



Join Us!

"Discover Trinity" is the one-time event designed to introduce new people to our congregation's mission and many ministries. If you're looking for a faith community to provide you support, guidance, and growth in faith as well as joyful fellowship and opportunities to serve with people who love God, please join us! "Discover Trinity" is available for you to learn more about our church and become a member. The next "Discover Trinity" will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M. Please register online at trinity-ec.org or call Becky Ragsdale at 715.832.6601 ext. 202.

When You Desire Baptism

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

Baptism classes are offered approximately every eight weeks at Trinity. These one-session gatherings are an opportunity to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and strategies for nurturing faith while getting to know other families and children at the same point in their faith journey. The next Baptism Class will be held on Monday, May 15, at 6:00 P.M. Childcare is available. Register at www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml

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

High School Graduates

On Sunday, May 21, we will recognize the following students who will graduate from High School this year. Congratulations to Jordan Becker, Alli Bohman, Elizabeth Brandenburg, Kailee Brown, Mason Craker, Elizabeth Eilen, Mia Emberson, Holly Geurts, Omena Giles, Carter Goodwin, Ryan Gynnild, Emma Hesse, Alison Holmstrom, Charles Hower, Logan Irvine, Bethany Karker, Carrie Kemmet, Emma Lauer, Nathan Marquardt, Molli McNulty, Makayla Moen, Anna Nick, Lauren Nielsen, Cody Osborn, Emily Pepperl, Alyssa Phippen, Caden Potapenko, Kaija Rizzo, Sydney Tape, Elliot Voelker, Kieran Walsh, and Tyler Zainhofsky. We wish you grace and peace in your new adventure. Go knowing God goes with you into the future!

Church Picnic

Trinity's Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 21. Food will be available beginning at 10:30 A.M. Carnival games and inflatables start at 10:45 A.M. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, serving food, leading the games, and making cakes for the cake walk (need 25–30). If you are willing to help, please sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby or contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

*Please note: The last session of Sunday School Classes is Sunday, May 21.



Join Pastor Brahm and Pastor Peter this summer on Wednesday evenings as we gather in Trinity's "Backyard" for a mixture of fellowship, worship, and Bible study. We'll start at 5:30 P.M. with a time for food and fellowship, including outdoor games, and then at 6:15 P.M. shift to a time of worship and study focusing on stories in the Bible that use water. Water is something we are very aware of during the summer, whether in the rain (or lack thereof!), on a lake or river, or when we need a refreshing drink. God uses water repeatedly in God's story. What do these stories tell us about God? Join us this summer beginning Wednesday, June 7.



"A Season: To See Jesus for Real"

Dear Friends in Christ,

Four years ago on May 2, it was Meta's first birthday and we awoke to a surprise: one foot of snow! We took a picture to remember what we knew (and hoped!) was abnormal for that month. Because, despite the fact that we live in the great northern state of Wisconsin, in May at least, we all can declare that spring is really here. Isn't it?

Spring. Open the windows season. Get outside and play season. Fire up the grill season. Easter season!

It's easy to forget that while Christmas lasts but 12 days, Easter is actually a six week stretch of the church year. Each week in worship, we hear stories that proclaim that Christ is risen and indeed walking among us. There's the story of Thomas in the upper room, and Jesus joining some disciples on the

road to Emmaus; Jesus offering life abundant as the Good Shepherd and declaring that he is "the way, the truth, and the life." During Easter, we leave behind the penitent mood of Lent and exchange it for remembrances of baptisms and plenty of "Alleluias!"

Christ is risen indeed.

But where and how is Christ risen? Meta, who is now 5 years old, often asks very pointed questions of faith. On Palm Sunday, she asked after the procession of palms, "Now when is Jesus coming in?" and she didn't mean metaphorically. On Maundy Thursday, she wondered with me if she could see Jesus before he went to the cross. She wanted to give him a hug, she said. And more than once she has, with frustration at bedtime, said to me, "But mama, where is Jesus? Not just in my heart. I want to see him. Like for real."

Spring. Easter season. To see Jesus for real season. I pray that this next month is a blessed month for you, and not just that you enjoy better weather and perhaps some leisure activities. Sometimes, even when there is new life all around, you may experience the opposite. Sometimes, though the sun is shining, it does not seep into your soul. Sometimes, we all wonder where Jesus is because we need his hope and purpose and presence in any season—so desperately. He is our lifeline to our source of life, after all! May you experience the risen Christ this May—through the love and care of others, through the Word and its guidance, through worship and sacrament, through service to other that takes you outside of yourself.

