



## Wednesday Worship "Living Faith" by Trinity Members

Join us for Wednesday worship during Lent at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M. and the video message series "Living Faith: Stories of God's Grace." You'll learn how God has been present in the lives of fellow members amidst their joys and struggles, in sickness and health, in their careers and family.

- March 2 "God Abides," Kim Passi, Oncology Nurse at Mayo Clinic
- March 9 "The Jumping off Point," Dick & Arla Prestin
- March 16 "Faith in the Face of Cancer and More," Michelle, Shaun and Hannah Messer

Add Wednesday Worship to your faith growth this Lent and find wonder at the ways God's Story is active in your own story, too. Invite a friend! This is a series you won't want to miss.



## Transition Update

The Call Committee is meeting periodically this winter and preparing to do practice interviews this month with area pastors. The staff of the NW Synod of WI is working to secure candidates who match our Ministry Site Profile. Their hope is to have candidates to be considered next month.

The Start-Up Team continues to make plans for introducing the new Lead Pastor to the congregation through a variety of small group gatherings and more. Also, the final report from Dr. Jim Pence, Walkalong Consulting, will be reviewed by the Council this month. You can keep abreast of transition news by visiting the Transition page at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

## Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is the pinnacle time for Christians across the world as we follow the last days of Jesus' earthly life leading to his death and resurrection. To fully find your faith touched and led in these days, we offer worship with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday at 6:30 P.M. and worship on Good Friday at 12:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. Find time in your life this week to worship and rediscover the incredible depth of God's love for you in Christ.

## Join Us for Easter on March 27

We invite you to celebrate Easter at Trinity! Please note the adjusted worship times. For all the news about Holy Week and Easter at Trinity, visit [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

- 6:30 A.M. Sunrise Worship with Communion in the Worship Center led by Trinity Youth.
- 8:00 A.M. Festival Traditional Worship in the Worship Center with Brass Choir, Trinity Choir, and Handbells.
- 9:30 A.M. Festival Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center with Harmony In Spirit Worship Team, the Trinity Choir, Brass Choir, and a special time for children.
- 10:45 A.M. Festival Traditional Worship in the Worship Center with Harmony In Spirit Worship Team, Children's Choirs, Brass Choir, and a special time for children.





Dear Friends,

Our series, "Living Faith: Stories of God's Grace," is a means for us to learn about and be inspired by the faith of individuals/families who are Trinity members. Through professionally formatted videos produced by Stokes-Herzog Productions, images, scripture passages, personal stories provide an uplifting means of nurturing our faith during Lent. Thank you to Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith, the Trinity members who were interviewed, and the production team for making the videos a reality!

What I like most about our series this Lent is the privilege of hearing people's stories. Granted, the videos are short, so we only get a glimpse into their life of faith. But it is often only just a glimpse that is needed to realize the power of God's presence upon a person's life; a life that has experienced sorrow, joy, loss, gain, challenge, and success.

It is in hearing a person's story of faith that we begin to see similar realities in our own lives to a certain degree. Through those similarities, we learn that others have had questions about God; others have depended on God in times of great need; others were not raised in a Christian home but, through the influence of other faithful adults, their faith was strengthened.

In his book "How to Win Friends and Influence People," Dale Carnegie shared this story: *Millie Esposito of Croton-on-Hudson, New York made it her business to listen carefully when her children wanted to speak to her. One evening she was sitting in the kitchen with her son, Robert, and after a brief discussion, he said, "Mom, I know that you love me very much." Mrs. Esposito was touched and said, "Of course I love you very much. Did you doubt it?" Robert responded, "No, but I really know you love me because whenever I want to talk to you about something, you stop whatever you are doing and listen to me."*

Listening is a discipline that opens our minds to new perspectives while re-affirming what we believe as right and true. Listening communicates interest in another person. Rather than speaking to get a point across, we listen to understand, to learn, and to show respect.

