



## Guest Preacher on May 10

We will welcome Rev. John Sutherland to Trinity as our guest preacher on Sunday, May 10. Rev. Sutherland serves as Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. He is our Companion Synod Coordinator with our partner synod in Malawi, Africa; Synod Coordinator of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) Malaria Campaign; and assists congregations in the call process. Rev. Sutherland also oversees the candidacy process of seminary graduates being placed in their first congregations while assisting clergy through the Bridgebuilder and Healthy Start programs.

## Flamingos are Flying!

If you wake up one morning to a sea of pink in your front yard, just look for the lead Flamingo. Instructions will be attached to the lead Flamingo. Each evening the flock of flamingos will find a new yard in which to rest. Flamingos will continue to fly through mid-May. Money raised from the Flamingo fundraiser will help support students serving in Christ's love this summer at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit. A tithe will be given to ELCA World Hunger-Walk for Water.



## Church Picnic Coming Soon!

Trinity's church picnic ("Uff Da Fest") is Sunday, May 17, and will be here before we know it! Please sign up at Clipboard Central to volunteer. We need cakes for the cake walk, help with setting up and serving food, etc. Youth volunteers are needed to help with children's games. The sign up for this is posted at the youth tool bench. We are also in need of two to three gas grills to use for cooking. Please contact Kristy Casto, Director of Children's Ministries (kristy@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 x 207), if you would allow us to use your grill for the picnic. We can pick it up and return it for you!

## Scouts Donation to Food Pantry Sets Record!

On Saturday, April 18, three Cub Scout packs and one Boy Scout troop donated food to Trinity's Food Pantry for their annual "Scouting for Food" outreach project. On a given Saturday, scouts and their parents place doorknob flyers on homes in the neighborhoods near where their pack/troop meets. The following Saturday, they return to the same neighborhoods to pick up donated bags of food left on doorsteps.

Here is the list of scouting groups, where they meet, and their donation:

- Cub Scout Pack 133 (Putnam Heights Elementary): 45 bags
- Cub Scout Pack 88 (Meadowview Elementary): 115 bags
- Boy Scout Troop 30 (St. John's Lutheran): 56 bags
- Cub Scout Pack 175 (Trinity Lutheran): 13 bags

The total amount of food donated was 1,560.5 lbs., a new record of food donated to our food pantry from local scouts! Thank you to the scouts, their parents, and their scout leaders for providing food that will bless many in our community.





# Humble Faith, Bold Mission

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8*

We are blessed to have a God whose mercy and compassion knows no end. God is faithful and good to us. We are Christians, freely given God's grace. Not earned. Not deserved. But given. And this gift of grace frees us to serve, to love, to give of ourselves. One of my favorite images of Christianity is that we have been blessed to be a blessing, and this is certainly true for us as the people of Trinity Lutheran Church.

I used the above words from Micah in a lesson with our seventh and eighth grade students a few weeks ago. In that lesson we explored, what it looks like to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. I think too often we make faith into a game of certainty. Certainly God is on my side. Certainly I read and understand the scriptures better than my neighbors down the street. But in reality, we are all people who need justice, kindness, and humility in our lives. We are all sinners who need these things from our God. And together with this in mind, in reminding ourselves that maybe it is good not to be so certain all the time and to be open to God's surprises and possibilities for our ministry in the world, we can better together serve God in our calling to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One of the ways this manifests itself in our congregational context, and one of the things that has been an important part of our Lutheran tradition and Trinity's history, is our recognition that we are connected with others. Lutherans have a strong history of hearing the call to be a blessing to others and to boldly proclaim this through social service, community involvement, and helping our neighbors in need.

With the words of Micah in mind, I am reminded of the different organizations that our congregation supports through our generosity. Just this month I received, on behalf of the congregation, thank you cards from Luther Park Bible Camp, the Community Table, and ELCA Malaria Campaign for our support of these ministries. Why do we support and partner with these ministries? Because we, as a church, are stronger in partnership. These partnerships remind us of our connection with the communities and world around us. And these partnerships are made possible by your commitment to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

Thank you for your faithful service to the Gospel and to the mission to which God calls us! Thank you for serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news! Where else is God calling us to use our humble faith to boldly act in our world?

