cruelties of fate. (FIC HAN)
- *The Summer Before The War* by Helen Simonson. This novel takes place in East Sussex, England in 1914 before the onset of a world war. Soon the limits of progress, and the old ways, will be tested during this perfect summer. (FIC SIM)

Youth

- *The Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo. Rob, who passes the time in his rural Florida community by wood carving, is drawn by his spunky but angry friend Sistine into a plan to free a caged tiger. (+ FIC DIC)
- *Night at the Stadium* by Phil Bildner. An enchanting combination of *Night at the Museum* and *Alice in Wonderland*—with a little bit of *Field of Dreams* thrown in for good measure—this book captures the excitement, wonder, and magic of a trip to the ball park. (+ FIC BIL)
- *Puppy Pals: Bailey* by Susan Hughes. It's a new school year, and things haven't been great for Kat so far because her best friend Maya is in a different class. But things start to look up when her Aunt Jenn opens a kennel and dog-grooming salon, and the girls are allowed to help out with a puppy named Bailey! Is the responsibility of watching someone else's pup too much for Kat and Maya to handle? (+ FIC HUG)

Page Turners Book Club Fall Startup

Interested in reading a good book? The Trinity Page Turners Book Club meets once a month during the school year. Books, both fiction and nonfiction, are chosen by the



group to be read over the course of the school year. Brochures with next year's titles are available in the library.

We meet the third Tuesday of every month (September thru May) in the library at 6:30 P.M. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. Please feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. Talk if you want, or just listen. We hope to see you there!

On Tuesday, September 20, we will meet to discuss the book *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War* by Karen Abbott. This is the spellbinding true story of four women who risked everything to become spies during the Civil War. This book sheds light on some fascinating yet little known aspects of the Civil War and the stories of four courageous women—a socialite, a farm girl, an abolitionist, and a widow—who were spies.

Financial News

Financial Update January to June

Regular Ministries	Income	Expenses	Difference
2015	\$545,650	\$557,554	-\$11,904
2016	\$569,227	\$559,340	\$9,887

Mortgage Payment Offering

2015	\$106,788
2016	\$105,050

Let Your Faith Live On in Legacy

The Trinity Endowment Trust exists so that your values and legacy of Christian faith will live on and further God's work for generations to come. Gifts from your estate, IRA, life insurance, or real estate become part of a perpetual fund with earnings used to advance Trinity's ministries and global missions. Learn more on the Endowment page of trinity-ec.org

When you include the Trinity Endowment Trust in your current giving or through a will or trust, your love for God and the blessings the church offers can live on to influence lives with God's love for generations to come.

To leave a gift to Trinity Lutheran Church, contact your legal advisor or financial planner or learn more at trinity-ec.org



Thank You for Your Offerings

Thank you for your offerings to God through Trinity during the first half of 2016. Every offering you share honors God and blesses people here and across the world with the love of God in Christ. Please keep remembering God's work through our church in your charitable giving. Offerings for Mortgage Payment also continue to be strong and allow Trinity to make the monthly payment as well as additional principal payments. Every dollar you give to Mortgage helps us pay off this debt from our 2004 building expansion.

Remember, it's easy to set up automatic offering contributions from your financial institution or a credit card through the Giving page at trinity-ec.org. Contact Amber Moltzau (amber@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 203) if you have any questions or need assistance.

Your generosity is appreciated as Trinity invests carefully in making a difference in people's lives. Thank you!

Trinity's Women's Giving Circle

The mission of the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Trinity Endowment Trust, is to "demonstrate God's love by positively impacting people's lives through collective philanthropy and awarding of financial gifts." Grant applications are welcomed each year between May 1 and August 31. The Circle Governance Board reviews all grant applications, and the full membership of the Women's Giving Circle has the opportunity to vote on the Board's recommendations at their annual meeting in October.

The Women's Giving Circle invites and encourages all members of Trinity Lutheran Church to become participating members. You can read more about the Women's Giving Circle at trinity-ec.org. The grant application is online on the same page.



Health Ministries



The Lost Art of the Family Dinner

As I searched for a topic for the August Newsletter, I found that August is "Family Meals Month."

I thought this topic also tied in

well with Pastor Dave's recent sermon about Mary and Martha. Martha was busy preparing a meal for her guests, including Jesus. Mary was listening to what Jesus had to say (and not helping Martha with her tasks). I'm wondering if they had all participated in preparing the meal together, Jesus could have taught and cooked at the same time. Just a thought!

I think sitting down to a meal together as a family is becoming a lost art. Children are busy with their summer activities and friends; parents/spouses are busy with work, church activities, golf league, caring for family, etc. And yet, it is a well-known fact that families who eat together are happier and healthier.

Eating together helps build close relationships with your children, and eating with your children gives them a sense of security and stability. It gives everyone in the family a chance to learn more about each other. Meals prepared at home are usually more nutritious than meals eaten out and save money. Cooking as a family helps children learn life-long skills and feel valued and part of the family.