As I reflect back on my eight years of ministry with you, I have had the privilege and honor of listening to your stories of faith and life—stories reflecting upon a loved one who died; stories of raising children; stories of your life experiences; stories of your faith. For the stories that you shared with me, I am deeply grateful.

Thank you for listening to my story of faith and guiding me to be the pastor I am today. Especially recently within my call process, I appreciate your questions, words of support, and congratulations on listening to how God has called me to serve at Apostles Lutheran Church in Brandon, Florida.

My words fall short in expressing my gratitude to all of you for giving me the opportunity to be a pastor in this fine congregation. Thank you to our excellent staff for their commitment to their ministry and high-quality work.

Finally, I look forward to listening to the stories of where God is leading Trinity in the year ahead and beyond. You are a congregation with great qualities, fine leadership, high generosity, and a strong conviction to hold to our mission statement of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News."

Thank you and blessings to all of you,  
Pastor Jim



## My Head Is Full of Colors Workshop

The Trinity Lutheran Church Library Committee is sponsoring a workshop for pre-school and elementary teachers and counselors on Saturday, April 9, beginning at 8:45 A.M. Catherine Friend, author of the children's book *My Head Is Full of Colors*, will lead a discussion on ways to use this book in the classroom. Due to the many requests from teachers and parents, a second edition of her book has been published. Along with the publication of the book, Catherine collaborated with professional educators to prepare a "Social/Emotional Learning Guide" and a "Teaching Ideas Guide." Workshop participants will receive a copy of the book *My Head is Full of Colors* plus the learning and teaching guides. Registration fee is \$5 (includes book, guides, and brunch). To register, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.834.4204 or [mary.schoenknecht@gmail.com](mailto:mary.schoenknecht@gmail.com) Register soon as space is limited. The workshop is partially funded by the Thrivent Action Team project.

Catherine Friend grew up in Eau Claire and graduated from Memorial High School and from UW Eau Claire. She is also the author of *The Perfect Nest* and *Barn Boot Blues*.



## Empty Bowls

One in nine residents in the Chippewa Valley face food insecurity in their daily lives. This number rises to an alarming one in five when we talk about our kids. We need your help. Please join with Feed My People in serving our neighbors who struggle to put food on the table for their families.

Please join us on Thursday, March 3, from 11:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. for the 16th annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser at the Florian Gardens in Eau Claire. Enjoy delicious soups made by local restaurants, breads, beverage, and desserts. For a donation of \$18.00 you will receive your meal and take home a beautiful ceramic bowl hand-crafted by UW-Eau Claire art students, area high school students, and other area potters. The meal without the bowl can be purchased for \$8.00. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets are available in the church office.

## Join Us in Supporting Flynn Students

Nearly 60% of children at Flynn Elementary qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. These children often struggle with basic needs, jeopardizing their ability to learn. Trinity supports these students through our Friends of Flynn program. Throughout the year, we provide weekend meals, school supplies, healthy snacks, books, clothes, shoes, boots, and much more. In March we have a goal of raising \$6,100 to support this important ministry. Please join with us and be a blessing in the lives of these children! If you would like to support this ministry, note "Friends of Flynn" on your donation.

## Food Pantry Coordinator Position Open

We are seeking applicants for the position of Food Pantry Coordinator. The Food Pantry Coordinator has a primary role of engaging and managing people who carry out many operations of the pantry. Successful applicants will possess a passion for the mission of Trinity, strong communication and organizational skills, a compassionate spirit, a positive attitude, and the ability to work with a wide variety of people.

The job description is available in the church office or online. Please submit a cover letter and brief resume to Pastor Kurt Jacobson at [kurt@trinity-ec.org](mailto:kurt@trinity-ec.org)

## Thank You Notes to Share Because You Gave

Your weekly offerings to Regular Ministries do so much good inside this building and far beyond. Supporting two shelters in the city in 2015 generated these response:

From the "Sojourner House:" *I want to thank you for your generous donation from your benevolence fund. Your gift of \$1,000 is very much appreciated. We could not provide for the homeless without your support. Thank you, Dan Robinson, Director of the Sojourner House.* (Adult shelter in downtown Eau Claire.)

