



## Worship Times Grow

Beginning the week of September 11, Trinity resumes its schedule of four weekly worship opportunities. Plan to worship often this coming school year. Worship opportunities are:

- ☛ Sundays at 8:15 A.M. in the Worship Center.
- ☛ Sundays at 9:45 A.M. in the Worship Center.
- ☛ Sundays at 10:30 A.M. in the Chapel (south side of the building).
- ☛ Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. in the Worship Center.

## Lutheranism 100—The Basics

Next year, Lutherans around the world will be observing the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of a major change in the church—a change so deep and widespread that this era of European history came to be known as "The Reformation." When Martin Luther nailed his "95 theses" to the door of the church at Wittenberg (the university's "bulletin board" of that time) on "All Hallows Eve" (Halloween), he set loose a storm of debate which ultimately became a factor in a decades-long war about the church's role in our relationship with God and the world.

Lutherans ever since have been known as producers of a series of "confessions" which one careful explanations about our relationship with God and God's world. We formally "accept" these confessional writings in Chapter two of Trinity's Constitution.

The most basic and shortest of these confessional writings is Luther's Small Catechism. He took the five key elements of our Christian heritage—the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism and the Lord's Supper—and turned them into a resource for parents to use in their own faith development and as a tool for teaching their children about fundamental aspects of our faith.

On Sunday mornings, beginning September 25, we'll offer a six session discussion about these five key elements. The sixth session will center around discussion of the setting of communal church life in our present context. Join us during the adult forum time on Sundays at 9:15 A.M.



## Theology on Tap

This fall, enjoy good conversation and a good brew in hand with friends from across Eau Claire at Theology on Tap on Thursdays; September 22, 29, and October 6; at Lazy Monk Brewery. Pastor Jamie of Immanuel and Pastor Sarah of Trinity Lutheran invite you to join them for three "Thirsty Thursdays" where the topic at hand will be "Faith and the Public Sphere." No need to bring anything except curiosity, an open mind, and your own experiences! It's ok to sign up (at Clipboard Central at Trinity) OR just show up. Contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) or Pastor Jamie at [pastor@immanuelec.org](mailto:pastor@immanuelec.org) with any questions. See you at the Monk!

## Ah-Ha!

Ah-Ha begins Monday, September 26, at 7:00 P.M. Have you ever had that moment when something that was confusing becomes crystal clear—the Ah-Ha moment, the light going on, the paradigm shift? Refreshing, isn't it! Pastor Peter will lead a four week series on Ah-Ha moments in the Bible—when biblical characters had great revelations and insights and their lives and understandings were changed. Dates are September 26; October 3, 10, 17.





## Dear Trinity Members,

A recognizable insurance company is presently running an ad campaign with the central theme as "It's what you do." They are making the point that purchasing their insurance is a no-brainer, just as the activity of the people featured in the commercials. The commercial doesn't make the point strongly, but it is something for us to think about.

What is it, exactly, that we do at Trinity? Why do we exist as a congregation, and what are we doing to show the world that as a church "This is what we do?" These are questions that are never settled because the need of God's world is never settled.

Trinity is a robust and vital congregation, made up of people who are deeply dedicated to sharing the Gospel inside and outside of our walls. The youth mission trips, the Jamaica trips, quilting, the food bank, and the many groups that meet here are just a few examples of Trinity's commitment to service, near and far.

Lots of groups and organizations do service in Eau Claire, but we do it because of Jesus and His proclamation of God's kingdom; He is the reason that we say "It's what we do."

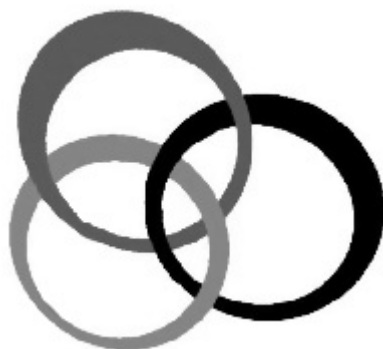
Teach me. Show me. Help me learn the many ways that you serve. Show me and all those who are new to this community "what you do" that makes you followers of Christ and part of the movement we call the Christian faith. Help me to know and understand what makes Trinity the great place that it is so that I can best lead you, work with you, and share the Gospel; so that when people see your dedication they think "Trinity— that's what they do."

You will hear me speak about the 5 T's—time, talent, treasure, testimony, and temple (care of the body). Which of these 5 T's best describes "what you do?" Share that with someone this month, and ask them "When it comes to faith—what do you do?"

