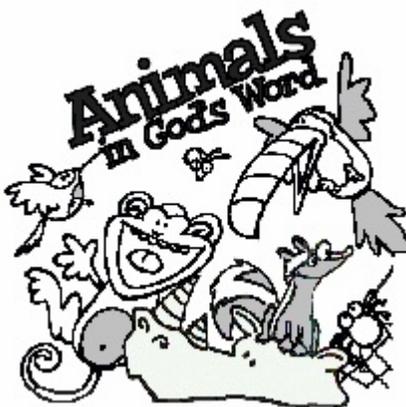




Vacation Bible School

Great and amazing are God's creatures! Join us this summer to explore five Bible stories about what it means to care for all of God's creatures and live in peace. Bible stories are "Adam and Eve," "Daniel and the Lions," "A Rich Man's Question," "Sheep and Goats," and "God's Peaceful World." Celebrate the big event at Trinity this summer and feel just how exciting our God is.

Our special Kick Off Event is on Sunday, July 26, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. VBS runs the week of July 27–31 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 noon. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who were three by 9.1.14 through those who have completed grade six. You can register online now!



You Can Help With VBS Supplies

Please collect and save for VBS the following items: plastic juice containers (the ones from juice concentrate... plastic, not the paper ones) and empty peanut butter jars or empty plastic frosting containers. You can bring the items to the Children's Ministries office marked for VBS. Thank you for items you have already donated!

We invite you to be a part of VBS week! Staff Needs for Vacation Bible School

One of the most meaningful gifts we can give children is the gift of our time. We are still in need of adults willing to be teachers and helpers for VBS July 27–31. Nervous about teaching? We provide a training evening and all material needed; only a short portion of the morning is spent in the classroom. The children of the community will be blessed by your presence! Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a real difference. To volunteer, please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org for more information. Thank you!

VBS Staff Orientation

We ask that all of our VBS volunteer staff attend one of two orientations prior to the VBS kickoff. During the session, preliminary class lists are handed out, the week's theme is introduced, and important safety procedures are covered. Whether this is your first or 21st year to be a part of VBS at Trinity, please plan to attend one of the following sessions: Thursday, July 16, 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. or Sunday, July 19, 10:45 A.M.–11:30 A.M. Contact Pastor Sarah with questions at sarah@trinity-ec.org

Thrivent Financial Night at the Eau Claire Express

Mark your calendar for the Thrivent Financial Night at the Eau Claire Express event because we'd love to have you join us! The South Wisconsin Thrivent Member Network invites Thrivent members and their guests to a fun family night at the ballgame. The game will be at Carson Park on Friday, July 31, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Fireworks following the game! To receive free game tickets (maximum six), please email vicki.tjelta@thrivent.com or call Jennie Childs at 715.514.9237. Bring your Thrivent game ticket to our table outside the stadium with a school supply donation, and we will give you a voucher for food or soda. Children ages 5–12 can sign up to throw out the first pitch. The drawing will be at 6:20 P.M.



On Being the Church—Boldly

On Wednesday, June 17, a horrific shooting at a church in Charleston, South Carolina left nine Christian leaders dead and caused many of us to pause—in prayer, in grief, in consternation. The questions came in short order: Why did this happen, God? How could racism still run so deep? Are we part of the problem or, more importantly, its solution?

The “why” finds one theological answer in Genesis—that we are children of a fallen humanity, sinners and saints every one of us. Racism with complex historical and political roots in this nation is at its most basic the sin of failing to recognize oneself and others equally as children of God, inherently worthy of respect and dignity.

However we may treat people differently from us on an individual basis, racism is also a systematic sin woven into the very structure of a society where opportunities for advancement are much less an equal, where discrimination in the justice stem makes weekly headlines; where poverty and illiteracy rates are too often predictable along racial lines. To live in a country where such equity exists is to live in sin. And so, when we confess that “we are captive to sin and we cannot free ourselves” in worship, we own up to not only our individual failures in relationships but also our place among larger systems of sin, such as racism.