I am blessed to journey with you, this spring season and all seasons.

In Christ,
Pastor Sarah

"Now when is Jesus coming in?"

Easter Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the Easter Breakfast. We served 182 people. A special thank you to Bruce Weegman who coordinated the breakfast and all the volunteers who helped cook, serve, and clean up. We would also like to thank Thrivent Financial for granting a \$250 Community Impact Card through the Thrivent Action Team member benefit. The grant was used to help purchase groceries for the meal. Youth will use funds from the breakfast to financially support camp and retreat opportunities such as the Voyager Canoe Trip to the Apostle Islands, Summer Stretch, and Luther Park. A tithe will be given to the Eau Claire Area School District Homeless Program.

Collect VBS Supplies!

Please collect and save items needed for Vacation Bible School! You can bring your donations, marked for VBS, to the office. Thank you!

- Ice cream buckets
- 32 oz. sour cream and yogurt containers

Be a VBS Grandparent!

If you have a grandchild or great-grandchild who will attend Vacation Bible School this year at Trinity (July 24–28), this may be for you! But you need not have a grandchild in the program to take part. Trinity is looking for caring adults, age 50 and up, who are interested in taking on the role of elder at VBS. The time frame required is just over an hour per day, or more if the grandparent desires. VBS grandparents will not be the main teacher in a classroom, and no preparation is necessary for them! Contact Sara Reed by phone or email to sign up: 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org



The Youth Ministry Team Thanks You

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the volunteers who made our 2016–2017 school year a huge success. We couldn't have done this year without you!

- **CrossWord Youth Band:** Thank you to Drew Brandenburg and all members of CrossWord. Your musical talents are outstanding! Your leadership and dedication are a driving force for every worship experience.
- **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, Sound Booth Engineers, and Camera People.** Our services could not run without your attention and presence each and every Wednesday.
- **Group Guides:** Nancy Boese, Jill Brandenburg, Herschel Day, Chet and Kelly Fridlund, Matt Gerber, Amy Giani, Scott Hughes, Kacy Irvine, Shawn Kapanke, Melissa Kirschner-Scarseth, Anne Lindahl, Mike Moszer, Kathleen Nybrotten, Jane Olsen, Dan Olson, Kris Pressler, Vicki Proudlock, Larry Studt, Lisa Winzenz, Steve Zainhofsky, and Michelle Zumwalt
- **Mentors:** Sheri Auleta, Tracy Belmont, Steve Bien, Joslyn Brantner, Suzanne Brinkmeyer, Sue Caterer, Steve Craker, Lori Cruciani, Julie Delikowski, James Fedie, Paul Gandrud, Mary Ginder, John and Coralie Gumbert, Fay Harmon, Ellen Harris, Linda Harschlip, Kyle and Natalie Hazen, David Hesse, Lanette Hesse, Stan Hillestad, Chris Hower, Lynn Jessic, Christina Lehmann, Lars Long, Dennis Marquardt, Kevin Massey, Sandy Moszer, Penny Nelson, Steve Nick, Emily Nordlund, Michelle Parks, Jim Phippen, Kirsten Rubenzer, Jodi Schleusner, Mike Schremp, Steve Secker, Jacqueline Strayer, Michelle Umland, Chris Vance, and Quinn Wolniak
- **Teen Study Leaders:** Erika Ambourn, Jaime and Jake Avery, Heather Day, Valerie Fedie, Chet and Kelly Fridlund, Melissa Kirschner-Scarseth, Lisa McIntyre, Sarah Pederson, Vicki Proudlock, Andy Reed, Dave Solberg, and Kristin Walukas
- **Youth Committee:** Jennifer Geurts, Heather Kapanke, Matt Walukas, Michelle Parks, Jill Brandenburg, Karen Rosolowski, and John Moen
- **Celebration Singers:** Thank you Corinne Gransee Paral and the members of Celebration Singers. Sharing your musical gift throughout the year has enriched worship.

Volunteer to be a Mentor

The best way to define the word mentor is simply "being a friend." A mentor is someone who models a way of faith and offers support and caring for our Club 9 students. Youth Ministry is looking for adults to mentor high school students in our Club 9 confirmation program. Mentors are responsible for attending large group lessons, led by a pastor, with their student. Small group discussion is interwoven throughout the large group lesson. Club 9 meets approximately every other Wednesday, September through April, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. following worship.