From the "Beacon House:" *On behalf of the Eau Claire Interfaith Hospitality Network...I would like to thank you for your donation in the amount of \$2,200 to our organization. We are most grateful to have your support in our pursuit to assist struggling families and for your commitment to the greater Eau Claire area. Thanks for all that you do! Kelly Christianson, Executive Director of the Beacon House.* (Family shelter in downtown Eau Claire.)

## Knit in Prayer

Prayer Shawls are available from the Parish Nurse to be given to friends, neighbors, and coworkers experiencing a challenging time due to health, death, or other major life events. These shawls are knit in prayer by members. Please contact Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, at [vickid@trinity-ec.org](mailto:vickid@trinity-ec.org) for more information.

## In the Mail

*Dear Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gift of \$4000 to Feed My People Food Bank for weekend meals for the students at Flynn Elementary. Your generosity makes an impact on many students who struggle with hunger when school meals are not available.*

*We recently learned of a story of an area student named Alex who loves to play outside with friends. Alex's parents visit their local pantry some months when they can't make ends meet and their cupboards become bare. Alex doesn't understand this yet but knows that the apples they bring home are his favorite.*

*Your contribution helps put apples, bananas, and other food into weekend meal bags each week for children like Alex. We are thankful for your partnership in making our community a better place to live.*

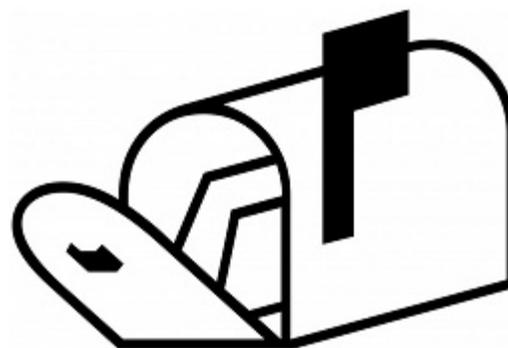
*Again, thank you!*

*Sincerely,*

*Suzanne Becker*

Assistant Director

Feed My People Food Bank





## Timothy Brinkman Returns

Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Timothy Brinkman will be a guest music leader at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services on Sunday, April 3. This is a great Sunday to invite a friend to worship with you. Brinkman fuses radiant melodies with bittersweet harmonies and deeply personal lyrics that deal with life's heartbreaks while always coming back to the hope and glory of God. Born in the Twin Cities, Timothy got his musical start on drums at five years old, then later taught himself percussion, guitar, keys, bass, mandolin, banjo, vibraphone, harmonica, and many other instruments. A freewill offering at the door will support Brinkman's music ministry, and his recordings will be available for purchase in the lobby.



## Men's Mission Trip Report

The ninth annual men's mission trip to Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica advanced our partnership with this small school. The team of 12 men continued building a kitchen/cafeteria structure and left funds for it to be completed this month, thanks to offerings to the "Missionary Fund" of Trinity.

The men had a wonderful experience and are grateful for the support this mission received from Trinity members who provided funds to purchase building materials. This month a team of 16 men, women, and children will be back at Jabneh. Read about our Global Missions on the "Serve" page of trinity-ec.org

## Home Communion Ministry

The Pastoral Care Team of pastors, Parish Nurse, and Director of Visitation Ministries is committed to providing care and the love of Trinity to members who are limited in mobility or living in facilities. They are joined by a team of Home Communion Visitors who provide the Lord's Supper on a regular basis to those unable to come to worship.

The Home Communion Visitation Ministry was formed a few years ago to provide people another way to serve with their gifts of compassion, as well as address a growing population of people unable to join in worship. Director of Visitation Ministries Pat Garber enlists, trains, and coordinates the Home Communion Visitors. To inquire about receiving a visit or becoming a Home Communion Visitor, please contact Pat Garber at garberpa@uwec.edu or 715.835.5801.