For many of us, church is a social gathering—a place to regularly find the support of friends in Christ; a community in which to raise children of faith; a cause to unite around in service of neighbor. But I wonder in light of such tragic and hate-filled events as happened in Charleston, does “being church” become even more? Does our role as a community of Christians take on a renewed calling?

I couldn't shake the feeling as we gathered for worship the Sunday after the shooting that to gather as Christians is to gather in defiance and as witness. As Christ challenged the powers of an unjust Roman empire and by his life proved that hope was stronger than despair, we today gather in witness to a God whose dream is for every person to live fully alive. When we gather, we do confess where we have fallen short of God's hope for us and collectively repent. Then, as we receive forgiveness through Word, bread and wine, we are empowered to be “little Christ's” to a world in need of compassion and more as we attempt to bring God's dream to reality.

Sometimes, as Martin Luther King Jr. once said, the church is called to be not just a thermometer that records the ideas and principles of popular opinion, but rather a thermostat that seeks to transform the mores of society. Is Charleston a wake-up call for the church to once again take up Christ's call towards societal transformation?

Friends in Christ, may God bless us as a community of faith with the eyes to see ourselves and the culture in which we live as God does. And—as far as it depends on us—may we boldly take action to bring God's vision of justice and peace to this world, ever praying for the humility and grace necessary to do so. Blessed be the journey,
Pastor Sarah



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ELCA Youth Gathering



This July, a group of youth and adults will be traveling to Detroit, Michigan, for the National Youth Gathering of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Partnering with three other churches (Hope Lutheran in Eau Claire, Our Savior's in Menominee, and Central Lutheran in Mondovi), we will be leaving Monday, July 13, on our bus trip to Detroit, with a stop in Chicago for an evening. We will be gathering with 30,000 other youth and their adult leaders from around the country, entering Detroit to serve, learn, and have fun. We will end our evenings in Ford Field (home of the Detroit Lions) to worship and experience God's Word active and energized in a very unique way.

Join us on July 12 at the 9:45 A.M. worship service for our commissioning, and keep us in prayer as we prepare for the trip and during the week. Pray for all those traveling to the gathering and for the city of Detroit and their gracious invitation to host all 30,000 of us. We plan to share a little bit about our trip and the ways God was active in us and in the people and city of Detroit when we return to Eau Claire. Youth Gathering participants include: Callie Larson, Kristen Jadeke, Makayla Moen, Toby Moszer, Brian Baker, Pastor Brahm, Cassie Brenden, and John Moen.



Serving Others Locally

- Trinity will be serving at **Sojourner House** on Friday, July 17, from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. We are looking for volunteers to donate two large fruit salads to be served with the meal. Sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the co-leaders, Phyllis at 715.836.7055 or Sheila at 715.831.8982.
- Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at **The Beacon House** from July 19–23. 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 the designated sheet 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 for us to give to Flynn students 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 2. Thank you!

Local ELCA Congregations & Christmas in July!

Eau Claire ELCA congregations including Immanuel, Good Shepherd, Grace, First, and Trinity will join together in a shared ministry of outreach called "Celebrate Christmas in July." This shared ministry effort will bring people together by donating items for the less fortunate in Eau Claire. Trinity members are invited to bring donations to Trinity beginning July 6. Wish Lists are available in the lobby at the display table. Donations can be placed in the lobby in the marked tub on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. Items will be collected throughout the month of July. Thank you for caring, and thank you for sharing!



Noah's Ark Preschool Openings



What a blessing it is to share school days with wonderful children at Noah's Ark Preschool! Trinity Lutheran Church is dedicated to providing a quality early childhood program in a safe and caring Christian environment for 88 children each school year. We are an extension of the Children's Ministry program at Trinity Lutheran Church and licensed by the state of Wisconsin. Our current openings for children at Noah's Ark include:

- T/Th, 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. for children who turn three before September 1, 2015.
- M/W/F 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. for children who turn four before December 31, 2015.

Please contact Jeanne Cooper at noahsark@trinity-ec.org for more information. Noah's Ark is a great place to be, and filling up for the fall! Tours are available at parents' request!

Friendship Group

Join the group for a brief business meeting followed by a potluck at Trinity on Wednesday, July 8, at 11:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room.