This is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 209 with any questions.

Prayer Friends and outh Meet

On Wednesday, April 5, nearly 85 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 each Club 78 Confirmation student in the fall. Without knowing the identity of the adult Prayer Friend until now, students may pass along prayer requests and find comfort knowing a caring congregation member is lifting them up in prayer throughout the school year. When the meeting takes place, there is anticipation, joy, and gratitude for prayers. Watch for the opportunity to volunteer to be a Prayer Friend again in the fall. Thank you to the adults who volunteered to be Prayer Friends this year: Aron & Tracy Adkins, Kelly Beaudette, Linda Berg, Marlys Berg, Mark Berger, Matt Blohowiak, Jill Brandenburg, Pastor Peter Bredlau, Ben Brenden, Suzanne Brinkmeyer, Corinne Charlson, Sharon Colburn, Jeanne Cooper, Sara Denure, Scott DeRusha, Kathy Doering, Vicki Dueringer, Marilyn Engen, Valerie Fedie, Jon Fibeger, Char Finseth, Jennifer Flategraff, Jill Fletcher, Pat Garber, Matt and Randi Gerber, Becky Glass, Lisa Goetz, Jenny Gullicksrud, Lynn Gullicksrud, Kerry Hager, Peter and Natalie Hanson, Ellen Harris, Lanette Hesse, Mary Hoepner, Marti Hofer, Ann Johnson, Barbara Johnson, Anne Josephson, Heather Kapanke, Jan Kneer, Jacqueline Krumenauer, Katie Kuenkel, Judy LaFave, Peggy Larson, Richard Linn, Mikelle Malone, Sue Marczinke, Helen Mateski, Lisa McIntyre, Sara Meyer, John Moen, Tara Monson, Peggy Munden, Karen Myhre, Leah Myhre, Jane Olsen, Jack and Lois Olson, Sarah Pederson, Adrian and Shelley-Rae Pehler, Bob and Judy Pielhop, Pat Prissel, Vicki Proudlock, Gary Rambo, Andy and Sheila Reed, Shireen Renaghan, Michelle Richards, Kristina Risler, Tami Satre, Mary Schoenknecht, Stacy Secker, Rose Sippel, Joan Smith, Joanne Stange, Mary Strayer, Rachel Studt, Marilyn Thompson, Suzie Twite, Lori Walsh, and G i n n y Yanakopulos.





ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Here is your chance to grow this spring and summer. We have four new educational opportunities beginning in May or June. We hope you will join us for one or all of them!

The Shack: Heresy or Helpful?

In 2007, William P. Young published a novel, originally intended only as a Christmas gift to his children, as a way of telling them about his belief in God. Twenty million copies sold and a motion picture adaption later, *The Shack* has become much more.

For two Thursdays, May 11 and 18, at 7:00 P.M. you are invited to join Pastor Sarah for a discussion of *The Shack*. Are Young's ideas about God heresy, or does he provide helpful images/concepts about the divine? We'll meet in the Fireside Room for informal conversation. Questioning encouraged; curious minds welcome!

To sign up, contact Pastor Sarah at sarah@trinity-ec.org or sign-up at Clipboard Central. Books are available for purchase in the office for \$10; while supplies last.

Rick Steves' Luther and the Reformation

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and PBS travel host and fellow Lutheran Rick Steves has created a television special to mark the occasion. Join Pastor Brahm on either Wednesday, May 10, or Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 P.M. in the lobby to watch the one hour special and have conversation afterwards.

Christian Life in a Post Christian World: A Study of 1st Peter

The author of 1st Peter lived at a time when Christianity was the religion of a minority of people. A century or two later, Christianity became the official religion of the empire. For more than a thousand years thereafter, Christians were the “movers and shakers” of the western nations. Now we live again in a time when the Christian voice is heard only as one of many voices.

1st Peter proclaims that believers in Christ “*have been given news better than anything available even to the angels!*” (1:12). Yet it calls us to accept the authority of every government, for slaves to obey even harsh masters, for wives to accept the authority of their husbands and husbands to honor their wives as the weaker sex—all seem incredibly naive to modern ears. **What does it mean to “be holy” in the 21st century?** How does daily Christian living reflect the notion of being *in* the world and *for* the world but not *of* the world?