If you or a family member has permanent or temporary limitations that prevent worshipping at Trinity, you are invited to have a Home Communion Visitor assigned to you. This person will come to you at an agreed upon time, on a regular basis, and share the Lord's Supper with you.

## Are You a Thrivent Member?

The Choice Dollars Thrivent members have are important to the mission of Trinity. Please remember that directing your 2015 Thrivent Choice dollars to Trinity needs to occur by March 31. This can be done by logging into your account at Thrivent.com or calling the Customer Interaction Center at 800.847.4836. Thanks for electing your 2016 Choice Dollars to Trinity, too.

## Friendship Group

### From "Reel" policeman to "real"

Following our business meeting at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 9, Todd Johnson from the Eau Claire Police Department will be our guest speaker. Todd has been doing an extensive history of the department and working both on a book and a display. We invite you to enjoy the soup lunch following the 12:15 P.M. service.

Looking Ahead! Our meeting on June 8 will be a bus trip to Stoughton, Wisconsin. We will leave the parking lot at 8:30 A.M. After a brief stop where you may purchase coffee, use the restroom, and stretch, we will arrive at Stoughton about 12:00 P.M. We will enjoy a meatball dinner, included in the price, at the Sons of Norway lodge. Following dinner, we will tour Livsreise (Life's Journey), the Norwegian Heritage Center, as well as the historical society. After our tour, we will have a step on guide to tour the town and the historical Opera House. There will be some time for shopping, and we will leave about 4:30 P.M. We will stop at McDonald's in Tomah where you may purchase coffee and/or supper. Cost of the trip will be \$50. Make your check to Trinity Friendship Group and mail to Linda McClelland at 3107 Garner Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701 by May 30.

## Circle Listings

### Deborah

Thursday, March 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Dorothy Miller  
Leader: Rose Sippel

### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 P.M., Trinity  
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfeld  
Leader: Group

### Miriam

Wednesday, March 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Sonia Becker  
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

### Ruth

Tuesday, March 15, 1:30 P.M., Trinity  
Hostess:  
Leader: Group



## Trinity's Women's Giving Circle

Save the date! The Women's Giving Circle will hold its annual Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 24, at 5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. This event will include hors d'oeuvres and reports from several 2015 grant recipients who will share how they are using the funds provided by the Women's Giving Circle. Join us to learn more about how your contributions are positively impacting lives. Bring a friend!

As we look forward into 2016, the Women's Giving Circle invites and encourages all members of Trinity to become participating members. For an annual gift of \$250, you will help to further the mission of the Women's Giving Circle which is to "demonstrate God's love by positively impacting people's lives through collective philanthropy and awarding of financial gifts." You may make your gift at any time in 2016, but only funds received by June 30 will be available toward grants awarded in the fall of 2016. So please consider making your contribution before June 30. Just fill out the membership form found online or in the lobby and return it, along with your \$250 gift, to Trinity's office. You may also bring it to the Spring Meeting on April 24. If you have questions about the Women's Giving Circle, contact Mary Hanson at [rye@hoopsinc.com](mailto:rye@hoopsinc.com)

## Biennial Synodical Women's Organization Convention

All women are all invited to come together to worship, sing, hear marvelous speakers, meet new friends, and renew old friendships on April 29–30, 2016 at the Biennial Synodical Women's Organization Convention being held at the Plaza Inn & Suites in Eau Claire.

This year's theme is "Ordinary Women Serving an Extraordinary God." Michelle Rayburn is the keynote speaker. She is also a freelance writer and musician who loves to help people discover ways to joy in the midst of the trashy stuff of life. She will present "Treasure in Jars of Clay: When God Uses Ordinary Vessels." The musical group Kings Countrymen will entertain us on Friday night. They are a Blue Grass Gospel Group from Mondovi, Wisconsin playing gospel music since 1994.