Faith Plan and Pastor Visit

2014–2015 Club 9 students, please contact your assigned Pastor via email before July 20 to schedule your visit. If you have any questions regarding your Faith Plan or Pastor visit, contact Lisa at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or lisa@trinity-ec.org



Incoming Club 9 Students

Don't forget to call in or email the name of your mentor to Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org If you need suggestions, please let us know. The Youth Ministry staff will be happy to help recruit adults willing to be mentors, but we do not select or contact mentors. We ask you to make that connection.

Summer Stretch

Summer Stretch is off to a great start. Twenty-nine students, four counselors, and two adult leaders met twice in June. Our theme is "God's Work, Our Hands." On June 18, we visited the Wisconsin Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls. We attended a music concert and played card games with the residents. Summer Stretch participants then had a picnic lunch at Irvine Park. We also engaged in a scavenger hunt and visited the zoo exhibits. On our way back to Trinity, we stopped at Dairy Queen for an ice cream treat. On June 25, half of our students volunteered at Feed My People Food Bank, and the other half of our students volunteered at Trinity. After a pizza and salad lunch, we played golf at Pine Meadow Golf Course. Summer Stretch meets again twice in July, and then travels to Valley Fair in August for the final meeting.

WELCA Summer Bible Study

Join the women of St. John's Lutheran Church, 1804 Highland Ave., Eau Claire on Wednesday, July 15, from 9:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. The theme for this year's summer study, "No Catchy Slogans," focuses on Christian generosity. The three presenters are Cora Klawiter, Judy Haugen and Judy Staszczuk. Materials will be provided. There will also be a potluck noon meal, so bring a small salad or dessert dish to pass! Come and invite a friend or neighbor! See you all there!



Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, July 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity Choir Room
Hostess: Rose Sippel
Leader: Pat Hansen

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, July 21, 9:30 A.M. Trinity Fireside Room
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfeld
Leader: Group

Miriam

Wednesday, July 15, 9:30 A.M. Trinity Choir Room
Hostess: Mary Schoenknecht, 1808 Pine Park Drive
Leader:

Ruth

Tuesday, July 21, 9:30 A.M.
Hostess: Char Finseth, 1715 Chumas Drive
Leader:

Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek is coming up on August 26 & 27, 2015. The theme this year is "We Are Christian Women." The main speakers will be Barbara Swant and Ruth Anderson, authors of the book *Mary's Story*. There will also be foot soaks, pontoon rides, swimming, card making, and demonstrations. Rachel Funk-Johnson will offer yoga and stretching exercises, with great music and friendship, too.

Each person must fill out a form and prepay. Forms are available on the Women's Bulletin Board across from the nursery or online at trinity-ec.org. Early Bird registration is \$50 by July 31, after that registration is \$55. Registration deadline is August 15.



Health Ministries

June Red Cross Blood Drive

I want to thank everyone who helped and donated blood at the June Blood Drive. We had 35 donors, three donors were deferred (they need to eat their spinach!), and collected 36 units. We didn't quite meet the goal set for us, but summer is often a more difficult time to get donations, which is also why it is important to do a blood drive in the early summer.

I also want to share that I donated blood for the first time ever. I have horrible veins, and just getting blood drawn at the clinic is stressful. But watching how professional the Red Cross staff were and how each donor did just fine, I decided to give it a try. I explained my fears to the Red Cross staff person. She reassured me through the whole process and was successful on the first poke. I had no side effects and had a good reason to eat treats afterwards. So if you have never donated blood, I would encourage you to give it a try!

Save the date! The next Trinity Blood Drive is Monday, November 16, BEFORE deer hunting, so you hunters have no excuse not to be there.



Parish Nurse Schedule

For the past eight months my time in the office has been random, as I continue to work at Mayo Clinic Health System, also. However, I now have a more set schedule. I will be in the church office weekly either Thursdays or Fridays from 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. I also am available in the office after each worship service most Sundays if you have health/wellness questions or concerns. I hope this improves my availability to the congregation.