Join Pastor Dave in the Fireside Room on four Monday evenings beginning Monday, May 1, at 6:00 P.M. for a discussion of this interesting but lightly known epistle. No sign-up is necessary; just be sure to bring your Bible!

Circle Listings

DEBORAH

Thursday, May 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Joyce Davis
Leader: Vicki Fields

MARTHA/MARY

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

MIRIAM

Wednesday, May 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Joan Harris and Jeanann Stone
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

RUTH

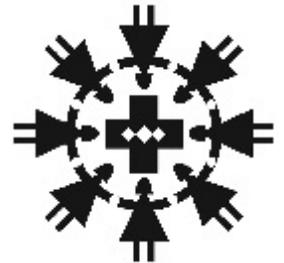
Tuesday, May 16, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Joanne Stange, 2029
Declaration Drive, EC 54703
Leader: Group

Women's Summer Study

This summer we will go on a journey with Priscilla Shirer through video and daily study titled “The Armor of God.” The study will be held on Mondays, June 12–August 14, at 1:30 P.M. in Room 208. There will be no study on July 3 or July 24.

Priscilla is an author, speaker, wife, and mother; a woman God is using to equip and educate in this generation. The armor of God which the Apostle Paul teaches about in Ephesians 6:8–10 helps us to focus on going to God with our struggles.

Sign up at Clipboard Central with your name and phone number. The workbook costs \$13, and your book order needs to be submitted by June 5. After that, you will be given instructions on how to obtain a book on your own. You can pay for your book on the first day of the study. Please invite your friends; everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Sue Nyberg at 715.379.5568.





5 Ts

How are you doing with your 5 Ts? Every Sunday, and especially during Holy Week, I'm reminded that Trinity has so many gifts. I hope that in this Easter season, you will be inspired to use your gifts in the service of your neighbor, our community, and our congregation. What does that look like?

- Many members have shared a tremendous amount of Time over months of Wednesdays preparing, serving, and cleaning up meals for our young choirs and the TGIF youth. Thank you!
- Our musicians of all ages use their exceptional singing and composing Talent to create excellent music for our worship services.
- Each week the congregation commits its Treasure to ensure that people near and far experience the Gospel in word and deed. We pray that such a commitment continues well into the future.
- Recently I heard a Noah's Ark preschool student give a Testimony to his mother "We learned that Jesus died and we saw the crosses!" And a little child shall lead them...
- Many, many people share their Temple, their physical gifts and capabilities, to move tables, decorate the worship center, set chairs, move communion elements and the baptismal font, build picnic tables and the gaga pit, and on and on to make Trinity look great every week.

The 5 Ts—Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, and Temple—are all around us, because we're all stewards of the gifts and resources that we can share with one another. I look forward to seeing your gifts this May.

Pastor Peter



Women's Giving Circle

Trinity's Women's Giving Circle met on Sunday, April 23, for its annual Spring Membership Meeting. Attendees heard from several 2016 grant recipients including representatives from Friends of Flynn, Bonnie's Boxes of Love, Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, Trinity's Christmas Tea, and Trinity's Thanksgiving Dinner, who shared how they are using the funds provided by the Women's Giving Circle.

Now it is time to look forward to awarding grants in 2017. Beginning May 1, the Women's Giving Circle is accepting grant applications online. Grant criteria will focus on the following:

- Support for basic human needs
- Promotion of health and wellness (spirit, mind, body)
- Education to advance the quality of life
- Support for the arts in ministry
- Meeting needs of the elderly
- Encouraging self-sufficiency for women and girls
- Support for families in need

If you are part of a program that fits within these criteria, consider applying for a grant from the Women's Giving Circle. Applications must be submitted by September 1, 2017.

In order to award grants, the Women's Giving Circle needs you to become a member! Our goal is to gain at least 10 new memberships. With an annual gift of \$250, you will help further the mission of the Women's Giving Circle. You may make your gift at any time in 2017, but only funds received by June 30 will be available toward grants awarded in the fall of 2017. Please consider making your contribution before June 30. Membership forms can be found in the lobby or at www.trinity-ec.org under the Endowment tab. Please make your check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with memo: Women's Giving Circle. Thank you!

