



Lent 2017—Anchors of Faith for Uncertain Times

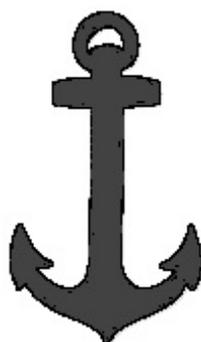
Anchored

When times are uncertain, what is your anchor? When you are not sure what to hold on to, who holds you? When it seems that the ground has been taken out from under you, how do you find your feet again?

For over two millennia, Christ followers have grounded themselves in beliefs and actions that provide both a center and an anchor to their lives. In peaceful times or turbulent, healing and purpose are found through faith. This Lenten season, we will explore how scripture, prayer, community, and the sacraments moor us to something that matters, and how we are ultimately, anchored for a purpose! You are invited to discover anew the anchors of grace found in Christ, and enliven your relationship with God these forty days.

Join us for Lenten worship, Wednesdays at either 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M. And don't forget to stay for a soup lunch and fellowship after the 12:15 P.M. service.

- † March 1 • Ash Wednesday
- † March 8 • Anchored... by the Word
- † March 15 • Anchored... through Prayer
- † March 22 • Anchored... in Community
- † March 29 • Anchored... by the Sacraments
- † April 5 • Anchored... for a Purpose



Lenten Evening Book Study

Join Pastor Brahm on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm this Lent (starting March 6) as we read through the book, "Praying for Wholeness and Healing." Written by Pastor Richard Beckmen, this short book explores how we anchor ourselves in prayer during times of sickness and struggle. We will look at the history and theology of prayers for healing, look at the tough question of why not everyone is cured, and God's response to our prayers. Cost of the book is \$13. Please sign-up at clipboard central or contact brahm@trinity-ec.org if interested.

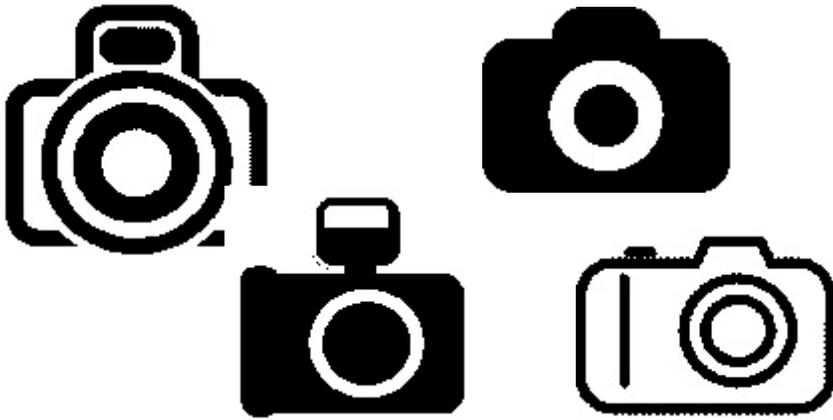
Are You a Thrivent Member?

The Choice Dollars Thrivent members have are important to the mission of Trinity. Please remember that directing your 2016 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 2017 Choice Dollars to Trinity, too.

Baptizing Your Babies

Parents with children they desire to have baptized anytime March-May are invited to register now for the Baptism Class on Monday, March 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the lobby. This class will answer practical questions about the baptism day, provide important resources for fostering faith in the home, and connect you with other parents of young children at Trinity. Childcare is available. You may contact the church office with questions or sign up for the class online thru Trinity's website at www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml





You're Invited to Visualize Lent

There goes an old saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words" and it doesn't take a stretch of the imagination to know that's true. It's the moment captured—of the look between the bride and groom, or an exhausted new mother with her child on her chest—that tells of true love, not the formal portrait. Dorothea Lange's photo of a struggling mother and her children in 1936 became an icon for the Great Depression. And when you picture Einstein? Perhaps about half of us would see him in our minds eye with his tongue out, from a photo snapped in in 1951.

When I was studying in college, I took notes in an outline format. And that was helpful for learning and later testing. However, by seminary I had learned a trick that really helped me remember: I would draw pictures, sketches and graphs of what I was hearing in a lecture. And later? It was amazing how much better recall I had of the topic at hand. Pictures speak!