## Thank You Note to Share

*"The world is becoming a better place—thanks to you. Your recent additional gift of \$1,500 to the ELCA Malaria Campaign is helping to change lives in 13 countries in Africa. Thank you. As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), we do more together than we ever could do alone. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world—together. Thank you for your faithful support.*

*Jessica Nipp Hacker, Coordinator,  
ELCA Malaria Campaign*

Your regular offerings provide support for efforts undertaken through the ELCA. At the end of 2014, this additional gift was given to the Malaria Campaign, thanks to our fruitful year-end financial picture. Thank you for your offerings every week.



## When You Desire Baptism

We celebrate Holy Baptism about 50 times throughout the year at Trinity. That's a sign of the youthfulness of the congregation and the excellent ministries that draw young families to Trinity! Baptism is offered in Sunday worship usually on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Upcoming dates available: May 10, 24; June 14, 28. For more information about baptism, check out [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or email Heather Day at [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org) to inquire about making arrangements.



## When You Are Hospitalized

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

- ✓ Calling 715.832.6601 or emailing [trinity@trinity-ec.org](mailto: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.



## Do You Shop Garage Sales?

If you like to shop garage/thrift sales, please keep the Trinity Quilters in mind. The quilters are always in need of gently used bath towels and sheets. You can drop your donations off at the church office. Thank you!

## Friendship Group

After a brief business meeting at Trinity on Wednesday, May 13, at 10:00 A.M., the group will travel to the newly updated Ager House. Come and learn more about Waldemar Ager, an early reformer and newspaper editor, and visit the new library/research area. There is lots of interesting material on Scandinavia, as well as other areas including German resources. After our tour, an optional lunch will be on your own at the Green Mill. Let's have a large group again.

## Children's Ministry Staffing Update

The weather outside and the buds on the trees tell us spring is in the air. Transition is also underway in the staffing of Children's Ministry at Trinity. On March 29, we thanked and said goodbye to Julie Lutteke who moved out of her position as Coordinator of Day Camp Ministries due to a full time job opportunity at a different company. Kristy Casto, Director of Children's Ministry, is in the process of a family move to Marshfield and will have her last day on staff on May 22. Along with Alicia Strozinsky as Ministry Assistant, these two have played a key role this past year at Trinity and are to be commended for their hard work and faithfulness in nurturing Children's Ministry.

*Looking Forward:* With the resignation of the Coordinator position, we discerned that it would be best to move away from the three person model of staffing for this area of ministry and back to one full time (40 hrs/week salaried) position while keeping the Ministry Assistant position (10 hrs/week). The full time position was posted mid-March, and we are currently in the process of interviewing several promising candidates. We hope to have the position filled and introduce the new Director of Children's Ministry by early summer.

*Interim Coverage:* Sunday school and TGIF (Wednesdays) are just wrapping up for the year, and Kristy Casto will be staying on to ensure the completion of these programs. Pastor Sarah is taking on the role of Interim Coordinator for all Day Camps and VBS to ensure uniform and consistent support for all volunteer leaders. Summer camps are 98% staffed with key leaders, and VBS is well under way with a capable committee.

*What can you do?* If you have questions about staffing or Children's Ministry in general, don't hesitate to contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) of 715.832.6601 ext.215. In the meantime, prayer is appreciated for this to be a successful transition and that the way God blesses families through Trinity's Children's Ministry will go on, uninterrupted!

## Recycle Old Cell Phones

Trinity's Health Ministry Committee is collecting old cell phones for a company called "Hope Phones." Each donated phone will be refurbished and used to purchase appropriate, usable cell phones for community health workers in medical clinics in over 230 countries around the world. Hope Phones' pilot project distributed cell phones to community health workers in 100 rural villages in Malawi, saving thousands of dollars in travel and hospital costs and doubling the number of patients treated for diseases such as tuberculosis. Put your old cell phones in the collection boxes available in the lobby or preschool hallway.