Visiting Those Unable to Worship

Trinity has an active Visitation Ministry that is coordinated by Pat Garber, Director of Visitation Ministries. If you are unable to join the Trinity community in worship and desire to have Holy Communion and a personal visit in your home, please contact Pat at garberpa@uwec.edu or 715.835.5801. A member of the Pastoral Care Team (Pastors, Pat Garber, and Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer) will visit and discuss the possibility of pairing you with a volunteer Home Communion Visitor.

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.



Noah's News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool!

April was another great month at Noah's Ark. We had wonderful Easter celebrations with all of our children. It is wonderful to share the good news of "Jesus Is Alive!" with the children and help them share that news with others. We sang Easter songs and included "Jesus Loves Me" with sign language to emphasize the most important message for each one of them. What a blessing to share that love!

Spring brings the wonder of new life on a farm. The children are investigating, discovering, creating, reading, and playing all about farm animals. Included in our discovery is a field trip to Trinity Equestrian Center south of Eau Claire. The owner's granddaughter is a Noah's Ark student, and they shared their ministry "Connecting People, Horses, and God." We'll see their many barns, fields, and exciting farm animals including some newborn lambs. It's sure to be a fun field trip into our community.

Thank you to all who continue to support the Noah's Ark ministry. Many members ordered coffee and biscotti from our Noah's Ark fundraiser sale in April. Those items will be available for pick up the first two Sundays in May or in the Children's Ministries Office during the week. Thank you also for your continued support through your prayers for our children, families, and teachers.

Our registration process for the 2017–2018 school year continues. We have just a few openings left in the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class. If you know of families with three year olds, invite them to be a part of Noah's Ark! We look forward to sharing God's love and word with more young children and their families next year.

May is our final month of the school year. It is hard to believe how the days have flown! They have been filled with fun, creativity, peacemaking, friendships, and discovery. God will surely continue to bless our time together in these final days of the school year.

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker

Children's Ministries

Summer Day Camp Opportunities

- Trinity's Sports Camp: June 12–14
- Let The Spirit Move You: June 19–22
- Cook and Book: June 26–29
- Come and Play: June 26–28, July 10–12, OR August 21–23
- VBS Live!: July 10–12
- Camp Discovery: July 10–13
- Vacation Bible School: July 24–28

Register Online this year! <http://www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml> **Please Note: We cannot accept online payments at this time. Please bring/send your payment to Trinity Lutheran Church by June 1 to complete your registration.

2017 Vacation Bible School "Journeys in God's Word"

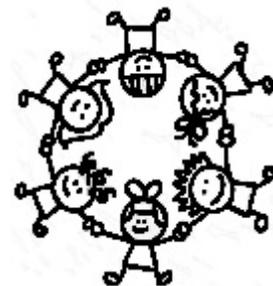
Let's hit the road! Join us as we travel over mountains and through deserts, as we walk the walk, talk the talk, and hike the hills through the Bible the week of Vacation Bible School. VBS is scheduled for July 24–28 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who are age three through sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 23, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Go online to register at <http://www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml> Please Note: We cannot accept online payments at this time. Please bring/send your payment to Trinity Lutheran Church. Registration Deadline is Sunday, July 16.

Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for all grade levels. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Sara Reed for specific information at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

Luther Park Bible Camp

It's not too late to sign up your children for Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, Wisconsin. Pick up a brochure at the Youth Tool Bench or rack in the lobby or go online at lutherpark.org to learn more. We offer 25% of the registration fee as a partial grant. Contact Sara Reed for more information at sarar@trinity-ec.org





HEALTH MINISTRIES

Dear Friends,

As I write this, Easter Sunday was two days ago. It was a glorious day with the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, the music, the sunshine, and the flowers at the altar! I felt blessed and joyful and inspired.

Now it is Tuesday and I've worked all day. I'm tired. I've listened to the cares and concerns of numerous people today. I'm looking for inspiration and that same feeling of joy that I felt on Sunday. How can I have lost that feeling in 48 hours? And then I remember that in my "busyness," I have not read my devotional. I have not started the past two days with prayer.

So I just got out my "Daily Texts" devotional and read today's prayer. "Gracious Lord, you have blessed me in many ways. I stand in awe of the gifts you have given me. Let me look to you when I try to fill the empty spaces of my life. I pray that I will crave you first and last, and realize you are all I need." Amen! And again, I am blessed and inspired.