That's why, this Lent we're inviting Trinity members and friends to engage with the season in a new way: through what you see. We are in a unique point in history, where the majority of us are walking around with a camera in our pockets at all times, through our phones. We are also—as ever—in need of any sprinkle of hope we can glean throughout our days.

Our theme for Wednesday worship is Anchored: Anchors of Grace for Uncertain times. Along those lines, every day you are invited to look for signs of hope, of what anchors you in life and faith; and then snap a photo of it! Can you take a picture every day? That would be the challenge. These don't have to be perfectly filtered or anywhere near professional. For forty days, you're invited look for signs of God's grace and peace in the world around you. And then? Share them, with the Trinity community. Trinity will collect pictures through Facebook, Instagram—or if you wish, you can share them to trinity@trinity-ec.org If you're not on social media, we'll try to have a recap image in worship each week, that somehow shares a sampling of the images received in the last seven days.

Let's encourage one another with a mosaic of visual hope this Lent!



In Christ,
Pastor Sarah

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.

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.



Social Concerns

It's Friends of Flynn Fund Drive Time!

Donations are being sought this month to help fund the Friends of Flynn efforts. We know that many of you give to this wonderful community service mission through your weekly or monthly gifts. Others donate through memorial gifts and/or make donations of books, school supplies and more. We appreciate those donations and we thank you.

There are many monetary expenses of this mission, however, and we use the month of March to raise additional funds to support this work. Friends of Flynn provides Weekend Meals through Feed My People. Our financial contribution to these meals is about \$7000.00. We also buy shoes, clothing, books, sunscreen and more to help support the basic needs and education of the children at Flynn. More than 50% of the children at Flynn qualify for free or reduced meals and need our support.

Our goal is to raise \$6100.00 or more this month. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in giving to Friends of Flynn.

Going a Step Further to Serve

Recently Sharry Hebert, Trinity's food pantry coordinator, became aware of a situation involving a mother and five children who found themselves homeless. The family had been taken to a hotel for a few days until they could get into a shelter but they had no food and no money. The call came in on a Friday night and Sharry jumped into action packing up a box of food from our pantry. She delivered the box to the hotel that night only to realize that the family had no plates, no utensils, no refrigeration and no way to cook the food she brought. It was an eye opening moment.

This spurred a commitment by the pantry to be able to better serve those who lack even the most basic items like a plate and a fork. Why give someone a can of soup if they can't open the can or have no spoon to eat it? With the support of the Trinity Endowment Trust, the pantry now stocks these items. When a pantry guest indicates that they are homeless, a volunteer is able provide what they need including a crock pot, a can opener, utensils and appropriate food.

Thank you for your gifts of prayer, time, and donations in support of the food pantry and those we serve. Together we can make a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you!

Empty Bowls

Please join us on Thursday, March 2, 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, beverages, and desserts. For a donation of \$18 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.

Advanced Directive Certification

Parish Nurse, Vicki Dueringer recently attended training and received certification on completing advanced directives. Now, many of you might think it is simply filling out the form and you're done. However, does the person you named POA of health care truly understand your wishes? Do they even know you chose them? How will the rest of the family feel about your choice? What do terms like vegetative state, quality of life, etc. mean to you? What you think and what your POA thinks could be different. If you have questions or want to meet, please contact Vicki at vicki@trinity-ec.org

Facebook

Trinity has several active facebook pages which are a source of up to date information and inspiration for your faith development. There is a general Trinity page plus pages for Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Noah's Ark Preschool. Be sure to "Like" Trinity soon and begin enjoying the benefits of inspiration and news.



Usher in 2017

If you worship at 8:15 a.m., we really need YOU to join an usher team! Teams consist of 8–12 people and serve for a month of Sundays, alternating throughout the year. No experience is necessary. Excellent team captains will orient you, and you'll help provide hospitality and service to your church. Sign-up at Clipboard Central to be on an 8:15 A.M. usher team for 2017, and we'll contact you with additional information.



Trinity's Women's Giving Circle Update

The mission of the Women's Giving Circle (WGC), a fund of the Trinity Endowment Trust, is to "demonstrate God's love by positively impacting people's lives through collective philanthropy and awarding of financial gifts." In 2016, the Women's Giving Circle awarded nine grants totaling \$6,450, benefitting ministries and projects at Trinity including the Thanksgiving Dinner, the Advent Tea, the Food Pantry, Friends of Flynn and the Safety Committee. Other recipients include the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Citizens Employment and Training, Bonnie's Boxes of Love, and Plymouth Street Ministries.