## Received March Memorials & Gifts

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Ev Carlson: Jerry & Sue Walloch, Ann Capelle, Larry & Victoria Hagness, Ken & LuAnn Miller, Market & Johnson, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Bernard & Janice Peterson, David & Linda Pieper, Harvard & Jeanne Storm, Barbara Taylor, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Ron & Sharen Hoepner, Margaret Odegard, Jack & Lois Olson
- In memory of Emily Lee: Family & Friends

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Bonnie Benedict: Stan & Yvonne Hillestad
- In memory of Helen Amundson: Jim & Connie Beck
- In memory of Harold Locken: Marie Sherman
- In memory of Arlene McClelland: Anna Trullinger
- In memory of Ev Carlson: Phyllis Burrows, Ann Ayres, Vi Berg, Anna Trullinger, Barbara Vorhes

### Trinity Choir Fund

- In memory of Jan Oliver: Ann Ayres
- In memory of Lois Buchanan: Ann Ayres

### Tollers Handbell Fund

- In memory of Jan Oliver: Ann Ayres

### Health Ministry Fund

- In memory of Jack Garber: John Speros
- In memory of Ev Carlson: Mark & Marti Hofer

### Quilters Fund

- In memory of Ev Carlson: Rose Sippel

### Children's Bible Fund

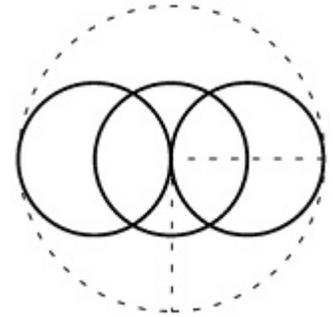
- In memory of Douglas Oleson: Pam Burrows, Phyllis Burrows

## Leave A Legacy

God calls us to be a good stewards of all that has been given to us and how our assets are handled when life ends. In order to provide a way for one's charitable habits to continue after life on this earth, the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund exists so that there's a place for that intention to succeed forever!

Great things are done as the Endowment Trust Fund grows. When you include a bequest, it is invested carefully for the rest of time and only the proceeds from your contribution are used. Read about the possibility to be charitable with your accumulated assets under the Endowment tab at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org)

## Circle Listings



### Deborah

Thursday, May 21, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Ann Felton  
Leader: Joyce Davis

### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 P.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Vila Nygaard  
Leader: Kathy Gjesfjeld

### Miriam

Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Dee Maug  
Leader: Group

### Ruth

Tuesday, May 19, 1:30 P.M.  
Hostess: Joanne Siewert, 2312 Hayden Ave.  
Leader: Group

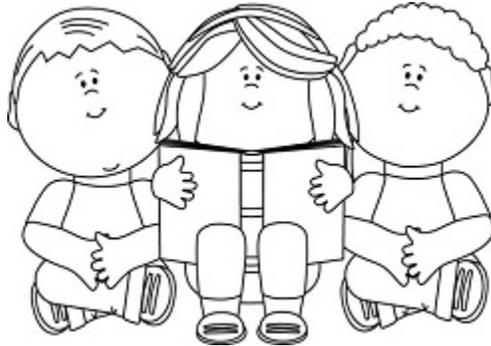
## Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek is coming up on August 26 & 27, 2015. 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. Put it on your calendars now. Additional information will follow in the near future.



## Celebrate Children's Book Week

Trinity Library Committee members will offer a special promotion for Sunday School classes on Sunday, May 10, to kick off Children's Book Week. Watch for more information.



