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Lutheran Church

Noah's Ark Open House

All interested families are invited to attend our 2017–2018 Open Houses on Sunday, January 8, at 10:45 A.M., and Monday, January 9, at 6:00 P.M.

Tour the Noah's Ark classroom, ask any questions you might have, and learn about 2017–2018 registration and enrollment. You will meet Marlee Knickerbocker, the Noah's Ark Preschool Director, along with teachers Jill Kasmarek and Ginny Lien. Members of the 2017 Noah's Ark Preschool Committee, who are Noah's Ark parents, will also be available to share why they send their children here. Brochures for the 2017–2018 school year will be available in the Trinity Lobby throughout the building. It is also available online.



Baptism Celebration January 8

Don't miss the Baptism celebration in worship on Sunday, January 8 when we look back at photos of the 36 people baptized at Trinity in 2016. We will read about Jesus' baptism and see how it has an important message for our lives today. Come to worship and hear again the news of Jesus' baptism and how it applies to your life.

Interfaith Prayer Service

Begin 2017 by working towards peace and building up the Eau Claire community. Trinity members are invited to mark their calendars and invite a friend to the Interfaith Prayer Service for Peace and Unity to be held on January 11 at 6:30 P.M. in our worship center. Prayer leaders from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Baha'i traditions will share in this special gathering with music provided by our Trinity Choir and CrossWord youth band. Fellowship and education about the Lutheran Reformation will follow the service. All are welcome! Please help Trinity extend hospitality to the Eau Claire faith community by adding your presence to this evening of prayer.

January Spice Drive

Myrrh is mentioned in the New Testament as one of the three gifts the three wise men brought to Jesus when he was born (Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh). Myrrh is a spice that has many uses including use as a fragrance and as a flavoring in food products. One of the things rarely donated to food pantries is spices and food seasonings. To mark the arrival of the three wise men and highlight this need in the food pantry, Children's Ministries will be holding a spice drive during the month of January. See the display in the lobby for more information. Please bring UNOPENED spices and food seasonings to donate to the Trinity Food Pantry.

Adult Forum

On Sunday, January 22, you are invited to the Fireside Room between worship services to learn about the issues surrounding homeless students in Eau Claire. The presenter is Dani Claesges, Eau Claire Area School District Homeless Program Coordinator. She will share her knowledge and expertise about how homelessness affects our students and how this issue impacts the Eau Claire School District and our community.



From Pastor Peter

"Behold, I am making all things new." (Revelation 21:5) "Behold, I am doing a new thing." (Isaiah 43:19). There is plenty of new-ness in the Word as God is always in a creative and renewing spirit.

There is a congregation located at the corner of Trimble and East Lexington. Many months ago that congregation began to prepare for anticipated new-ness. That congregation studied, and talked, and studied, and talked; they formed groups to complete plans, and formed plans to complete groups; they were patient, and anxious. Along the way they discovered much about themselves and became, as those outside the congregation have described, a model for (dare it be said) transition. Some have said goodbye but remain a critical part of the fabric of the body of Christ in that place. Others have said hello and have been welcomed with what can only be described as Christ-like hospitality. That congregation, of course, is you, Trinity, and that year was 2016. Can you believe it?

In 2017 we turn the page to a new chapter in the life of this lively congregation of followers of Jesus. We'll turn our attention to other aspects of new-ness rooted in the practice of grace and inspiration that Trinity has had for many decades. Here are three primary issues for our new year together:

- **Hiring/calling and assimilation** • We'll welcome two new staff people in 2017. They will be responsible, among their duties, for giving more focused attention to our senior members and to connect our congregation more deeply internally and externally.
- **Connections** • Trinity is a large and active congregation, and it is easy to miss obvious connections among people, groups, and ministries. We'll pay closer attention to these natural affinities in 2017 and make ourselves stronger for the Gospel.
- **Stewardship** • Trinity is an exceptionally generous congregation, for our home-grown ministries and for our community and world partners. In 2017 we'll explore ways that we can broaden our understanding of the 5 T's—Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, and Temple. Specifically, we'll look at how we share our gifts when we're younger, middle, and older, and we'll learn how we can continue to make gifts after we've left this life for the next.