As we begin 2017, the Women's Giving Circle invites and encourages all members of Trinity Lutheran Church to become participating members. Membership is open to anyone who wishes to further the mission of the WGC and who makes an annual contribution of at least \$250 to the Endowment Trust designated for the WGC. Membership is renewable on an annual basis. For 2017, returning members and new members can make their contributions at any time. Look for brochures and membership forms in the lobby or the office. Read more about the Women's Giving Circle in the Endowment section of www.trinity-ec.org

Save the date! The Women's Giving Circle will hold its annual Spring Meeting on Sunday, April 23rd at 11:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. This event will include refreshments and reports from several 2016 grant recipients who will share how they are using the funds provided by the Women's Giving Circle. Join us to learn more about this group and take this opportunity to join.

Women's Gathering & Retreat Information

- There is still time to register for the all new Women of the ELCA Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minnesota July 13–16. The first time this meeting is so close to home. Register by June 9. Come and experience prayer, conversation, laughter, worship, praise and to be with women who act boldly on their faith.
- The ELCA Women's Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek WI is August 16–17. The presenter is from Milwaukee. The theme is "Exercising Grace." Come and enjoy while you meet and praise with other ladies of all ages. Enjoy free time to swim, be pampered, shop the book store, go on a pontoon ride, and many more activities. Every lady is welcome! Register before July 31 for early bird special. Contact Jacki Johnson 715.864.1489 for more information.
- The Annual Day of Renewal will be Saturday, April 1 from 8:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Located at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Menomonie. The theme will be "Stitching Our Churches Together Thru Quilts." The presenter is Bo Gabriel. The cost is \$10 per person. Registrations are available on the Woman's Bulletin Board.



Circle Listings

DEBORAH

Thursday, March 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Rose Sippel
Leader: Dorothy Miller

MARTHA/MARY

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

MIRIAM

Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Marsha Arnette
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

RUTH

Tuesday, March 21, 1:30 P.M, Trinity
Hostess: Char Finseth
Leader: Group

Trinity Quilt Ladies

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting "warmth" and "comfort" of God's love! Join us March 14 & 28.

Also please note the Quilters need new or "gently used" bath towels for Health Kits. Please drop off your donations at the church office. Thank you!



When Your Address or Phone Changes

Whenever you're moving or changing to "temporarily away" with the United States Postal Service, any mail Trinity sends to you is returned at a cost per item. Please inform the church office when your address changes or you're going away and having your mail held.

And if you are eliminating or have eliminated your land line and are going exclusively to a cell phone, please share your phone number with your church. Email new information to becky@trinity-ec.org



Received in February Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Peter & Rita Van Stelle, Shirley Freeberg; Family & Friends, Barbara Lee, Clifton & Doris Husberg, Jack & Carol Bartingale
- In memory of Pastor Ted Nystuen: Pat Prissel
- In memory of Abby Nabben: Jim & Connie Beck
- In memory of Ruth Bremmer: Ann Ayers
- In honor of Bob Morgan's Birthday: Lee Morgan
- In memory of Ruth Emmons: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Betty Lee: David & Jeanette Suchla

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Richard & Norma Linn; Glen & Bev Tamke, Phyllis Burrows, Deyon Ziehme, Tom Rouse, Charles & Nancy Helfenstein, Family & Friends, Lamoine & Jeanann Stone, Ann Ayers, Leatrice Solberg, Patricia Hanson, Barbara Vorhes, Alyce Bertelson, Jeffrey & Kathy Doering, Gordon Larson, Jon & Maureen Homsted, James & Marjorie Oleson
- In memory of Ruth Bremmer: Phyllis Burrows
- In memory of Ruth Emmons: Deyon Ziehme

Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Family & Friends
- In memory of Ruth Patzwald: Glen Patzwald