Please join us for an exciting and inspiring convention. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Larson at [davejeanlarson@tcc.coop](mailto:davejeanlarson@tcc.coop)



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## Received January 2015 Memorials & Gifts

### Children's Ministries Fund

- In memory of Don Lee: Bev Hill

### Mission Jamaica-Jabneh Fund

- In honor of Pastor Kurt's birthday: John & Tami Satre

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Don Lee: Robert & Beatrice Frazee, Eric & Donna Gilbertson, Ken & Gloria Anderson, Joel & Leonore Higgins
- In memory of Carl Higgins: Carroll & Sandy Vowels

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Carl Higgins: Liz Kelly, Phyllis Burrows, Pam Burrows, Pat Garber, Curtis & Linda Thompson, Mike Siker, Gloria Gold, Robert & Sharron Green, Owen Moyer, Ralph & Peggy Hudson, Linda Bachowski & Donna Rehbeck, Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In memory of Ruth Patzswald: Pat Garber, Linda McClelland, Roger & Jane Dale, Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In honor of their grandchildren—Sophia Elworthy, Madelynne Elworthy, Alli Elworthy, Jackson Elworthy, Reyna Elworthy Sundell, Boden Elworthy Sundell: Ed & Mary Elworthy
- In honor of Bob Morgan's Birthday: Lee Morgan
- In memory of Lorraine Fleming: Dennis & Peggy Larson
- In memory of Crystal Markowitz: Jeff & Karla Halloin Family
- In memory of Don Lee: Doris & Clif Husberg
- In memory of Bob Sitek: Kirsten Alvarez & Dean VanAmber

### Library Fund

- In memory of Margery Close: Ann Johnson
- In memory of Harold Drung: Ann Johnson
- In memory of Elmer Felton: Norb & Helen Wurtzel
- In memory of Don Lee: Norb & Helen Wurtzel

### Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Carl Higgins: Norb & Helen Wurtzel
- In memory of Don Lee: Deyon Ziehme



**Women’s Giving Circle Fund**

- In memory of John Hammes: Patricia Hanson

**Friends of Flynn Fund**

- In memory of Ruth Lien: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

**Trinity Page Turners Book Club**

The book club meets on Tuesday, March 15, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler.

“It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon. . .” This is how Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she fell in love with Red that day in July 1959. The Whitshanks are one of those families that radiate togetherness: an indefinable, enviable kind of specialness. But they are also like all families in that the stories they tell themselves reveal only part of the picture. Abby and Red and their four grown children have accumulated not only tender moments, laughter, and celebrations, but also jealousies, disappointments, and carefully guarded secrets.

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](http://trinity-ec.org) or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org)

**March to Our Church Library**



**We Celebrate Dr Seuss's Birthday During the First Week of March**

Sunday school classes are invited to visit the library on Sunday, February 28. Members of the Library Committee will be on hand to help check out books and distribute prizes. Stop by and see the library decorated for Dr Seuss and check out one of the 30 + Seuss books in our collection.

New books can be found on the A Framed display and are marked with a special "new" sticker.

**New Dr. Seuss Books**

- *What Was I Scared Of? A Glow-in-the-Dark Encounter* by Dr. Seuss. The narrator is frightened by a pair of pale green pants with no one inside that seems to be following him until the two meet and discover that they have nothing to fear. (++) FIC SEU)
- *Would You Rather Be A Bullfrog?* By Dr. Seuss. Poses questions for pondering: "Would you rather be a dog or be a cat?", "Would you rather live in igloos or in tents?", "Would you rather be a mermaid with a tail instead of feet?" (++) FIC SEU)
- *The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories* by Dr. Seuss. Presents seven Dr. Seuss stories first published in magazines between 1948 and 1959. (+ FIC SEU)
- *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins* by Dr. Seuss. Each time Bartholomew Cubbins attempts to obey the King's order to take off his hat, he finds there is another one on his head. (+ FIC SEU)
- *Horton and the Kwuggerbug and More Lost Stories* by Dr. Seuss. This book is a collection of lost stories written and illustrated by Dr. Seuss and published in magazines in the 1950s. (+ FIC SEU)