You'll hear more at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29 after the 9:45 A.M. worship service and throughout the year. On a personal note, thank you all for your generous and heart-warming welcome to our family. We are looking forward to an inspired ministry with you and to enjoying Trinity and Eau Claire for years to come.

In Christ,
Pastor Peter



Sharing at Christmas

Thank you to all who shared the spirit of generosity and love this Christmas. Because of your generosity, we were able to distribute toys, jackets, snowpants, clothing, household products, and food to 28 families in the community. This annual Christmas Sharing Project addresses needs of families with school-age children. Thank you to all who helped by purchasing gifts and food, by donating money, and by sorting and delivering the items to the families. The expression of love that goes out into our community and the lives of these families by this sharing is unbounded. Trinity makes a difference in people's lives, and you have a part in that mission. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank You from the Staff

The staff extends sincere thanks to all who remembered us during the celebration of Christmas. Your cards and delicious goodies were appreciated. Most of all, your thoughtfulness and support touched us richly. We are grateful to God for calling us to serve this congregation and to experience your friendship and goodwill in so many ways throughout the year. God's blessings to you!

Thank You

The Advent Tea Committee would like to thank everyone who supported this special event; in particular the Women's Giving Circle who supported us financially; Pastor Peter; Pastor Dave; Ginny, Marlee, and the Noah's Ark Kids who offered a special Advent Message of their own; Joanie Lindau, our pianist; Linda McClelland for the candy cane favors; and all of you who attended and made it a special afternoon for all. This special worship opportunity, along with the fellowship experienced by almost one hundred attendees, made it a truly awesome event. Hope to see you all next year!



Friends of Flynn

Our partnership with Flynn Elementary helps fill the gap for low-income students. We also strive to support the teachers and administration who work tirelessly every day for the kids. Thank you for making this happen! Here are a few of the things we accomplished in 2016:

- Healthy snacks were provided to students twice a week in the spring and fall.
- Weekend meals were delivered each Friday through our partnership with Feed My People.
- School supplies were provided in the fall and throughout the year as needed.
- Sunscreen was made available to those who needed it.
- Numerous pairs of athletic shoes were donated to the school for children to borrow so that they may participate in physical education classes.
- Clothing items including socks, underwear, and sweat pants were donated for students in need of these items.
- Special treats were delivered to the Flynn teachers and staff to thank them for their commitment to the Flynn students.
- Children were allowed to pick out a book to keep before summer break and Christmas break.
- Lots and lots of Campbells® soup labels, General Mills® box tops, milk caps, and pull tabs off soda cans were given to the school. (We will continue to collect these items!)

Thank you for your support of this partnership. We look forward to new, exciting ways to support the students and teachers at Flynn Elementary in 2017.

Healing Services

On Sunday, January 15, at 9:15 A.M. we will have our first monthly Healing Service in the Chapel. This service will be offered monthly on the third Sunday. The service will be brief allowing sufficient time and opportunity to come forward for individualized prayer and anointing. This service is for anyone who has concerns regarding their own well-being or someone close to them. We will also continue to have the Healing Services on the fifth Sunday of five Sunday months.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity on Sunday, January 29, in the Worship Center at 10:45 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the staff, review 2016, elect a new council, and adopt the 2017 budget.

The online Annual Report will be available at trinity-ec.org starting January 26. Please print a copy and bring it to the meeting. Limited printed copies will be available at the meeting.

Round Up

Giving is a sign of one's spiritual health and an avenue for growing in love for God. If you have yet to do so, please complete your 2017 financial commitment card online at trinity-ec.org

Make Devotions a 2017 Resolution

While you're making a new year resolution, do two more things! Pick up free devotional booklets in the information rack in the lobby and resolve to make devotions part of every day next year. There are two booklets, so take both! Large-print copies available, too.

Dancing in the New Year

Now is the time to join the Trinity Liturgical Dance Team. The first meeting of 2017 is just for adults on Sunday, January 8, at 4:00 P.M. in the Worship Center. Practices will be held weekly through February 19. You will meet kindred women, get some movement, deepen your own faith and, most importantly, share your talents for worship on Transfiguration Sunday, February 26. Contact Shirley Sands at shirley@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 214.