## Summer Story Time for Young Children

Young children are invited to join Trinity Library Committee in June and July in Trinity's Library on Sunday mornings following the 9:45 A.M. service. Library members will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

## Trinity Page Turners Book Club

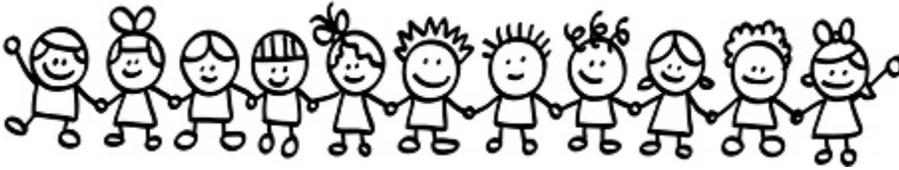
Join the book club on Tuesday, May 19, at 6:00 P.M. at the home of Mary Schoenkecht when they review the book *The Silver Star* by Jeannette Walls. We will begin with a potluck supper. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office by calling 715.832.6601, signing up at Clipboard Central, or emailing Cindy Beck at [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org)

## Our Books Are Blooming Out All Over! New in the Trinity Library

- *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. "Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war." —BAM (FIC HAN)
- *Across A Green Ocean* by Wendy Lee. "This layered novel captures the complexity of a brother and sister's immigrant experience and their struggle to forge an identity in their parents' adopted homeland." —BAM (FIC LEE)
- *The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce. "This poignant story is a companion to the best-selling novel *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*." —BAM Note: Both books are now available in Trinity's library. (FIC JOY)
- *The Girl on the Train* by Oaula Hawkins. "Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning, but one day she sees something shocking outside her window that will change her life forever." BAM (FIC HAW)
- *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Each chapter, in this historical fiction about the Langdon family, covers a single year beginning in 1920 and concluding in the early 1950's. (FIC SMI)
- *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule* by Jennifer Chiverini. "This bestselling author imagines the inner life of Julia Grant, beloved as a Civil War general's wife and the First Lady, yet who grappled with a profound and complex relationship with the slave who was her namesake—until she forged a proud identity of her own." —iBooks Store (FIC CHI)
- *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. "From this highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning author comes this beautiful and instant bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II." —iBooks Store (FIC DOE)
- *Miracle at the Higher Grounds Café* by Max Lucado. A new work of fiction by this highly acclaimed author. Check it out for a delightful easy read. (FIC LUC)
- *Breakthrough* by Jack Andraka. "For the first time, teen innovator and scientist Andraka tells the story behind his revolutionary medical discovery." —BAM (YP B AND)
- *Bettyville* by George Hodgman. "Hodgman's memoir chronicles his return home to care for his 90 year old mother in the small Missouri town where he grew up. His narrative alternates between describing the joys and stresses of his daily caretaking tasks and giving close analysis of his life growing up gay in a small town. This is an emotionally honest portrayal of a son's secrets and his unending devotion to his mother." —Publishers Weekly (B HOD)
- *Geek Girl* by Holly Smale. "She knows that a cat has 32 muscles in each ear, a "jiffy" lasts 1/100th of a second, and the average person laughs 15 times per day. What she isn't quite so sure about is why nobody at school seems to like her very much. So when she's spotted by a top model agent, Harriet grabs the chance to reinvent herself." —Publishers Notes (YP FIC SMA)
- *Mosquitoland* by David Arnold. "When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane." —provided by publisher. (YP FIC ARN)



# Children's Ministries



## Day Camps at Trinity

Summer is coming, and so is the fun at Trinity. It's time to mark your calendars for our summer Day Camps and Vacation Bible School. Online registration is open at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) Check out the Children's Ministries web page under GROW for participant ages, dates, times, and more information about each camp and Vacation Bible School.

- Sports Camp: June 15–17
- Camp Come and Play: Session One Morning, Session Two Afternoon: June 15, 17, 22, 24; or Session Three July 13–16
- Camp Discovery: June 22–24
- Great Pretenders: Session One June 29–July 1, Session Two July 6–8, Session Three July 7–8
- Camp Cooking and Booking: July 13–16
- Master Chef's and Crafters: July 13–16
- Tell the Good News: July 13–16

## Vacation Bible School "Animals in God's Word"

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 3 by 9.1.14 through those who have completed grade six.