Bulletin Boards

I have two bulletin boards for Health Ministries and in the past they have had overlapping information on each. Each bulletin board will now have a focus. The bulletin board across from the nursery is focused on local community resources and wellness events. I receive information monthly on classes and events related to health and wellness. Those will be posted on that bulletin board. If you have information to share, I can add that information. The bulletin board by the office will be focused on timely wellness/health topics.

I also am adding a "Suggestion Folder" to both bulletin boards. I am always looking for topics you are interested in or issues you have questions/concerns about. I want to hear from you!

Contact Vicki Dueringer Parish Nurse, at 715.832.6601 ext.208 or parishnurse@trinity-ec.org

Summer Health Tip

Take advantage of summer to relax, de-stress, have fun, and experience the joy and beauty around you. If your response to this is "that's not happening!" then you have overscheduled yourself and your children. If the vacation planning is stressing out you and your family, that's not a vacation! Take advantage of every moment of this summer!

Greek Cucumber Salad

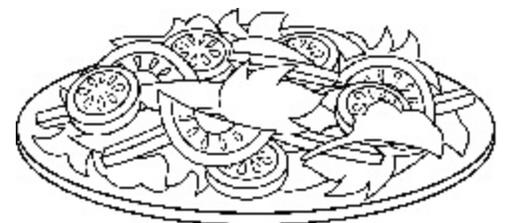
This greek cucumber salad is a perfect healthy summer side dish. The fresh flavors of these vegetables are a great compliment to grilled food. And you can find all of this produce fresh at the Farmer's Market!

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons minced red onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 3/4 teaspoon chopped oregano
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 1/2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups thinly sliced seeded cucumber
- 1 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup orange bell pepper strips

Preparation

Combine first 6 ingredients in a large bowl, stirring with a whisk. Toss with cucumber, cherry tomatoes, and bell pepper strips.





Received May Memorials & Gifts

Health Ministries Fund

- In memory of Maynard McClelland: Pat Garber

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Vi Berg: Shirley Freeberg, Ann Ayres
- In memory of Arnold Talford: Shirely Freeberg
- In memory of DeLoyd Stertz: David & Jeanette Suchla
- In memory of Maynard McClelland: Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Patrick Noll: Shirley Freeberg

Children's Ministries Fund

- In memory of Patrick Noll: Bev Hill

Women's Giving Circle

- In memory of Vi Berg: Rose Sippel

Good Samaritan Fund

- In memory of David Jones: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Jason Richardson: Jim & Sherry Jones

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Maynard McClelland: Gordon Larson
- In memory of Arnold Talford: Barbara Vorhes

Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In memory of Linda McClelland's Parents: Mark & Suzanne Becker

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Vi Berg: Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Donald Heideman, Jane Serino, Donald & Sharon Southand, Orville & Shirley Anderson, Robert & Erna Tietz, Leatrice Solberg, Agnes Strand, Robert & Roxane Berg, Robert & Judith Pielhop, Jack & Lois Olson, Marvin & Mary Hanson, Barbara Johnson, Richard & Rebecca Roginski, Mildred Timm, Cathy Hassl
- In memory of Maynard McClelland: Ed & Mary Elworthy, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Anna Trullinger,
- In memory of Jerry Jacobson: Richard & Susan Cochrane, Jean Ann Walker
- In memory of Arnold Talford: Family & Friends, Orville & Shirley Anderson, Sandra Biermeier, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud, Ruth Hayden, Leone Helstrom, Deane & Joann Jewett, Justin & Melanie Lind-Ayres, Jack & Lois Olson, Susan Schaefer, Millard & Jean Sivertson, Leatrice Solberg, Lamoine & Jeanann Stone, Ted & Ardy Nystuen, Sonnie Jacobson

Library Fund

- In memory of Jerry Jacobson: Gary & Gloria Crossman,
- In memory of Vi Berg: Anna Trullinger

Friends of Flynn Fund

- In memory of Jerry Jacobson: Jack & Carol Bartingale

Malaria Net Fund

- In memory of Patrick Noll: Marjorie Satre
- In memory of Gladys Myers: Marjorie Satre