Moving or Going South?

If you're heading south for the winter, please inform us of your new address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Whenever you change address or change phone numbers (delete your land line), please let Trinity know! To share any changes, contact Becky at becky@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 202.





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 the

hospital 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.

Received November Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Lloyd Miller: Geraldine Miller
- In memory of Arnold Talford: Ann Ayres
- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Linda McClelland, Pat Ness, Mark & Suzanne Becker
- In memory of Elaine Halgrimson: Kenneth Halgrimson & Pamela Halgrimson Arranz
- In memory of Jean Ann Emerson: Jim & Anne Walker
- In memory of Dolores Hoff: Clifton & Doris Husberg, Rick Johnson & Robert Johnson
- In honor of Friends during the holidays: Ronald & Marilyn Thompson

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Barbara Vorhes, Barbara Tischer, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Robert Johnson, Phyllis & Pam Burrows, Richard & Norma Linn, Mike & Dori Ritland, Jim & Joyce Davis, Pat Garber, Carla Brandrup, David & Christine Gessner, Terry & Beth Ford, Gary & Mary Rambo, Jack & Lois Olson, David & Sonia Becker, Sharon Lehman, Leatrice Solberg, F.S. & Marilyn Bushendorf, Sam & Virginia Yanakopulos, Kim Stien, Char Finseth, Allen & Rachel Keniston, Barry & Julie Bloom, Erik & Ellen Dovre, Nickolas & Regina Butler, Sandra Jacobson, David & Gloria Weiss, Charles & Sally Gavin, Dick & Marilyn Kock, Doug & Julie Bauer, Ken & Linda Anderson, Scott & Patty LaPoint, Vila Nygaard, Judy LaFave, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, David & Carol Anderson, Lori Juneau, Jim & Marge Oleson, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger
- In memory of Elaine Sonnentag: Chuck & Sue Nyberg
- In memory of Ralph Marking: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Omar Christianson: Barbara Tischer

Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Ruth Patzwald: Glen Patzwald
- In memory of Kjerstie Pressler: Bill Clouse & Katie Ritland Clouse

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Ralph Marking: Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Beth Johnson: Pat Garber
- In memory of James Reppe: Lori Thompson, Barbara Tischer

HIS Praise Team Fund

- In memory of Omar Christianson: John & Connie Blazek

Quilters Fund

- In memory of Dolores Hoff: Carla Brandrup, Barbara Vorhes, Barbara Tischer, Miriam Circle, Leatrice Solberg

Endowment Trust Fund—Pastor Kurt Jacobson Fund

- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Tom Rouse

Library Fund

- In memory of Ralph Marking: Miriam Circle
- In memory of Sean Franzmann: Douglas & Ann Abere
- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Mary Larson

Mission Fund

- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Dennis & Karen Priebe

Children's Bibles

- In memory of Kjerstie Pressler: Mike & Dori Ritland
- In memory of Jacobson Dahlstrom: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Dick Cable



Notes & Messages

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so much for your very generous support of our Women Veterans. I am so BLESSED to be part of such an amazing and supportive church family. You were asked to help and did you ever! Quilts, backpacks, socks, gloves, lotion, gift cards and more; everything on our list. Your kindness and generosity will make Christmas special for many Women Veterans and their families.

God Bless You All,

Jane Dale and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 53



Dear Women's Giving Circle,

Thank you so much for your recent donation to our agency. Your support is greatly appreciated. I have enclosed a photo that we recently took of two of our program participants working in the office at their training sites. I would love to come to your spring gathering to share more about our program and look forward to meeting you. Thank you!

Kay Radlinger

Citizens Employment and Training

P.S. Please thank everybody who played a part in your generosity.



Dear Members of the Women's Giving Circle,

Thank you for funding our grant request of \$1,500 for the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic's patient medication services. Your generous contribution helps us continue our mission of providing quality health care to those with no reasonable alternative. Did you know that for every \$1 received, the Clinic is able to purchase \$10 worth of life saving medication?