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse



Lenten Soup Lunches

The Lenten Soup lunches were a great success. We served 42–70 people each Wednesday. I want to extend a special thank you to the volunteers this year. Barb Strey and Mary Strayer made the soups from scratch each week. They are excellent cooks, work very well together in the kitchen, and had fun! Thank You! The servers and clean-up volunteers were: Shirley Parr, Elaine Peters, Linda McClelland, Mary Schoenknecht, Dawn Steinessen, Phyllis Grohn, Bev Fishbaugher, Diane Solberg, Sarah Pedersen, Barbara Lee, Ardelle Brown, Ruth Eastenson, and Ann Nelson. Jeanne Boring helped bake bars as well as serve. Without these people, the lunches would not happen. Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You

Thank you to David Mertens, Suzanne Brinkmeyer, and Amy Segerstrom for presenting at the adult forums in March for our Brokenness and Healing Series. They all did a great job!

Monthly Healing Service

Join us for our next Healing Service on Sunday, May 21, in the chapel. 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 that they would like to pray.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Trinity's Spring Blood Drive is schedule for Thursday, June 1. Mark your calendars! The need is always great, not only for those needing blood, but also because blood drives get canceled due to bad weather which lowers the blood supply.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Scholarship Money for You

A scholarship program is available to all students of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is our hope that all students have the privilege of participating in any event that will nurture their growth in Christ. Every student in grades 7–12 is eligible for a 25% reimbursement of registration costs for all events at Trinity. If further assistance is needed, arrangements can be made with the Youth Ministry Team. Scholarship forms are located next to the Tool Bench in the blue side bins. We hope this will continue to encourage students to participate in the life changing opportunities here at Trinity!



Luther Park Bible Camp

Join Pastor Brahm and Ashley this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm and Ashley invite students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders from June 11–16. These campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun and activities available at Luther Park. Pathfinders experience the heart pounding excitement of the High Ropes course and Disc Golf. Along with swimming, games, and developing community with new and old friends, you will experience creative Bible Studies, worship, camp fires, 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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRIES

Friends of Flynn

March Fund Appeal Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to the recent Friends of Flynn Fund Appeal—\$5,280 was received. Most of these funds help support the weekend meal project through Feed My People. In addition, funds provide healthy snacks in September and May, staff appreciation treats twice a year, books for children to take home at Christmas break and summer vacation, and emergency clothing needs for the children. Flynn Elementary is Trinity's partner school in the Eau Claire Area School District.

Book Drive During May

We believe that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but also 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.



Thank You

The Trinity Food Pantry would like to express its gratitude for the partnership of Cub Scout Pack 88 and Boy Scout Troop 30 and for their donations to the pantry in April. A total of 1,580 pounds was delivered to our pantry.

In addition, the Cousin's Sub promotion from this last month brought in 85 pounds of food. We are grateful for their generosity and support.

Charity Miles

Get this app, and give while you work out. The app donates 25 cents to the organization of your choice for every mile you walk or run (or 10 cents a mile if you bike). And you don't pay ... donations are made by the app's corporate sponsors (charitymiles.org).

June Ministry Spotlight Soles for Special Souls

Our Soles for Special Souls ministry has held to its mission of providing new back-to-school shoes and winter boots for children in need within our community. Since this ministry started in 2010, Trinity has provided 1,434 pairs of shoes and 633 pairs of boots; primarily to children of our food pantry guests.

Vouchers for shoes are distributed in late July to parents who visit our pantry and whose children are in need of shoes. The vouchers are then used to purchase new school shoes for children in grades 4K through high school. Vouchers for boots for elementary school children are distributed in late October to food pantry guests and also to elementary school counselors to pass on to students in need at their schools. The requests for shoe and boot vouchers are nearly twice the number that we are able to provide.

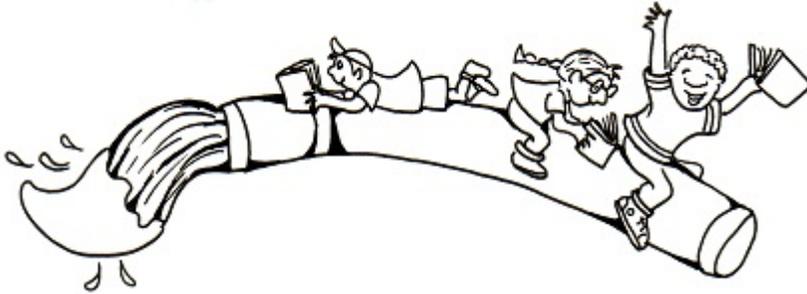
Partnering with Payless last year, Trinity provided 211 pairs of shoes and 102 pairs of books to needy children in our community. Grants from the Women's Giving Circle and Endowment Trust Fund provided some of the funding needed to support this ministry, but the majority of the funding came from the generosity of Trinity members during our fund appeal month. This year we hope to also provide footwear to homeless children in the Eau Claire Area School District on an as-needed basis.