**Fiction**

- *At the Water's Edge* by Sara Gruen. "A privileged young woman discovers herself during her husband's search for the Loch Ness monster in remote Scotland." BAM (FIC GRU)
- *Did You Ever Have A Family* by Bill Clegg. This debut novel is an absorbing, unforgettable tale that reveals humanity at its best through forgiveness and hope. (FIC CLE)
- *The Muralist* by B.A. Shapiro. Shapiro's fictional Alizee Benoit is a budding abstract expressionist who is part of a 1930s art circle. The spirited Alizee's future is bright, but she crumples when she can't help her French family escape Hitler's Europe. In 1940, she vanishes and in 2015 her great-niece decides to investigate, with surprising results. (FIC SHA)
- *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. This novel takes place on a Virginian tobacco plantation at the beginning of the 19th century. Young, white, Irish, and orphaned, Lavinia ends up at the kitchen house under the care of Belle, the master's illegitimate, black daughter. Lavinia learns to cook, clean, and serve for the new family and in time is accepted into the world of the big house. She attempts to straddle the worlds of the kitchen and big house, but her skin color will forever set her apart from Belle. This novel is both heartbreaking and hopeful. (FIC GRI)

**Young Readers**

- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon M. Draper. "Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory. She can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced." (+ FIC DRA)
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli. "A homeschooled teen known as Stargirl enrolls in an Arizona Public High School and shakes up the student body in this celebration of nonconformity." (+ FIC SPI)
- *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Perfect Pet Sitter* by Rachel



Renee Russell. Nikki's Mission: Hide seven puppies from two parents, an entire middle school, and one mean girl out for revenge! (+ FIC RUS)

**Easter Books**

A collection of Easter books will be available from the new store on Tuesday, March 15, and will be displayed for easy access. Look for the books in the space of each book.



# Children's Ministries

## Summer Fun!

Before we know it, summer will be here! It's time to mark your calendar for 2016 Summer Day Camps! The registration booklet will be available in mid-March. Our registration event will be on Sunday, April 10, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the lobby/library area.

- Sports Camp: June 13–15
- Camp Come and Play (Session 1) June 13–15
- Camp Discovery: June 20–22
- Camp Come and Play (Session 2) June 20–23
- Great Pretenders: June 27–29
- \*NEW\* Dancing for God: July 6–8
- Cook and Book/ Master Chef: July 11–13
- Tell the Good News: July 11–14
- Vacation Bible School: July 25–29

## 2016 Vacation Bible School "Friends in God's Word"

VBS is scheduled for July 25–29 from 8:45 A.M. –12:00 P.M. This year, we will see how great and amazing God's friends are! Join us this summer to explore five Bible stories about our amazing God: Naomi and Ruth, Love Your Enemies, Four Friends, Lazarus, Paul and Silas. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who are three through sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 24, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration begins on Sunday, April 10, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in the lobby/library area.

## High School Counselors Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for current high school students (completing grades 9–12) to work as paid counselors during our sessions in June and July. Information and application forms will be available near the end of March through Sara Reed or at the Youth Tool Bench.

## Student Volunteers Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for middle school students (completing grades 6, 7, & 8) to work as volunteers during our sessions in June

and July. Information and application forms will be available near the end of March through Sara Reed or at the Youth Tool Bench.

## Open Gym Tuesday's Continues

Open Gym Tuesdays will continue in March (March 1, 8, 15) from 10:00 A.M. –11:30 A.M. Our gym will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. Julie Ezell will supervise the area and offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. There is a \$3 charge for each child at each session; \$5 for 2 children from the same family and \$7 for three. No registration is required. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend.