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Richard & Vangie Fox, Pat Garber, Avis Grambo, Vila Nygaard, Ronald & Marilyn Thompson, Carla Brandrup, Ken & Linda Anderson, Jeanne Anderson, David & Sonia Becker, Sandra Biermeier, Patricia Cliff, Randall & Darlene Cliff, Timothy & Nancy Coburn, Steven & Linda Elwell, Robert & Beatrice Frazee, Mary Friederich, James & Lynn Gullicksrud, Jan Gumz, Charles & Linda Harschlip, George & Diane House, Sandra Jacobson, Jay & Dawn Jaehnke, Deane & Joann Jewett, David & Theresa Lee, Dee Maug, Thomas Misfeldt, Jack & Lois Olson, Shirley Purchatzke, Jane Roholt, Henry & Sharon Schank, James & Dana Schroeder, James & Karen Severson, Jean & Millard Sivertson, James & Joyce Smith, David Stokes, Duane Talford, Barbara Tischer, David & Gloria Weiss, Ryan & Nicole Yarrington, Leone Helstrom, Joel & Lenore Higgins, Jim & Nancy Dove
- In memory of Betty Lee: Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Pastor Ted Nystuen: Don Ellickson

Quilters Fund

- In memory of Betty Lee: Barbara Tischer

Library Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Barbara Johnson, Family & Friends, Jerry & Joanne Dow, Richard Wendt
- In Memory of Betty Lee: David & Deborah Tackmann

Missionary Fund

- In honor of Pastor Dave Whelan: Carla Brandrup

Children's Bibles Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Family & Friends, Char Finseth, Donald & Victoria Kohlhepp, Kurt & Kristine Lauer, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Carol Mae Widdes: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Pastor Ted Nystuen: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Pat Prissel

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Robert Cable: Mark & Suzanne Becker, Lori Juneau, Char Finseth, Joel & Lenore Higgins, James & Marilyn Bollinger
- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: James & Marilyn Bollinger, Dick Cable

Mortgage Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Jim & Joyce Davis

Children's Ministries Fund

- In honor of Eli Benedict's Baptism: Tim & Amy Benedict
- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Family & Friends

Friendship Group

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Linda McClelland
- In memory of Ted Nystuen; Linda McClelland

Prayer Shawl Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Family & Friends

Friends of Flynn Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Lori Juneau

Organ Fund

- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: James & Anne Walker



What's New in the Library

Do you have spring fever? How about springing into a new read! Try one of our new selections.

If you love dogs, you'll love this book!

My Friend Jonah and other dogs I've loved by Herbert W. Chilstrom. Summary: The ELCA's first presiding bishop has had a lifelong love affair with his canine friends. This engaging book, written to be enjoyed by readers of all ages, relates the stories of five of those dogs. Each chapter ends with lessons learned from his dogs. (636 CHI)



Biography

A Tribute to Sacrifice by Harold "Diz" Kronenberg and Warren Hermodson. This book is a compilation of stories of people from the Chippewa Valley and surrounding area who served in wars beginning with the War for Independence. (B KRO)

Children's Books

- *Oh Say Can You Say What's the Weather Today?* By Tish Rabe. Summary: In rhyming text, the Cat in the Hat teaches Sally and Dick about different weather conditions and how we learn about them. (FIC ++ RAB)

Veggie Tale Series: Values to Grow By

- *Fair and Squaresville* by Allia Zobel Nolan. Subject: Fairness (FIC ++ NOL)
- *The Good, The Bad and The Silly* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Good Choices (FIC ++ PET)
- *The Giant Thank You* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Thankfulness (FIC ++ PET)
- *The Clumsiest Cowboy* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Compassion (FIC ++ PET)
- *One Good Knight* by Allia Zobel Nolan. Subject: Dependable (FIC ++ NOL)
- *The Pod Squad* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Kindness & Respect (FIC ++ PET)
- *The Chicken Noodle Souper Bowl* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Patience (FIC ++ PET)
- *Larry Boy Versus Spud the Dud* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Responsibility (FIC ++ PET)
- *Good Knight, Duke* by Ronald Kidd. Subject: Kindness (FIC ++ KID)
- *Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Mop?* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Fear (FIC ++ PET)
- *Three Pirates and a Duck* by Doug Peterson. Subject: Sharing (FIC ++ PET)
- *Larry Boy in the Swim of Things* by Thea Feldman. Subject: Generosity (FIC ++ FEL)