Pastor Peter

## Join Us

If you're looking for a church home, please consider Trinity. We have great ministries and a compelling mission with many ways for you to engage the abilities God has given you and to grow in faith. "Discover Trinity" is the one evening event that brings newcomers into the life of Trinity. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org)



## Mission Trips

Make a difference  
and make memories!



### Cross-Generational Mission Trip 2017

Plans are underway for a mission trip to Jabneh Christian Academy, Grange Hill, Jamaica for March 17–24, 2017. This trip is open to men, women, young adults, youth, and children (fourth grade and older) and will feature a combination of cultural immersion experiences and service projects in the school/local community. Jabneh Christian Academy has a record of improving the lives and educational outcomes of children with special needs and is a beacon for the surrounding community and literacy initiatives. Could God be calling you to a vacation with a purpose this year?

The trip is open to the first 20 participants who complete the application and provide a \$750 deposit by October 2, 2016.

All interested people are invited to an informational meeting at Trinity Lutheran on Sunday, September 18 at 10:40 A.M. in the Fireside Room. You may contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith at any time at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) with questions.

### Men's Mission Trip 2017

Men! We have an annual January mission trip to Jabneh Christian Academy on the island of Jamaica, and plans are underway for the trip in 2017. If you're interested in learning more about this trip, please email Pastor Brahm at [brahm@trinity-ec.org](mailto:brahm@trinity-ec.org). The deadline for sign-up and deposit is Thursday, September 15.



# Social Ministries

## Sojourner House News

Thanks to those who have volunteered at Sojourner House this summer. We are now gearing up for fall and looking for five volunteers to help on Friday, September 16, from 6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M. We are also looking for volunteers to make two large fruit salads to accompany the meal. Please sign up on the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call either Phyllis at 715.836.7055 or Sheila at 715.831.8982.

## What is Friends of Flynn?

Trinity has a wonderful partnership with Flynn Elementary to help address the needs of children. Many students enrolled at Flynn qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. The need is great, but we can help! As the school year begins, we will once again deliver weekend meals to over 90 low-income students each week. We will provide books, boots and shoes, clothing, school supplies, and healthy snacks at different times throughout the year and will look for new ways to support the students and teachers. Join us! We welcome financial donations (indicate FOF on your gift) as well as your gifts of time and prayers.

## News from Flynn Elementary School

### Weekend Meals

Due to the generosity of Trinity members, the Friends of Flynn Committee was able to send an additional \$3,000 to Feed My People Food Bank for the support of weekend meals at Flynn Elementary. The total donation to Feed My People Food Bank for the 2015–2016 school year was \$7000.

A thank you note from Suzanne Becker, Assistant Director at Feed My People Food Bank and Trinity Member:

*"Wow—we are so inspired by the generosity of Trinity in support of weekend meals at Flynn Elementary. Your gift of \$3,000 is truly making a difference in the lives of students who may rely on school lunch as their main source of nutrition."*

*"At FMP, we don't want hunger to be the reason our kids don't succeed. We want to remove this barrier so they can learn and grow. Your generosity is critical to our children, their families and our community."*

*"Again, thank you! We continue to be extremely grateful for the partnership we share with Trinity Lutheran Church."*

### School Supplies

Again Trinity members have shown their generous spirit by providing school supplies and backpacks for Flynn students. Bags of supplies were donated, sorted, and delivered to Flynn Elementary for signing day and beyond as needed. Members of the Friends of Flynn Committee thank you for your continued financial support and donations to this important partnership

in our community.

For more information and how you can help, please contact Ginny Lien at 715.832.6601 or [ginny@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ginny@trinity-ec.org)

## Produce To Share

If your garden is producing more than you can consume, please remember that Trinity's Food Pantry will gladly distribute your abundance. Deliver produce by noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays to the pantry entrance. Contact Faye Ryszkiewicz, Food Pantry Coordinator, at [faye@trinity-ec.org](mailto:faye@trinity-ec.org) for more information.

## Prayer Link ☪

You are invited to join Prayer Link and begin praying for others who ask for prayers from the pastors, staff, and members who've agreed to pray for others. When you join Prayer Link, you will receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Then you pray wherever and whenever you can! We'll provide you a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying.

Note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or email Becky Ragsdale at [becky@trinity-ec.org](mailto:becky@trinity-ec.org)

## Circles

### DEBORAH

Thursday, September 15, 9:30 A.M.

Trinity

Hostess: Vicki Fields

Leader: Pat Hanson

### MARTHA/MARY

Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 P.M. Trinity

Hostess: Kathy Gjesfjeld

Leader:

### MIRIAM

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 A.M.

Trinity

Hostess: Marilyn Engen & Joan Smith

Leader: Group

### RUTH

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 P.M.