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of David Duax: Dick Cable



Summer Time and the Reading is Easy! Find Good Books in Trinity's Library

For Adult Readers

- *Before Amen, The Power of a Simple Prayer* by Max Lucado. Through this book, readers will learn that prayer can be simply a heartfelt conversation between God and God's children. (291.4 LUC)
- *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo. This is a Trinity Page Turners Book Club selection for October. Pick up the book club brochure on the A-Frame Display in the Library to learn more about this book as well as the other selections for the club. (FIC BOO)
- *The Quartet: Orchestrating the Second American Revolution, 1783-1789* by Joseph J. Ellis. Historian Joseph J. Ellis writes about four men of vision—George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay—and how they used their skills to call for a Constitutional Convention following the American Revolution. (FIC ELL)



- ***The Wright Brothers*** by David McCullough. “McCullough, two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, tells the dramatic story of the brothers who taught the world how to fly: Wilbur and Orville Wright.” BAM (B McC)



For Young Readers

- ***Willy Maykit in Space*** by Greg Trine. Earth-dwelling fourth-grader Willy Maykit couldn’t be more excited about his school field trip to Planet Ed. The adventure continues when he and classmate Cindy are left behind. (+ FIC TRI)
- ***I Funny*** by James Patterson. Jamie Grimm is on a mission to win the Planet’s Funniest Kid Comic Contest, and he wants the reader to be with him every step of the way. (YP FIC PAT)
- ***Princess Academy: The Forgotten Sisters*** by Shannon Hale. Miri is eager to return to her beloved Mount Eskel after a year at the capital, but the king and queen ask her to first journey to a distant swamp and start her own miniature princess academy for three royal cousins. But once there, she must solve a mystery before she can return home. (YP FIC HAL)

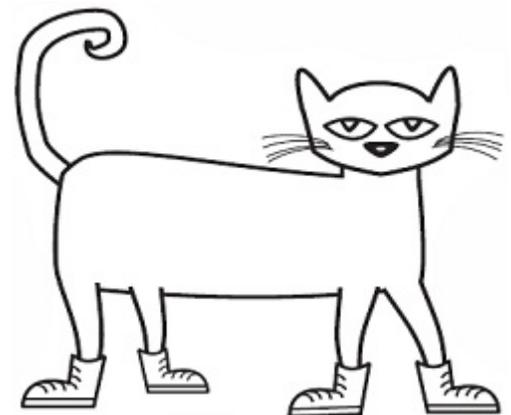
Children’s Books for Summer Story Time

- ***A Cat Like That*** by Wendy Wahman. A cat presents the characteristics of a perfect human friend. (++) FIC WAH)
- ***The Adventures of Beekle: The Unimaginary Friend*** by Dan Santat. An imaginary friend waits a long time to be imagined by a child and given a special name, and finally does the unimaginable—he sets out on a quest to find his perfect match in the real world. (++) FIC SAN)
- ***The Moose Is Loose!*** By Mark Carthew. This story is about sneaky, slippery animals who escape the Kalaboo Zoo train and how they are rounded up by the train crew to get back on board. (++) FIC CAR)
- ***Just Perfect*** by Jane Marinsky. A child tells of seeking the perfect one to add to a family of three and, after trying various pets, discovering that a baby is a perfect fit. (++) FIC MAR)
- ***I Love Dogs*** by Sue Stainton and Bob Staake. A walk through the park becomes an exuberant celebration. There are so many kinds of dogs to love! (++) FIC STA)
- ***Sheep Go To Sleep*** by Nancy Shaw. At the end of the day, tired sheep return to their shed but none can sleep until the collie arrives, giving a hug, a drink of water, and more until all have begun to snore. (++) FIC SHA)
- ***Where Are My Books?*** by Debbie Ridpath. Spence loves books and reads one every night, sometimes aloud, then puts the book back in its place. But, one morning his favorite book is missing, and the next day another, each replaced by a different object. (++) FIC RID)
- ***Look What I Can Do?*** by Nancy Viau. Baby animals overcome challenges in their day-to-day lives such as finding food, spinning a web, and flying from the nest. (++) FIC VIA)
- ***A Library Book for Bear*** by Bonny Becker. Bear is quite sure that he already has all the books he will ever need and can see no reason to go to the library for more. Yet his friend Mouse thinks otherwise. (++) FIC BEC)