- *We Oughta Be in Pictures* by Sharon Jehlen. Subject: Self Image (FIC ++ JEH)
- *Five-Minute Peppa Stories* (Peppa Pig Series) by eOne (Entertainment One). Everyone's favorite Little piggy now has her own five-minute storybook. Scholastic (FIC ++ EON)
- *Shoe-la-la* by Karen Beaumont. Summary: This bouncy tale about self-expression features involving ways to engage young readers. Scholastic (FIC ++ BEA)
- *Click, Clack, Surprise!* By Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin. Summary: Everyone wants to look their best for Little Duck's birthday party - but Little Duck is taking it a bit too far! Scholastic (FIC ++ CRO)

These three books encourage kindness. Look for the special sticker on the front covers.

- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts. All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the shoes everyone at school seems to be wearing. But his grandma tells him they don't have room for "want," just "need," and what Jeremy needs are new boots for winter. In this very real story this young boy realizes the things he has warm boots, a loving grandma and a good friend are all that he needs. (FIC ++ BOE)
- *We All Sing with the Same Voice* by J. Philip Miller and Sheppard M. Greene. Summary: This joyful Sesame Street song embraces the notion that no matter where children live, what they look like, or what they do, they're all the same where it counts - at heart. (FIC ++ MIL)
- *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson. Summary: A young girl's good deed is multiplied as it is passed on by those who have been touched by the kindness of others. (FIC ++ PEA)





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

Sunday school classes are invited to visit the library on Sunday, February 26. 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 40 + Seuss books in our collection.

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

The book club meets on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant

Addie is The Boston Girl, the spirited daughter of an immigrant Jewish family, born in 1900 to parents who were unprepared for America and its effect on their three daughters. Growing up in the North End of Boston, then a teeming multicultural neighborhood, Addie's intelligence and curiosity take her to a world her parents can't imagine—a world of short skirts, movies, celebrity culture, and new opportunities for women.

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

Noah's News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool!

February has been a month filled with love! We had wonderful Valentine's Day celebrations with all of the classes. Each family worked to create a valentine box with their child for collecting their valentines from friends. The boxes were so creative and the kids loved them! They also loved "delivering" valentines to their friends and receiving them. It's a special day to celebrate their love for their friends and family. That love is a gift from God, as we sang about it in our song "We love, because God first loved us!"

As I write this article, we are working to prepare for our annual Noah's Ark Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28 from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. This is a wonderful opportunity for the Noah's Ark community and the Trinity congregation to come together for fellowship. We are anticipating a fun filled evening complete with yummy pancakes, kid's activities, and our annual art stroll showcasing the beautiful artwork the children at Noah's Ark create.

Our registration process for the 2017–2018 school year is well underway. The morning classes have been filled already, but spaces remain in the afternoon classes. We look forward to our returning children as well as welcoming new children and families to Noah's Ark in the fall. Continue to keep our registration process in your prayers as we work to share God's love and word with young children and their families.

March will bring more fun days together with our children, celebrating each one's differences, learning to be peacemakers, and growing in God's love!

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker



Vacation Bible School "Journeys in God's Word"

Let's hit the road! Join us as we travel over mountains and through deserts, as we walk the walk, talk the talk, and hike the hills through the Bible the week of Vacation Bible School. VBS is scheduled for July 24–28 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. 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 23, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration begins on Monday April 3, beginning at 8:00 A.M. Register online!

Children's Ministries

Open Gym Tuesday's Continues

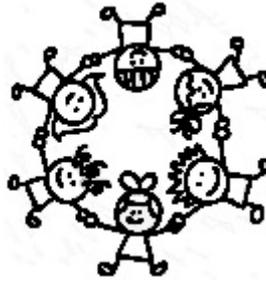
Open Gym Tuesdays will continue in March (March 7 & 14) from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. Our gym will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers-preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. Heather Day will supervise the area and offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. There is a \$3 charge for one child, \$2 for each additional child. No registration is required. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend.



Summer Fun!