With your support and others in our community, the Free Clinic has helped hundreds of families throughout the Chippewa Valley with patient services, life saving medications, and medical supplies. Because of your community support, the Free Clinic has been able to, in addition to all other services:

- Open a dental clinic and oral health care program.
- Provide case management to our patients ensuring they have continuity of care and connecting patients to other beneficial community resources.
- Provide an additional clinic day (two Thursdays per month) to those who have conflicts with our Tuesday evening clinic because of jobs or family obligations.

Our mission is to do our utmost to lift people out of the situations they are currently in and to help them find a better way. The Free Clinic also continues to address the unmet health care needs in our community.

Thank you again for your compassionate gift and for helping us give hope, renew spirits, and save lives.

Sincerely,

Maribeth Woodford

Executive Director

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church and Women's Giving Circle,

It is an honor to have been selected as a grant recipient for the second time. We are aware of the multiple applications you receive and are grateful to have been selected.

Our street ministry continues to work with multiple populations of people: our community's homeless, people who are incarcerated, families and individuals who live in challenging situations, trafficked women survivors, and recently we've worked with runaway teens.

The funding we receive through your grant enables us to positively impact those we serve. We especially appreciate the funding to assist with trafficked women who have a multitude of needs that we address to ensure their safety and well-being.

We are an all-volunteer organization that relies on the generosity of organizations and individuals to serve those in need. We sincerely appreciate your funding and your interest.

We welcome the opportunity to share our work and our stories. Feel free to contact us if you are interested in having us visit.

Sincerely,

Pastor Mike Henry and the

Chippewa Valley Street Ministry





Trinity Library

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to read more, you're in luck. The library has many NEW books. So "winterize" with a book from the Trinity Library. Read it curled up in a comforter or sitting on a couch. Read it out loud to your family or silently to yourself. Or how about finding the nearest child and getting them interested in the magic of reading—it blends well with the magic of snow!



Non-Fiction

- *The Book of Joy* by His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Two great spiritual masters share their wisdom about living with joy in the face of adversity. BAM ()

Fiction

- *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict. This is the untold story of Albert Einstein's first wife, a brilliant scientist in her own right, whose contributions to the special theory of relativity have been hotly debated. (FIC BEN)
- *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald. Sara leaves her native Sweden and travels to Broken Wheel, Iowa, to meet her pen pal. But a short visit turns into a much longer stay when she opens a bookstore. (FIC BIV) Note: Trinity's own Nick Butler, author of *Shot Gun Love Songs*, wrote "One of the more surprisingly improbable and delightful books I've read in years... Quirky, unpredictable, funny, and fresh—a wonderful book."
- *A Hero of France* by Alan Furst. Furst, master of the historical spy novel, sets his newest in Paris, 1941. Occupied by Germans, the City of Light is a place of fear and darkness. But at its center stands a brave Resistance leader. (FIC FUR)
- *I Almost Forgot About You* by Terry McMillan. Nobody does female reinvention better than McMillan, who wrote *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, among other works. In her latest, 50-something optometrist Georgia Young is marinating in regret despite having it all. Her life has shrunk to a few friends, family, and watching TV. How and why she mixes it up makes another winner for McMillan. (FIC MCM)
- *All the Single Ladies* by Dorothea Benton Frank. In this fast paced novel, the author takes the reader deep into the Lowcountry of South Carolina where three unsuspecting women are brought together by tragedy and mystery. (FIC FRA)
- *Britt-Marie Was Here* by Fredrik Backman. This best selling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with an irresistible novel about finding love and second chances in the most unlikely places. (FIC BAC)

Youth

- *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham. This is the first book in the Theodore Boone series and is a high-intensity legal drama for young

readers. (+ FIC GRI)

- *Gerties Leap to Greatness* by Kate Beasley. Gertie is a girl on a mission to be the best fifth grader ever in order to show her estranged mother that Gertie doesn't need her, not one bit! (+ FIC BEA)
- *Mr. Terupt Falls Again* by Rob Buyea. Several students relate their experiences helping Mr. Terupt move the old classroom to the sixth grade annex during the summer vacation. (YP FIC BUY)
- *Saving Mr. Terupt* by Rob Buyea. The kids from Mr. Terupt's fifth and sixth grade classes are entering their first year of junior high school. There's a lot to be excited about, but there are new challenges, too. Everyone is missing Mr. Terupt. When a fight threatens to break up the group forever, they think their favorite teacher is the only one who can help them. But the kids soon find out that it's Mr. Terupt who needs saving. (YP FIC BUY)