So this week, pick a day to turn off the TV, put away the cell phones and I-pads, and share a family meal.

Vicki Dueringer

Parish Nurse

Donations Needed

The Red Cross is in dire need of blood. Our next blood drive is not until November. Please consider giving now! Go to redcrossblood.org to find a location to donate.

Final Affairs

The ADRC is sponsoring a day-long seminar August 24 from 8:00 A.M.–3:30 P.M. at Dove Healthcare West in the Community Room on Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Palliative and Hospice Care (there is a difference), legal concerns, Medicare vs Medicaid, and funeral planning. This event is FREE and includes lunch! Call the ADRC at 715.839.4735 to register.

Farmers Market Fresh Recipe

Roasted Corn with Basil-Shallot Vinaigrette

Makes: 4 servings, about ½ cup each

Active Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 40 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 cups fresh corn kernels
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 tablespoon red-wine vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Preparation

Preheat oven to 450°F. Toss corn and oil to coat and spread out on a large baking sheet. Bake about 20 minutes, stirring once, until some kernels begin to brown. Combine basil, shallot, vinegar, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Add the corn; toss to coat. Serve warm or cold.

Tips & Notes

- **Make Ahead Tip:** Cover and refrigerate for up to 1 day.
- **Cut Down on Dishes:** A rimmed baking sheet is great for everything from roasting to catching accidental drips and spills. For effortless cleanup and to keep your baking sheets in tip-top shape, line them with a layer of foil before each use.

Nutrition

Per serving: 165 calories; 8 g fat (1 g sat, 6 g mono); 0 mg cholesterol; 23 g carbohydrates; 0 g added sugars; 4 g protein; 3 g fiber; 163 mg sodium; 332 mg potassium.



Memorials & Gifts

Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Phyllis Johnson: Char Finseth

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Phyllis Johnson: Roger & Jane Dale
- In honor of Sharry Hebert: Jim & Connie Beck
- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Ken Rudolphson
- In memory of Don Lee: Bob & Paula Kodanec
- In memory of Bill Schorr: Chuck & Sue Nyberg
- In memory of John Fox: Jim & Marilyn Bollinger
- In honor of Mary & Joel Strayer's 50th Wedding Anniversary: Tom & Margie Schlereth

Jeanne Cooper Scholarship Fund

- In honor of Jeanne Cooper: Tim & Sarah Lilly, Gordon & Sandra Holzhueter, Kurt & Kristine Lauer, Jim & Joyce Davis, John & Nancee Burbank, Bob Johnson, Ronald & Susan Waits, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, Lori Juneau, Joanne Stange

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Carolyn Haldeman: Bill & Lynn Gautsche, William & Patricia Henke
- In memory of Vern Purchatzke: Art & Judy Lee

Endowment Trust Fund/Kurt Jacobson Fund

- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Brandon & Kristy Casto, Lori Juneau, Warren & Mavis Hermodson, Scott & Andrea Jadeke, Ed & Mary Elworthy

Trinity Choir Fund

- In memory of Bill Schorr: Warren & Mavis Hermodson

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Carolyn Haldeman: Barbara Vorhes

Preschool Bathroom Fund

- In honor of Jeanne Cooper: Michael & Mary Black

Part Gift and Part Sale

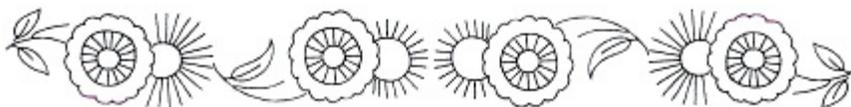
Susan and Kevin bought a vacant lake lot many years ago. They had planned to build a second home so that their children could spend their summers along the lake. However, as time went on, Kevin's job kept him in town and the children grew up before Susan and Kevin had the financial resources to build on the land.

Kevin: Over the years, that lot increased in value. It now is worth much more than what we paid for it. We paid about \$40,000 for the lakeside property, and it is now worth almost \$200,000.

Susan: The lot has gone up greatly in value, and with the children out of the house we were thinking of selling the property. We wanted to sell, but we also wanted to avoid paying so much in tax on the sale. We were thinking of making a gift of 25% of the property to our favorite charity.

Kevin: I happened to be talking to a CPA at a community luncheon. He mentioned that we could probably give about twice as much with almost the same cost if we gave 25% of the property (prior to the sale) rather than writing a check after the sale. After talking to our tax advisor, we discovered that if we gave a 25% interest in the property to charity, we would receive two benefits. We would get an income tax deduction for the value of our gift plus save on capital gains tax on the 25% interest given away.

Susan: That is what we decided to do. By giving charity a 25% interest in the property prior to the sale, we saved the capital gains tax on that part. The deduction on that part offset a large portion of the tax on the \$150,000 we received when the property actually sold. We are very pleased with the "double benefit" from giving the property, and our favorite charity received \$50,000, a very nice gift.



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