Before we know it summer will be here. It's time to mark your calendar for 2017 Summer Day Camps! Summer brochures will be mailed out early March. NEW this year. Registration will be online. Check out our website for more information. Registration will open on April 3 at 8:00 A.M. at www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml

- Trinity's Sports Camp: June 12–14
- Camp Discovery: July 10–13
- Camp Come and Play: Session ONE June 26–28 • Session TWO July 10–12 • Session THREE–August 21–23
- Dancing/Movement Camp (Name TBD): June 19–22
- Great Pretenders June 19–22
- Cook and Book/Master Chef: June 26–29
- Tell the Good News: TBD



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. To learn more information and to apply visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml. Apply by April 27.

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. To learn more information and to apply visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml. Apply by April 27.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Ministry Service Opportunities

- Noah's Ark Preschool is hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28. Youth are invited to serve in various roles during this event. There are still openings for the 5:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. shift. Check out the Tool Bench to get signed up!
- On Sunday, March 5, the Chippewa Valley Area Singers will be putting on a concert at Trinity. Youth are invited to bring a pan of bars, cookies, or mini cupcakes to share with the attendees of the concert during intermission. Please have your baked goods to the church kitchen by 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 5.
- On Sunday, March 5, from 1:00 P.M. –5:00 P.M., the Trinity High School Youth will be preparing a meal at The Community Table, serving the meal to the community, and cleaning up the kitchen and dining room. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench if you would like to experience putting on a meal for over 100 people from all walks of life in Eau Claire.



Christ Jam 2017

Christ Jam, for youth in grades 6–8, will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. This year's theme is *GLOW: God Lights Our Way* based on John 8:12. The gathering will feature the band Lightswitch, worship, workshops, and fun activities. The cost of \$40 is due to Ashley by February 22. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench to register. For more information, contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org

Summer Stretch 2017

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. We will grow in our faith while learning, serving, and playing together. Participants will gather five days during the summer including a day at Valley Fair. Brochures and registration materials are available at the Toolbench.

Luther Park Summer Camp

Join Pastor Brahm and Ashley this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm and Ashley are inviting students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders on June 11–16. 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 to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register. Trinity offers grants towards Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org or Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants.



Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The Luther Park Recharge is scheduled for the weekend of March 3–4. 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 at 715.832.6601 with any questions.

Health Ministries

Lent starts on March 1 with Ash Wednesday. The "theme" for the six weeks of Lent this year is centered around brokenness and healing. I found the following from an article written by Pastor Steven Berger. Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians makes God's role in our healing process simple and clear. Paul wrote: "And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Jesus Christ. God, in His incredible love for you will meet your need. He will replace what you have lost with Himself." How does God heal our brokenness?



1. God the Father will bond with you: Sometimes he may use other people, but his way of healing includes a special relationship between you and God
2. God will model right behavior for you through Jesus: Read what Jesus did and how he lived His life.
3. God will be your perfect Father: God will help you feel his Presence and the love he has for you
4. God will help you replace sinful attitudes with Godly ones: With the power of the Holy Spirit, we replace our misdeeds, hate, deceitfulness with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
5. God will help root out fear from your life and replace it with faith: *Timothy 2:7* For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and self-discipline.
6. God will teach you how to relinquish control to Him, to trust Him
7. God will heal you on the inside from your emotional traumas. God knows all about you. When you open your heart to His healing, he can go to the core of the problem
8. God will purify you and return your innocence: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.

God promises new things as he heals your brokenness. God is good. He gives Himself and offers healing and restoration.

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Monthly Healing Service

Our next monthly service will be Sunday, March 19. The service begins at 9:15 A.M. and is completed by 9:45 A.M. It is a brief service devoted to prayers for healing and comfort. It is for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit or who knows someone for whom they would like to pray.

February Red Cross Blood Drive a Success!

We were asked by the Red Cross to host a special blood drive as they had to cancel several scheduled drives due to bad weather, and the need was urgent. We collected 34 units of blood! Thank you to everyone who donated blood or helped with registration and kitchen duty!!

Wednesday Lenten Soup Lunches

Volunteers are needed to serve and clean-up. Sign up at clip board central. A special thank you to Barb Strey and Mary Strayer, who are making the soups from scratch!

Upcoming Event

Survivor Story: Pastors Jana and Jonathan Swenson talk about how they both survived Jana's diagnosis and battle with breast cancer. Central Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls. Saturday, March 4, at 10:00 A.M.



Don't forget to get your blood pressure checked in between services the second Sunday of every month in the church office.

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