## Noah's Ark News

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was a wonderful congregational event for Noah's Ark Preschool. We thank the guests who joined us for a great pancake meal and fellowship prior to our Lenten journey together at Trinity. We also thank the wonderful Trinity Youth who were fabulous in their efforts of bussing tables and leading activities. We are blessed by their partnership for this event. Special thanks to our prep team: Co-chairs Kirsten Rubenzer and Emily Fibeger, and the entire Preschool Committee: Hilary Keprios, Becky Glass, Carla Augustin, Alicia Strozinsky, Stephanie Olson, Jacqueline Strayer, and Kajsa Mooney. The Noah's Ark teachers (Ginny, Marlee, and Jill) are also such an important part of this evening. As they meet and greet our current and alumni families with joy. We send BIG thank yous to our sponsors: Here We Grow Again (Paul and Hilary Keprios), The Coffee Grounds, The Queen Magazine Stokes-Herzog Advertising, the Tessororf children (Grandma Pat), the Henson's, and two anonymous donors. Now we journey through Lent together as we hear the stories of Trinity families and their living faith.

In March, Noah's Ark will continue with our Bible stories of Jesus' amazing miracles. We'll also celebrate Easter before our Spring Break, March 19–27. Happy Easter to you



all.

Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for April, so much love will be shared at that experience together.

Hugs to all of you during your Lenten journey. God walks with each of us!

Ms. "C"

and registration forms are at the Tool Bench.

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Souper Bowl of Caring

The Souper Bowl of Caring was a success! A huge thank you to all those who generously contributed to the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Trinity youth collected \$701.31. All contributions were donated to the Trinity Food Pantry.

## Baked Goods Needed

Club 78 and Club 9 students are invited to share a pan of baked goods with concert attendees at the Chippewa Valley Area Singers Concert on Sunday, March 6. Deliver a pan of bars, cookies, or mini-muffins to the church kitchen by 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 6. Donations will be collected, from concert participants, in an effort to assist Denver Mission Trip youth earn funds for their student accounts. This act of kindness fulfills one service requirement for Club 78 and with Club 9 service hours. Please sign up at the Tool Bench. Thank you for your generosity.

## Community Table

Trinity is serving at the Community Table on Friday, March 11. Two shifts are available: 3:00 P.M.–4:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Sign up at the Tool Bench or at Clipboard Central to help serve a meal to people in our community.

## Easter Breakfast

Come on Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 A.M.–10:30 A.M. to help decorate and prepare food or on Sunday, March 27, from 6:30 A.M.–8:15 A.M. or 8:15 A.M.–10:00 A.M. to help serve breakfast. This is a great fundraiser for all youth, and we need your help to serve our congregation! The sign up is available at the Tool Bench. Students and mentors may also chose to use the Easter Breakfast to fulfill their service requirement.

## Summer Stretch 2016

Summer Stretch is a faith centered Day Camp Ministry connecting community service, recreation, and youth. Incoming 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders are invited to gather with their peers and contribute to the community. Activities may include; Frisbee Golf, Community Table, swimming, Feed My People Food Bank, Bolton House, Kubb, and Valley Fair. Participants gather five days during the summer including a day at Valley Fair. Brochures





## Luther Park Summer Bible Camp

Join Pastor Brahm this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm invites students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders on June 12–17. These campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun and activities that are available at Luther Park. Pathfinders experience the heart pounding excitement that is the new High Ropes course and Disc Golf course. Along with swimming, games, and developing community with your new and old friends, you will get to experience amazing and creative Bible Studies, worships, campfire times, and meaningful small group discussions. Check out [lutherpark.org](http://lutherpark.org) to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps. Trinity offers grants towards Luther Park registration fees. Contact Lisa at [lisa@trinity-ec.org](mailto:lisa@trinity-ec.org) or Cassie at [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) for more information about grants.



## College Care Packages Delivered

Many Trinity Lutheran Church young adults are pursuing their secondary education at colleges and technical colleges around the state and country. Care Packages were sent to 26 Trinity college students during the last week in February. Club 9 students assembled the Care Packages, and the packages were sent in the mail to students' dorms or apartments. Thank you parents for sharing your college student's address so that we may continue to share God's love.

# Health Ministries

## The Difference Between Curing and Healing

The last Sunday of January we had our first Healing Service of 2016. As I say the prayer for healing and do the anointing, I often wonder if the person receiving the prayer and anointing understands there is a difference between curing and healing. I think many people see them as the same thing, but there is a fundamental difference between them.