In May, the Social Concerns Team is hoping to raise \$5,000 to support this ministry in 2017. On Sundays in May, you are invited to stop by the Soles for Special Souls table in the lobby. 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."

Please 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.



CHURCH LIBRARY



Summer Story Time for Young Children Make Friends with Books

Join Library Committee members in the church library on Sunday mornings in June and July (June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16) following the 9:45 A.M. service where they will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

Featured Book for May

The Hearts of Men by Nickolas Butler. “This is an epic novel of intertwining friendships and families set in the Northwoods of Wisconsin at a beloved Boy Scout summer camp.” Nick is a local author who grew up at Trinity and is currently a member with his wife, Regina, and two children. Also available is Nick’s first novel, *Shotgun Lovesongs*. (FIC BUT)

Books for Youth

- *Middle School: Escape to Australia* by James Patterson & Martin Chatterton. Everyone’s favorite underdog her Rafe Khatchadorian is headed to the dangerous wilds of Australia! BAM (+ FIC PAT)
- *The Playbook* by Kwame Alexander. *The Playbook* is filled with uplifting stories and inspiring words of wisdom from favorite sports figures plus 52 rules to follow both on and off the court. (+ 796 ALE)
- *I am Martin Luther King, Jr.* By Brad Meltzer. This biography of Dr. King is an addition to the collection, *Ordinary People Chant The World*. It inspires kids to dream big, one great role model at a time. (+ B MEL)
- *Who Is Muhammad Ali?* by James Buckley. Young readers can learn about the “greatest” heavyweight boxing champion of all time. (+ B BUC)

Non-Fiction

- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. This young readers’ edition is the untold true story of four African-American women who helped launch our nation into space. (+ 900 SHE)
- *The State of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* by J. Russell Crabtree. Russell Crabtree provides a clear evidence-based approach to assessing where the ELCA is as a church. During the last five years, Trinity congregation used the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) twice to define our mission and pastoral succession planning process. Note Pastor Kurt Jacobson’s interview on pages 78–82. (262 RUS)
- *If You Can Keep It, The Forgotten Promise of American Liberty* by Eric Metaxas. Our own Pastor Peter Bredlau quoted from this book in a sermon last fall. As a committee, we were encouraged to make it available in our library.
- *If You Can Keep It* is at once a thrilling review of American’s uniqueness—including our role as a “nation of nations” and a chilling reminder that America’s greatness cannot continue unless we embrace our own crucial role in living out what the founders entrusted to us. Metaxas explains that America is not a nation bounded by ethnic identity or geography, but rather by a radical and unprecedented idea, based upon liberty and freedom for all. (323.44 MET)

Biography

- *Beautiful Boy* by David Sheff. Readers are invited into David Sheff’s journey through his son Nic’s addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery. This is a candid memoir that brings immediacy to the emotional rollercoaster of loving a child who seems beyond help. (B SHE)



- ***The Silence of the North*** by Olive A. Fredrickson. When she was nine years old, Olive Fredrickson witnessed her mother's death in the Arctic wilderness. At 19, she married a trapper who led her into a perilous life far removed from the comforts of civilization. Told from a harrowing first-person perspective, Fredrickson recounts the hair-raising experiences of her first years in the frozen wasteland. Following her husband's death, she attempted to run a farm and raise three children. This is a story of extraordinary adventure, courage, and human determination. (B FRE)