## Please Save For Us

Please purchase, collect, and save for VBS the following items ribbon (at least three feet long), bird seed, gems, shells, pennies (to go with the Rich Man's story), birthday gift wrap and tissue paper, patterned fabric (at least 6x6 size), and clothes pins. You can bring the items to the Children's Ministries office marked for VBS. Thank you.

## Be A Camper!

It's not too late to sign up your child for a Luther Park Bible Camp experience. The camp is located just 45 minutes north of Eau Claire off of highway 53 at Chetek. Programs include:

- Day Camp for grades K–3
- Discovery Camp for grades 1–3
- Seekers for grades 3–5
- Basketball Camp for grades 4–8
- Soccer Camp for grades 4–8
- MADD "Music, Art, Drama & Dance" for grades 4–8
- Adventures at the Woods for grades 4–6 (full-week)
- Lower Trading Spaces for grades 3–5 (full-week)

Camps are available for middle and high school students as well. Check out the website [www.LutherPark.org](http://www.LutherPark.org) for more information, available dates, and registration or pick up a form at the Youth Tool Bench outside of our main office area.

Trinity's Children's Ministries offers 25% of the registration fee as a partial grant. To make a request, contact Pastor Brahm at [brahm@trinity-ec.org](mailto:brahm@trinity-ec.org)

## Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for all grade levels. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby. Contact Pastor Sarah for specific information at 715.832.6601 ext. 215 or by email at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org)

**Please Note: last session of Sunday School Classes is Sunday, May 17**



## Noah's Ark News

Welcome May! We are looking for those May flowers that the April showers brought around Noah's Ark. We have a few bulbs planted in the Noah's Ark playground that are fun to watch. Last year, someone came running to us with a yellow "daffy" and said "Look what I found!" How do you do anything but smile at the sight of beautiful flowers discovered by children. My granddaughter Ruby loves the dandelions, as do most preschoolers. They like to pick handfuls for us!



May marks the end of another school year here at Noah's Ark...a mission of Trinity Lutheran Church since 1980. We will celebrate the last month of school with outside days, bowling with our families, favorites of our year, and sharing the yearbooks each of the children and teachers have prepared. It has been an awesome year, and we thank Trinity congregation for its support!

We also thank all those people who ordered coffee and biscotti. We again have partnered with The Coffee Grounds and are thankful to Eric and Julie. This year our coffee is being roasted by a Noah's Ark alum, Megan. The "good stuff" will be available for pick up the first weekend in May. Ms "C" will have the rolling cart in the Lobby with all your orders. This has been a good fund raiser for us and supports the maintenance of the playground! This year we will tithe to Rose Charities, an international project brought to us by Emily Fibeger, a Preschool Committee member. She has worked directly with this Cambodian based program that provides surgery to land mine victims, cleft-lip and palate repair, eye surgery, and many other surgeries and rehabilitations for children with burns, birth defects, and more. Our spring fundraiser always tithes to an international cause.

It will be quiet on "The Ark" in June, July, and August. September will find the staff and children kicking off the 35<sup>th</sup> year of operation. What great memories! Noah's Ark thanks Marlee Knickerbocker, Jill Kasmarek, and Ginny Lien for their many years of teaching and celebrating children! Hugs to them!!

Jeanne Cooper  
Preschool Director

## Thank You for the Alleluias!

Children's Ministries extends a special thank you to Juli and Allison Ezell, Sheri Buening, Alicia Strozinsky, Don Peterson, Julie Lutteke, Dave Malone, and Warren Hermodson for their work in helping to design, assemble, and/or install the Alleluia Banners this Easter season, and to Trinity's Sunday School children, teachers, and helpers who provided the artwork for the banners. We also thank Trinity confirmation youth for tying ribbons on the Alleluia bells for the Easter morning services and to the following third through sixth graders who distributed the bells: Allison Ezell, Kailyn Walukas, Austin Reed, Annika Meyer, Benjamin Zumwalt, Elizabeth and Molly Lindahl, Campbell Kapanke, Abby Hager, Carter Fridlund, Anna Fedie, and Grant and Gavin Gerber.