Hostess: Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmadge Road

Leader: Group



## Join a Music Team

"Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy." Join one of Trinity's Music Teams this fall to shout your praises! Opportunities exist for everyone, any age and any ability level, to participate in our exciting worship life at Trinity. Call the following numbers to receive more information, or just show up for a rehearsal. No auditions are required. Everyone will feel welcome in a choir.



### Children's Choirs

*Our Registration Pizza Dinner Event will be Wednesday, September 7, at 5:00 P.M.*

- **God's Little Singers:** This choir is for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 14 in the Noah's Ark Preschool room from 5:00 P.M.–6:15 P.M. The choir director is Jeanne Cooper. She can be reached at 715.832.6601 or [jeanne@trinity-ec.org](mailto:jeanne@trinity-ec.org)
- **Jesus And Me:** This choir is for children in grades 1 and 2. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 14, in Choir Room 507 from 5:00 P.M.–6:15 P.M. The choir director is Corinne Gransee Paral. She can be reached at 715.839.9173 or [cgranseeparal@mac.com](mailto:cgranseeparal@mac.com)
- **Totally Joyous Christians:** This choir is for children in Grades 3–6. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 14, in Choir Room 507 from 4:15 P.M.–4:55 P.M. The choir director is Liz Drayton. She can be reached at 608.514.4143 or [earasmus@gmail.com](mailto:earasmus@gmail.com)

### Celebration Singers

This choir is for youth in Grades 7–8. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 14, in Choir Room 507 from 7:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M. Registration is Wednesday, September 7, at Club78 Orientation at 7:15 P.M. or come to the first rehearsal.

### CrossWord Youth Band

The CrossWord Youth band is for students in Grades 7–12. The youth band leads Wednesday Worship during the school year. Band rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7, in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M. The director is Drew Brandenburg. He can be reached at 715.833.8591 or [drewjill@gmail.com](mailto:drewjill@gmail.com)

### Trinity Tollers Handbell Choir

The Trinity Tollers handbell choir is for students in Grade 7 thru adults. Bell rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 6, in Worship Center, from 6:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M. The director is Ryan Poquette. He can be reached at 715.552.5266 or [ryan@creation27.com](mailto:ryan@creation27.com)

## Harmony In Spirit Worship Team

This worship team is for students in Grade 9 thru adults. HIS leads the 9:45 A.M. Sunday worship service thru instrument and voice weekly. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:15 P.M. in the Worship Center beginning September 7. The director is Shirley Sands. She can be reached at 715.832.6601 or [shirley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:shirley@trinity-ec.org)

### Trinity Choir

This choral group is for students in Grade 9 thru adults. Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 8, at 7:00 P.M. in the Choir Room 507. The Trinity Choir welcomes and invites you to join the group this fall. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that "—we will sing songs all the days of our life in the house of the Lord." Isaiah 38:20. We are in need of singers in all voice ranges. We welcome "snow birds," singers with busy schedules and occasional conflicts, and offer a special invitation to new members of Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Trinity Choir Director Gary Rambo at 715.832.4429.

### Trinity Liturgical Dance Team

Trinity's Dance Team is open to people age 5 to 105. The Dance Team is a multi-generational program for those seeking to help spread God's message through movement. No experience is necessary. The Dance Team will rehearse Sundays, beginning October 2, in the Worship Center from 4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. Lynn Buske is the Dance Team Leader. Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Lynn at 715.514.4648.





# Noah's Ark News

The fall is upon us at Noah's Ark! After a summer filled with cleaning, organizing and preparing, the teachers and I are ready to welcome children into our space and our hearts! We will be getting reacquainted with returning families after their summer break. Some students and families will be new to our program. Either way, we are anxious to bring this community of families and children together at Noah's Ark.

We will kick off our year with parent—child visit days on Tuesday, September 6, and Wednesday, September 7. Following that, our days will be "just for children" days! We'll jump into our year with the Noah's Ark story, sharing God's promise to always care for and love us. We'll be busy exploring our class environment, discovering new friends, learning new routines, enjoying the independence of a bathroom in our classroom space, discovering the wonder of God's creation at our newly set up Science Center, creating with God's wonderful rainbow of colors, and enjoying fall days on our playground. It's wonderful to anticipate the fun, learning, and peacemaking which will take place at Noah's Ark this year!

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for a safe, fun, educational year filled with God's love and promises for each one of these precious children of God.

A reminder that we still have space for more children and families to be a part of our days at Noah's Ark in our M/W/F classes. If you have preschool age children, or know of families who have young children, please tell them about us!

In Peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker, Director

## Children's Ministries

### 2016–2017 Children's Ministries School Year

The 2016–2017 Children's Ministries School Year Programming is finally here! There are many opportunities for not only your children but also for YOU to help be a part of the ministry at Trinity! I am excited for the School year to kick off and to watch the kids at Trinity develop relationships and grow in their faith.

**Join us on Sundays** • Sunday School kicks off on September 18 for children in preschool–sixth grade. Registration forms are available at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org), in the Children's Ministry Office, or in the lobby. There are two session times available. Session One: 8:55 A.M.–9:30 A.M.; Session Two: 10:30 A.M.–11:05 A.M.

**Wednesday Night Programming** • To Gather in Faith (TGIF) is a wonderful program where kids will learn about the gospel, share a meal together, worship, and build relationships. It will kick off on September 14

for children in grades 3–6.

**Choir Opportunities.** Does your child love to sing? Trinity has been gifted with wonderful leaders that lead JAM—(Jesus and Me; formerly known as the Children's Choir), GLS (God's Little Singers), and TJC (Totally Joyous Christians). Each choir gives the children an opportunity to share their spiritual gifts, creates friendships, and share a meal together. There are still spots available! Choirs begin on September 14. Please see page 4 for all the information regarding our choirs.



### Upcoming Events!

- **Pizza Family Registration Night** is September 7 at 5:00 P.M. Come with your family for a pizza supper and register your kids for Sunday school, TGIF and children's choirs.
- **Rally Sunday** is September 11. After each service, join us in the Trinity Room for an ice cream sundae! You won't want to miss a delicious treat!
- **Bible Sunday** is September 11. Children in the three year old classes (Preschool 1) and in Grade 3 will receive their new Spark Bibles during the 9:45 A.M. worship service.
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** will occur on September 18 during the 9:45 A.M. worship. Please have your child bring their backpack to worship where they will receive a small charm. The charm will remind them of the love that God has for them.
- **Staff Installation Sunday** will be September 25. We encourage all teachers and individuals who will be a part of children's ministry at Trinity to attend and be blessed as they start their journey working alongside adults and children.



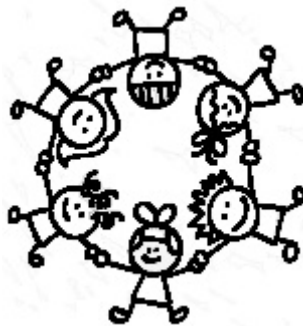
## Want to Make a Difference? Help Volunteer!

Do you have a love for children and want to make a difference? Then sign up to teach today. We are still looking for volunteers for both Sunday school and TGIF on Wednesday's. The teaching materials, supplies, and support are provided! You can teach with a partner if you would like. It's a wonderful opportunity to share your faith, share your life experiences, and help a child grow! You won't regret helping! Sign up today by contacting Sara Reed at [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

### Teacher Orientation

At each orientation you will receive your teaching materials, important procedures, schedules, and help generate class lists!

- Camp TGIF Teachers meet on Thursday, September 8, at 6:15 P.M., in room 306
- Sunday School Teachers meet on Thursday, September 15, at 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room.



### Volunteer in the Kitchen!

Do you have a passion for cooking or serving food? "To Gather in Faith" (TGIF) is looking for volunteers to help cook and serve on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 P.M. It's a wonderful opportunity where you can serve alongside adults, teens, and children. Our Meal Coordinator is Jessie Strey. She is excited for the ministry at Trinity and would love to have you help serve alongside her! If you would like to learn more or are interested in helping out this year starting September 14, please contact Sara Reed at [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext. 218. It's a wonderful ministry for all ages!

### Early Childhood Enrichment

For more information on any of our fall programs, please check out the Trinity website [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org)

- **MUSIC & MOVEMENT:** Children will move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. Session One: 9:05–9:50 A.M. This class is for children who turn one by 6.01.16 through those who turn three by 8.31.16. This is a parent/child class. (\$80) Session Two: 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. This class is for children who turn three by 9.01.16. Children experience this class independently. This 14 week class meets on Mondays beginning September 12. (\$170) No class on November 21.
- **CREATIVE ARTS:** Spend Mondays engaged in a variety of creative activities! Children will dance, sing, and experiment with art processes. They will hear stories, Bible stories, and enhance language learning through finger plays. This class is for children who turn three by 9.01.16. This 14 week class meets on Mondays from 12:30 P.M.–2:30 P.M. beginning September 12. (\$180) No class on November 21.
- **GREAT PRETENDERS:** Let your child's imagination run free in this high energy, dynamic drama and art class. Children will build literacy skills as they create story props, costumes, and puppets and then use them to retell stories. This class is for children who turn four by 1.01.17. This 14 week class meets on Tuesdays from 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning Tuesday, September 13. (\$190) No class on November 22.
- **READERS, AUTHORS, AND ARTISTS:** Immerse your child in literature and early oral and written language experiences with a focus on nurturing a child's natural readiness for reading, writing, and creating. Children will

explore books, authors, and illustrators through discovery, music, play, and art. This class is for children who turn four by 1.01.17. This 14 week class meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. beginning September 13. (\$190) No class on November 22.