Fiction

- ***Inner Passages*** by Carl Brookins. This novel is about love, loss, murder, and redemption, set against the mountains of British Columbia on the waters of the Inside Passage between Vancouver Island and the mainland. (FIC BRO)
- ***The Traces of Guilt*** by Dee Henderson. Gabriel Thane is the sheriff and lifetime resident of Carin County, IL, committed to upholding the law and keeping the residents safe. Lt Evie Blackwell is a State Police Detective skilled at investigations. She launches a new task force to reexamine unsolved crimes across the state. She begins work with the sheriff's department on a few of its most troubling missing-persons cases. As she examines old evidence from two cases, she finds a connection to a third cold case. (FIC HEN)
- ***God Don't Like Ugly*** by Mary Monroe. In this novel, Mary Monroe brings to life the bond between two girls from the opposite sides of the track and the shattering event that changes their lives forever. (FIC MON)
- ***All Summer Long*** by Dorothea Benton Frank. The author explores the nature of love, marriage, and belonging in a novel that is funny, thought-provoking, and irresistibly uplifting. (FIC FRA)
- ***Mrs. Lincoln's Rival*** by Jennifer Chiaverini. Readers will enjoy a fictional version of the political rivalry between Mary Todd Lincoln, first lady, and Kate Chase Sprague, Washington DC socialite. (FIC CHI)

- ***Salt in His Shoes*** by Deloris Jordan. This book is about faith, hope, and how any family working together can help a child make his or her dreams come true. (++) FIC JOR)



Trinity Page Turners Book Club

Join the book club on Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Mary Schoenknecht when they review the book *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.

With courage, grace, and powerful insight, bestselling author Kristin Hannah captures the epic panorama of WWII and illuminates an intimate part of history seldom seen: the women's war. *The Nightingale* tells the story of two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France—a heartbreakingly beautiful novel that celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the durability of 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 at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

We will begin with a potluck supper. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office by calling 715.832.6601, by signing up at Clipboard Central, or by emailing Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Books for Children

These books share a spirit of tolerance and acceptance, faith and hope.



- ***The Sandwich Swap*** by Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah. Friendship is more powerful than difference. (++) FIC ALA)
- ***Grateful, A Song of Giving Thanks*** by John Bucchino. A song that inspires courage, compassion, and hope. (++) FIC BUC)
- ***Be Yourself*** by Charles M. Schulz. Celebrate being true to yourself. (+ + FIC SCH)



Received in February Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Dorothy Petzold: Dr. Stan & Sharon Monson; Ann Ayers; Bob & Mary Schoenknecht; Jon & Maureen Homstad; Jean Ann Walker; Lois Rottier; Martha Fuller; John Stromwall; Suzanne Kristo; John & Mary Dixon
- In memory of Paul Falkner: Ann Ayres
- In memory of Edward Jacobson: Orville & Shirley Anderson

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Beth Johnson: Barbara Vorhes
- In memory of Audrey Brumberg: Mark & Marti Hofer

Endowment Trust Fund/Kurt Jacobson Fund

- In memory of Edward Jacobson: Mike & Sharon DeRusha; Dan & Shirley Sands
- In memory of Ron Retzlaff: Sue Hesketh

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Ted Nystuen: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Dorothy Petzold: Anna Trullinger
- In memory of Beth Johnson: Jack & Lois Olson

Mission Jamaica Fund

- In memory of Paul Falkner: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Bed Nets Fund

- In memory of Edward Jacobson: Marjorie Satre
- In memory of John Johnson: Marjorie Satre
- In memory of Duane Rasmussen: Marjorie Satre

Without a Will

“What will happen to my money and possessions if I die without a will?”

If you die without a will, what happens to your assets will be determined by the state in which you reside. Every state has intestacy laws in place that parcel out property and assets to a deceased person's closest relatives when there's no will or trust. Keep in mind these laws vary from state to state.

A good resource to help you find out how your state works is About.com's Wills and Estate Planning site which provides a state-by-state breakdown of how your estate will be distributed if you die without a will. See StateIntestacyLaws.com for a direct link to this page. (From: ELCA Foundation and Savvy Living by Jim Miller)

Leave A Legacy

God calls us to be 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 exists so 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

Knitters Needed!

Prayer Shawls are available from the office 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. If you are interested in knitting for others, please contact Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org for more information.



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 a land line and going exclusively to cell, please share your phone number with your church. Email new information to becky@trinity-ec.org

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- Please submit all articles for the Tidings electronically in MS Word, Corel WP format, or in the body of an email. Submit to: cindy@trinity-ec.org
 - All submissions must be your own work. Any copyrighted material (code, images, or otherwise) must include written permission from the original source.
 - Deadline for the June Newsletter is Tuesday, May 16.