- ***A Dog Is a Dog*** by Stephen Shaskan. This debut author has created a lively picture book that will keep young readers guessing and giggling. (++) FIC SHA)

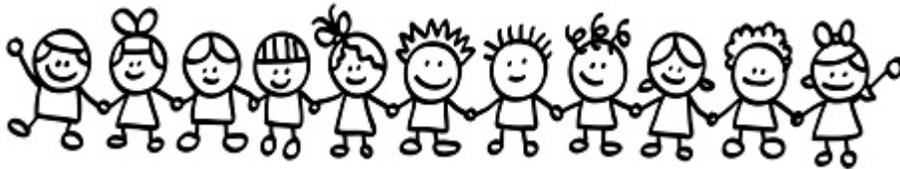
Trinity Page Turners Book Club

After a wonderful year, the Page Turners are taking the summer off to read some books on our own personal lists. BUT they will return in September! The completed book list for 2015–2016 is available online at www.trinity-ec.org or you can pick up a brochure in the office. There are no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. So, are you ready to start reading in September? We're happy to have you join us! For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



Summer Story Time Continues During July Rock Out with Pete the Cat

On Sunday Mornings; July 5, 12 & 19; beginning at 10:30 A.M. Library Committee Members will read new picture books, and kids can check out books to read at home. Special *Pete the Cat* prizes will be available, too!



From Children's Ministries Director

Transitioning into Trinity these past couple of weeks has been an absolute blessing. The staff, children, and congregation have welcomed me with open arms and have made me feel very welcomed. As a young adult in ministry, I believe hospitality, generosity, and kindness are key to any church congregation. Being a church with arms wide open and inviting displays the love of Christ. Since the moment I walked into Trinity, it was very obvious that Trinity displays these keys aspects.

In our society today, it excites me to see churches with an outward focus. Being a church with an outward focus means going out into the community, reaching the poor, engaging with the community, and fitting the needs of others. My hope for the church is that it can be a church without walls, focusing its attention on the community and the individuals that surround the church. One of my famous verses is James 2:17 which states "faith without action is dead." This verse is vital to my core belief system. If we don't take our faith and put it into action, our faith means nothing. It's about sharing the love of Christ and becoming a disciple.

I am very excited to be at Trinity and to partake in the mission that God has for this church. I am excited to work with children and to help them develop their own faith and put it into action. I believe that children are the foundation of the church, and without them the church wouldn't grow. During my time here at Trinity, I hope to walk alongside the children and their families learning with and from them and growing in my own faith, as well. I look forward to being challenged and seeing growth and development occur. One of the main things I love about children is their imagination. I love when they are able to freely express themselves and learn new things on their own. It's a blessing to be a part of a supportive congregation that provides a place for children to grow in their faith, become leaders, and develop relationships.

As I start my journey here at Trinity, I look forward to forming relationships with not only the children, but also the youth and their parents. I want to be intentional and get to know everyone that comes to Trinity. I can't wait to meet the many families and children of this congregation. My door is always open, so please feel free to stop in and say Hello. Even if you don't have children, I would still love to get to know you! I'm excited for the journey that God has put ahead of me and the plans God has for the Children's Ministry program here at Trinity.

Sara Reed
Children's Ministries Director



Children's Ministries

Early Childhood Enrichment Programs for Fall

Online only registration is open for our faith-based enrichment programs are for children 18 months–five years old. For more information, contact Sarah Reed at sarah@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601, ext. 218.

Music & Movement • Children move and groove as they explore music with songs, dance, and instruments. The class includes free play, story time, and guided music instruction, with new themes explored each week. Music & Movement begins Monday, September 14, and runs for 15 weeks.

- Session One • 9:05 A.M.–9:50 A.M. A 45 minute class for children who are one by 6.1.15 through those who are three by 9.1.15. This is a parent/child class. Cost is \$80.
- Session Two • 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. This hour and a half class is for children who are two by 6.1.15. New this year: Children experience this class independently. Cost is \$190.