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

The book club meets on Tuesday, January 17, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the soda counter of Halderson's Drugstore, and Hot Stuff comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms—Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

There are no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. You can RSVP online at trinity-ec.org or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



Women's Triennial Convention

Please consider attending the Tenth Triennial WELCA Gathering in Minneapolis from July 13–16, 2017. The theme of this convention is "All Anew." If you have never experienced a gathering of this kind before, you will find it very uplifting and will enjoy spiritual growth like no other.

Registration opened on September 6, 2016. The early bird fee is \$310; after January 6, the fee increases to \$350. Registration forms are available on the Women's Bulletin Board across the hall from the nursery, or you can register online at womenoftheelca.org

Bus transportation planning is ongoing and will be provided for approximately \$50. Hotel registration should be made, when registration for the gathering is sent in, at one of the following hotels which are all about two blocks from the event center.

- Hilton Minneapolis \$162/Parking Rate \$14/day
- Hyatt Regency \$165/Parking Rate \$19/day
- Millennium Hotel Minneapolis \$169/Parking Rate \$18/day

State and local taxes are 13.4% which are subject to change.

The Triennial Gathering will never happen closer to Eau Claire, so this is our chance to be part of a gathering of women that will be an experience of a lifetime. Please call Phyllis Grohn with any questions at 715.836.7055.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, January 19, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Nancee Burbank
Leader: Dorothy Miller

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 P.M. Trinity
Hostess:
Leader:

Miriam

Wednesday, January 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Sheila Runnings
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

Ruth

Wednesday, January 18, 1:30 P.M., Trinity Fireside Room
Hostess: Mary Hoepner
Leader: Group

Thursday Morning Text Study

Join a group of early risers on Thursday mornings from 7:00–8:30 A.M. in Room 208. This group comes together for a pastor led study on the upcoming Sunday morning texts. Coffee is provided, and the group brings breakfast treats weekly.

When You Desire Baptism

We celebrate Baptisms of children, youth, and adults throughout the year at Trinity. For adults or teens, please contact Pastor Sarah directly for information and scheduling. Before you schedule a baptism for a child, we ask that you attend a Baptism class.

Baptism classes are offered regularly throughout the year. This one-session meeting at church is an opportunity to learn about baptism and ongoing opportunities for nurturing faith and also meet other individuals and families at the same point in their faith journey. An upcoming Baptism class will be held on Sunday, January 15, at 10:45 A.M. Register at www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml

If you have questions about preparing for your child's baptism, or you are an adult who desires to be baptized, please contact Pastor Sarah at sarah@trinity-ec.org





Noah's Ark News

Happy New Year from Noah's Ark Preschool!

We return to preschool after a delightful Advent and Christmas season with the children of Noah's Ark! The children learned the Christmas story and shared it with their family and friends through our class party programs, their special baby Jesus gift to their family, and with their songs and words. As I listen to the Christmas story Bible readings in worship on Christmas Eve, I always envision our children being a bit squirmy in the pews on that exciting night, but perking up as they recognize the story being told as the same one they have learned to tell. It is the blessing of the season to have these children know Jesus.



As January begins, Noah's Ark will relish a more relaxed schedule when kids are excited to be back to school with their friends and have time to play, discover, investigate, create, and learn. We'll be especially focused on the winter season with cold and ice. Hopefully we'll have some good snow and temperatures to allow some discovery and play outside, bundled up in warm snow clothes and boots!

We will hold our annual Noah's Ark Preschool Open House on Sunday, January 8, at 10:45 A.M. and again on Monday, January 9, at 6:00 P.M. We invite you to come see our beautiful classroom space, talk to the teachers and committee member—parents, and learn what we are all about. We value discovery and learning through play, helping children become peacemakers, and sharing the love of God with every child who enters our space. Please look for our brochures placed in kiosks and holders throughout Trinity and share them with family and friends with preschool age children. In addition to our preschool classes for the 2017–2018 school year, we will be piloting a new after school care program for children enrolled in the M/W/F afternoon classes. If you need some daycare to complete the preschool afternoons (M/W/F) for your child, we will be offering it from 3:15 P.M.–5:30 P.M. Registration for the 2017–18 school year will open to congregational members on January 31 with a phone in registration. Contact me with any questions regarding our program or registration process at marlee@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

In peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker

Children's Ministries

Open Gym Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, beginning January 3 through March 14 from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M., the Trinity Room will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. We offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. No registration is required for Open Gym. The cost is \$3 per child, per session.

Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Registration for our Winter Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs is currently open. Registration is call-in based on a first come, first serve basis. Classes are subject to cancellation due to low enrollment. You may register by calling Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

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. This program is for children who turn four by 1.1.17. This 20 week class meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. beginning January 3. There will be no class on March 21. Cost is \$265.

Great Pretenders • Let your child's imagination run free in this high energy, dynamic, imaginative play and art class. Children will learn Bible stories, read great literature, build cooperative play skills, and use various art mediums to create items that will assist children with retelling stories. This program is for children who turn four by 1.1.17. This 20 week class meets on Tuesdays from 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning January 3. There will be no class on March 21. Cost is \$265.

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. This program is for children who turn two by 8.31.16. This 20 week class meets on Wednesdays in Trinity's Nursery from 12:15–2:15 P.M. beginning January 4. There will be no class on March 22. Cost is \$260.





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. This program is for children who turn four by 1.1.17. This 18 week class meets on Thursdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:45–3:00 P.M. beginning January 5. There will be no class on February 23, March 23, or April 13. Cost is \$240.

Friday Friends • This class is for children who would benefit from an additional day of preschool experiences. Children will hear Bible stories, other books, and will participate in art and music activities. This program is for children who turn three by 12.31.16. This 17 week class meets from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. beginning January 6. There will be no class on February 24, March 24, or May 5. Cost is \$215.

For more information on any of our Children's Ministry programming, please check out the Trinity Website www.trinity-ec.org or contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 or sarar@trinity-ec.org

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Luther Park Recharge

Get registered today! The Luther Park Recharge is scheduled for the weekend of January 6–7. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is Anchored. Registration cost includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of registration. Contact Ashley or Cassie with any questions at 715.832.6601 ext 209.

Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

On Wednesday, January 11, from 4:00 P.M.–5:30 P.M. Trinity youth and adult volunteers will assemble weekend meals for Flynn Elementary School students as well as additional elementary schools in the Eau Claire district. We will meet at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, on Eau Claire's west side.

New Driver Recognition

On Wednesday, January 25, students who are eligible to earn a driver's license in 2017 will be recognized during the 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Evening Worship Service. Students and parents will receive an AAA Parent—Teen Driving Agreement. AAA has developed this agreement to help families work together to navigate the learning process. Students will also receive a key chain as a gift from the Parish Nurse and the Youth Ministry Team.



Health Ministries

Dear Friends,

I am struggling for inspiration on what to write for another New Year. At my age, I have learned that resolutions rarely last. When I googled "New Year's inspiration," there were many wonderful quotes, most of which we hear every year. But one made me pause and take notice:

I hope in this year to come,
YOU MAKE MISTAKES!

Because if you are making mistakes,
THEN YOU ARE:

Making new things,
TRYING NEW THINGS,

Learning, living,

PUSHING YOURSELF,

Changing yourself,

CHANGING YOUR WORLD.

Neil Gaiman

So, as the New Year approaches, "ROUND UP." Pray, meditate, care, be kind, share, and **MAKE MISTAKES!**

Vicki Dueringer

Parish Nurse

Knitters Needed!

We currently have greater demand for prayer shawls than shawls. We provide the yarn and pattern. You provide the prayer and knitting. Please call the church office at 715.832.6601 and speak to Cindy Beck if you can help. Even one shawl would be appreciated!

Yoga Class

In November, Cassie Brenden led a group of us in a Beginner Yoga class. It was well received by the group, and we would like to offer a class on a regular basis. We need a leader for the class. If you are interested, please call the church office at 715.832.6601 and speak to Vicki Dueringer or Cindy Beck.

"Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News"

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Noah's Ark Pre-School

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