Curing is what medical professionals try to do. It usually consists of external treatments; antibiotics, surgery, chemotherapy, medications, etc. for a particular ailment/disease. The goal is to manage symptoms or cure the disease. So people can be cured, but that always means cured of a particular disease. The cure is for the disease, not the person. That is the difference between a curing and a healing.

Healing is a natural process and is within the power of everyone. Healing can be described as a physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual process of achieving or returning to wholeness/peace. It addresses the imbalance that underlies our lives. Healing is an opportunity to come more deeply and fully into life, even as we are dying. One can be healed completely and go on to die of the illness. Healing and death are not mutually exclusive. Healing can be

a transition between one stage of life into the next.

So the next time you participate in a healing service, remember that those prayers are for the restoration of peace, wholeness, and understanding in the body, mind, and spiritual areas of your life.

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## Upcoming Events

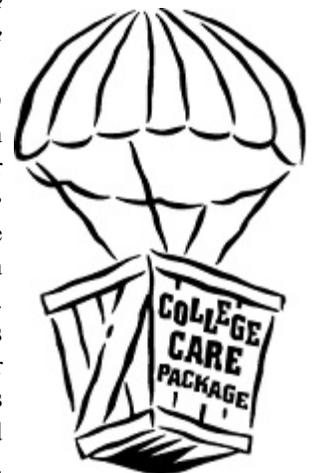
- Sunday, April 10: Adult Forum on Domestic Abuse • Presented by the Domestic Violence Program Director from the Family Support Center. In one day in 2014, Wisconsin Domestic Violence programs provided services to 1,949 victims. In 2012, 28,729 domestic violence incidents were referred to DAS.
- Sunday, April 3: Adult Forum on Becoming a Dementia Friendly Congregation • Presenter: Lisa Wells from ADRC and EC Dementia Friendly Coalition. Come and learn what it means to be a Dementia Friendly congregation.

## Classes at Trinity

- QPR Class • How to intervene when someone expresses suicidal intentions. Presented by HSHS Sacred Heart. Class is 90 minutes. We need 15 people to hold this class. Call the church office at 715.832.6601 ext. 208 or email [vickid@trinity-ec.org](mailto:vickid@trinity-ec.org) if you interested.

*Date and time to be announced.*

- CPR/AED Certification (Four Hour Class) • Trainer: Mike Stage from Life Safety. The cost is \$35 per person; class size is limited to 12 people. Call the church office at 715.832.6601 ext. 208 or email [vickid@trinity-ec.org](mailto:vickid@trinity-ec.org) if you



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## Mediterranean Quinoa Salad

Skinnytaste.com

Servings: 6 • Size: 1 generous cup • Points +: 5 pts • Smart Points: 5

Calories: 145.5 • Fat: 8 g • Carb: 15.5 g • Fiber: 2.5 g • Protein: 4.3 g • Sugar:  
0 g

Sodium: 137 mg (without the salt) • Cholest: 7.4 mg

### Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked quinoa
- 2 cups water
- 1/4 cup red onion, diced
- 1/2–3/4 lemon, squeezed
- 1/4 cup (about 10) kalamata olives, pitted and sliced
- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cups cucumber, peeled and diced (from 1 English cucumber)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta
- salt and fresh pepper, to taste

### Directions

Rinse quinoa for about 2 minutes, using your hands to make sure all the saponins are removed.

Fill a medium pot with water, add quinoa and salt to taste, and bring to a boil. When the water boils, reduce heat to low and cover; simmer covered 15 minutes until water is absorbed. Remove from heat and keep covered an additional 5 minutes without lifting the lid; then fluff with a fork and set aside in a large mixing bowl to cool.

While the quinoa cools, dice all the vegetables. Add the red onion, olives, cucumber, tomatoes to the cooled quinoa, and squeeze 1/2 lemon over it.

Drizzle the olive oil over the quinoa, then add feta, salt and pepper to taste, and toss well. Taste for salt and adjust as needed; add more lemon juice if needed.

Makes over 6 1/4 cups.

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