Creative Arts • Spend Mondays engaged in a variety of creative activities! Children will dance, sing, and experiment with art processes. Children will also hear stories and Bible stories and enhance language learning through finger plays. This class is for children who turn three by 9.1.15. Creative Arts begins Monday, September 14, from 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. and runs for 15 weeks. Cost is \$200.

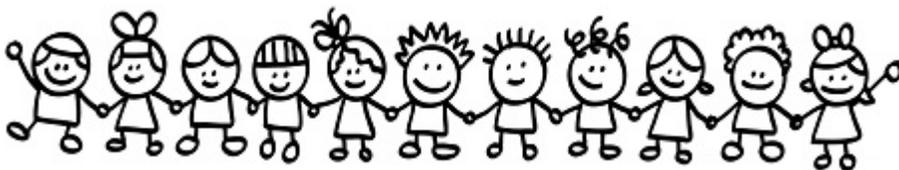


Readers, Authors, & Artists • Immerse your child in literature and early oral and written language experiences. Weekly themes will explore books, authors, and illustrators through discovery, music, play, and art. All activities will encourage students to become authors and illustrators of their own books, with a focus on nurturing a child's natural readiness for reading, writing, and creating. This class is for children who turn four by 1.1.16. Readers, Authors, and Artists begins on Tuesday, September 15, from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. and runs for 14 weeks. Cost is \$190.

Great Pretenders • Let your child's imagination run free. This class uses drama, art, and creative games to enhance and expand great children's literature and Bible stories. Children will create story props, costumes, and puppets and then use them to retell stories. Children will explore new vocabulary, story structures, and build literacy skills. This class is for children who turn four by 1.1.16. The Great Pretenders begins Tuesday, September 15, from 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. and runs for 14 sessions. Cost is \$190.

Come and Play • A great precursor to preschool! Children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children and to practice spending some time away from parents or caregivers. They will hear Bible stories and other books, participate in art and music activities, and take time out to share a snack together. This class is for children who turn two by 6.1.15. Come & Play begins on Wednesday, September 9, from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. **OR** 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. and runs for 14 sessions. Cost is \$190.

Thrilling Thursdays • Spend Thursdays engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities in a Christian environment. Emphasis will be on science and cooking, but will also include language, music, math, and art activities. A hands-on discovery approach will be encouraged with observation, predicting, investigating, and other creative thinking. This class is for children who turn four by 1.1.16. Thrilling Thursdays begins on Thursday, September 17, from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. for 13 weeks. Cost is \$180.



Mark Your Calendar Now! Children's Ministries Fall Start-up Dates

- Wednesday, September 9: Family Registration and Pizza Night; T.G.I.F Teacher Orientation Night
- Sunday, September 13: Rally Sunday and Bibles distributed to three year olds and third grade students
- Wednesday, September 16: Camp T.G.I.F. and children's choirs begin
- Thursday, September 17: Sunday School Teacher Orientation
- Sunday, September 20: Blessing of the Backpacks and Sunday School begins
- Sunday, September 27: Education Staff Installation at the 9:45 A.M. worship service

Noah's Ark News

Summer is half way over already! WOW, the seasons fly by. God has gifted us with amazing days so far this summer to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Trinity has been abuzz with children at Day Camps, youth serving at Day Camps, and lots of new Day Camp leaders for the summer of 2015. It is such a marvelous thing!



It has been my pleasure this past month to share the office with our new Children's Ministry Director, Sara Reed. She is a wonderful young woman who has quickly jumped into her new role. Please go out of your way to greet her and introduce yourself. She always has a Bible verse of the day in our office, and I've been blessed to enjoy each one when I'm here.

Noah's Ark families for the 2015–2016 school year can look for mailings towards the end of July. They will include class lists, Visit Week schedules, a tentative school calendar, and information on our upcoming 2015–2016 Parent Teacher Orientation meeting on Monday, August 31, at 6 :00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. Please RSVP your attendance for that night to noahsark@trinity-ec.org

Until then, celebrate God's wonderful summer days! Ahhhhhhhh summer!
Hugs, JC

PS...if you haven't registered your child for Vacation Bible School at Trinity yet, do it now online. In order to put together appropriate classes and have enough teachers, we need to hear from you as soon as possible.

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