## 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 sessions in June and July. Information and application forms are available from the church office or at the Youth Tool Bench. Applications accepted thru May 8. Contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith for more information at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601, ext. 215.

## 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 are available from the church office or at the Youth Tool Bench. Applications accepted thru May 8. Contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith for more information at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601, ext. 215.

## Looking Ahead to Fall Programming



We don't yet want to think about fall when summer hasn't even started, but look for information in mid-June to be mailed to you about Trinity's Fall Day Camps. Registration will open on July 15. Our school year Day Camps are for children age two through Pre K and are scheduled by semester.



# Youth Ministries

## High School Graduate Recognition Sunday

Seniors! You made it! You are FINALLY graduating, and we want to help you celebrate this wonderful transition in your lives. Please join us on Sunday, May 31, at either the at 8:15 A.M. or the 9:45 A.M. service to celebrate this incredible accomplishment with your community of faith. We are so proud of you!



## Thank you to: Wednesday Student Leaders

Over the past school year, youth have led the Wednesday Night Worship Service through their talents and generosity. The Youth Ministry Team wants to thank each and every one of them.

- Thank you to all those who served as ushers. You did an outstanding job with offering and communion. Your faces help to light up the middle of our week!
- Thank you projectionists. Our services could not run without your attention and presence each and every Wednesday.
- Thank you to all members of CrossWord. Your musical talents are outstanding! Your leadership and confidence are a driving force for every worship experience.

**Group Guides** • Doug Auleta, Tracey Belmont, Jeff Bernhardt, Nancy Boese, Lori Cruciani, Julie Hayes, David Hesse, Bob Hujik, Emily Nordlund, Michelle Parks, Tom Savaloja, Steve Secker, Cindy Thompson, Michelle Umland, Erin Walker, and Michelle Zumwalt.

**Mentors** • Diane Altmann, Carol Anderson, David Backstrom, Chrissy Baumgardner, Tracey Belmont, Matt Blohowiak, Drew Brandenburg, Jill Brandenburg, Karyn Broeckert, Herschel Day, Todd Dubberke, Mike Emberson, Valerie Fedie, Lanette Hesse, Jill Hewitt, Kim Hill-Phelps, Lynanne Holmquist, Bob Hujik, Andrea Jadeke, Mary Larson, Ginny Lien, Michelle Messer, Mike Moszer, Haily Nelson, Nina Nelson, Emily Nordlund, Todd Nordlund, Shannon Rahkola, Anne Risen, Karen Rosolowski, Dan Rouse, Mark Southard, Rachel Studt, Tami Viergutz, Brenda Walker, Scott Webb.

**Teen Study** • Linda Berg, Michelle Glaser, Lanette Hesse, Corissa Wolniak.

## Youth Committee •

Sherri Auleta, Jill Brandenburg, Jennifer Geurts, Michelle Glaser, Heather Kapanke, John Moen, Sarah Pedersen.

## Prayer Friends Met

On Wednesday, April 15, nearly 80 adults who have been praying daily for our 7th and 8th grade youth met together for the first time. A Prayer Friend is paired with a student in the fall. Without knowing the identity of the adult until now, students pass along prayer requests, through the general email address of Trinity, to the prayer friend. When the meeting takes place, there is anticipation, joy, and gratitude for prayers offered. Watch for the opportunity to become a Prayer Friend in the fall. Thank you to these adults who were Prayer Friends this year:

Lori Anderson, Sherri Auleta, Jody Becker, Suzanne Becker, Nick Berger, Joslyn Brantner, Nic Brantner, Ben Brenden, Suzanne Brinkmeyer, Diane Burdt, Annika Clouse, Sharon Colburn, Jeanne Cooper, Pam Craker, Steve Craker, Lori Cruciani, Marilyn Engen, Jon Fibeger, Charlotte Finseth, Jennifer Geurts, Kathy Gjesfjeld, Sally Goetsch, Coralie Gumbert, Kerry Hager, Natalie Hanson, Pat Hanson, Ellen Harris, Laura Hartman, Kay Hayden, Julie Hayes, Lanette Hesse, Kimberly Hill Phelps, Ruth Hujik, Lynn Jessick, Barbara Johnson, Anne Josephson, Lucinda Kemmet, Jackie Krumenauer, Peggy Larson, Richard Linn, Mike Malone, Steve Marczinke, Kevin Massey, Julie Moran-Schober, Peggy Munden, Emily Nordlund, Lauren Passi, Sarah Pedersen, Shelley-Rae Pehler, Judy Pielhop, Gary Rambo, Amy Rantala, Katie Ritland Clouse, Tom Rouse, John Rush, Tom Savaloja, Jodi Schleusner, Mary Schoenknecht, Denyse Schroeder, Stacy Secker, Rose Sippel, Joan Smith, Joel Strayer, Mary Strayer, Cindy Thompson, Irene Vance, Barbara Vorhes, Davis Walsh, Lori Walsh, Kristin Walukas, Matt Walukas, Cindy Webb, Brent Wogahn, Corissa Wolniak, Ginny Yanakopoulos, Michelle Zumwalt.



## Social Concerns Ministries

### May Ministry Spotlight Souls for Special Souls

Our Souls for Special Souls ministry has held to its mission of providing shoes and boots for children in need within our community. In partnership with Kmart, Trinity has distributed a total of 965 pairs of shoes and 440 pairs of boots since this ministry began in August 2010!



Vouchers for shoes are distributed to parents who visit our pantry whose children are in need of shoes, as well as to elementary school counselors to pass on to specific students. Most of these vouchers are handed out in August so children have new shoes for school. Others were distributed in September after school had started. In November, vouchers are distributed so children can purchase winter boots.

Last August, we distributed vouchers for 248 pairs of shoes totaling \$3800 and 199 boot vouchers were handed out in November totaling \$4300. All of the funds were given through a Thrivent Financial grant, a Women's Giving Circle grant, and through the generosity of Trinity members.

We are proud that this ministry was selected for the "grant spotlight" in the 2014 annual report of the Eau Claire Community Foundation through the Women's Giving Circle!

With the closing of Kmart, we are fortunate to have entered into a new partnership with Shopko. When Shopko leadership was approached about this ministry, they quickly agreed to join in helping provide shoes for children!

Here in the month of May, the Social Concerns Team is hoping to raise \$2,500 to support this ministry in 2015.

On Sundays in May, you're invited to stop by the Souls for Special Souls table in the lobby. The table will be easy to find since it'll have shoe boxes around it!

When you stop by the table, a member of the Social Concerns Team will answer any questions you may have and assist you with your financial contribution. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with memo "Soles for Special Souls." Every person who contributes to this effort will receive a special Soles for Special Souls card. You are invited to write a note to the child who will be receiving the shoes you purchased. An example of what to write: "I hope you enjoy your new shoes! I'm sure you had fun picking them out at Shopko. God bless!" You can then sign the card using your first name. We'll also have generic cards if you'd prefer not to complete a card. Every child will receive a card with the shoes they select.

Join us in gathering our financial gifts to bring smiles to many children as they know again the joy and comfort of having a new pair of shoes or boots this year!

For more information, contact Dan Helgeson at 715.834.8583.

## Friends of Flynn



### March Fund Appeal Goal

The Friends of Flynn Committee thanks all those who donated to the recent Friends of Flynn Fund Appeal—\$4,000 was received. These funds will help support the weekend meal project, teacher appreciation, healthy snacks, and emergency clothing needs for the 2015–2016 school year.

### May Book Drive

We believe that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but increases self-confidence. With many of the Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for summer vacation, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. Please consider donating new books for this project. Look for the display in the lobby where you will find book lists. Thank you for your continued support.

*Why does Trinity partner with Flynn Elementary School when there are other schools in the area? Flynn School was a good choice for Trinity. The school is relatively close to the church, it has a population that can use support, and Kim Hill Phelps, the school's principal, is a member of this congregation. Since Trinity chose to be in partnership, the other elementary schools have been teamed up with various churches in Eau Claire.*

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