- **COME AND PLAY:** In this great precursor to preschool, children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children. Art, music activities, and snack are included. This class is for children who turn two by 05.31.16. This 15 week class meets on Wednesdays in Trinity's Nursery from 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. beginning September 7. (\$200) No class on November 23.
- **THRILLING THURSDAYS:** Spend Thursdays engaged in a variety of preschool activities in a Christian environment. Emphasis will be on science and cooking with a hands-on discovery approach encouraging observation, predicting, investigating, and other creative thinking. This class is for children who turn four by 01.01.17 This 13 week class meets on Thursdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning September 15. (\$180) No class on October 27 and November 24.

### Meet Our Teachers!

- Sandy Moszer (Scientist Sandy) will teach Thrilling Thursdays. She has a lot of energy, a passion for science, and is excited to explore with the kids!
- Ashley Olson will teach Great Pretenders and Come and Play. She is excited to explore Bible stories through drama and be part of your child's growth and development.
- Jeanne Cooper will teach Readers, Authors and Artists. She has a heart for reading and is excited to engage in different books with your child.
- Jill Kasmarek will teach Music & Movement, Creative Arts, and Come and Play. She is excited to explore with your child through music and art, be part of your child's growth and development.



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Confirmation Registration is Available

Trinity's confirmation program include grades seven, eight, and nine; respectively called Club 78 and Club 9. Registration materials are available at the Tool Bench, in the Youth Office, and on Trinity's website. Club 78 Orientation is on Wednesday, September 7, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room and is for parents, students, and group guides. Club 9 Orientation is on Wednesday, September 14, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room, and is for parents, students, and mentors. Confirmation booklets and calendars will be handed out at the orientation meetings. The Confirmation Service Fair will also be on those same evenings from 8:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M. Please contact Cassie or Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) or [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.



## Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

There are many opportunities to volunteer with Youth Ministries! Sign-ups are available near Clipboard Central. Please contact Cassie at [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) or Ashley at [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

- **7th and 8th Grade Group Guides** • Group Guides are responsible for leading a group of 6-8 students following a large group lesson led by a pastor in the Trinity Room. We meet during the school year approximately every other Wednesday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while leading a small group of enthusiastic students.
- **Be A Mentor** • 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 pastors, with their student. Small group discussion is woven into the large group lessons.
- **Teen Study Leaders** • Teen Study Leaders are needed to teach Club 78 Teen Study. Club 78 Teen Study meets on Sunday mornings during the second Sunday school session, 10:30–11:05 A.M. There is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. We are looking for a team of three to five adults to teach each group on a rotating schedule. Curriculum, materials, and support are provided. This is great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News!
- **Prayer Friends** • Being a Prayer Friend is a powerful way to connect with God, and it is an extraordinary blessing to have other people praying for you. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed in a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to use email ([myprayerfriend@trinity-ec.org](mailto:myprayerfriend@trinity-ec.org)) to direct prayer requests to their adult friend. The Prayer Friend Administrator will relay requests to the prayer friend. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. You'll be providing a great ministry to our youth. Sign up near Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 or [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

## Wednesday Evening Ushers Needed

Sign up at the Tool Bench to indicate your willingness to usher for the Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Worship Service. Ushering responsibilities include handing out bulletins, collecting offering, and assisting with communion. Ushering counts as a service for confirmation students and is a fun way to engage in a worship service.

## Adopt-A-Highway

All youth are invited to participate in the fall Adopt-A-Highway service event on Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 A.M. Trinity has a designated two-mile stretch of Highway 37, by Little Red School, to maintain. Adults are also needed to help with this event. We meet at Little Red School. A sign-up sheet is at the Tool Bench.

## CrossWord Youth Band

We will be gathering to prep for another great year of music, fellowship, and faith for our Wednesday Evening worship services. We want to meet with all members, old and new, on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room for some pizza, to talk all things Crossword, and then to run through a few songs to get ready for our opening night which is Wednesday, September 14. Plan to attend so we can see who we have in the group. If you can't make it, let us know via email or text so we can get you on the master list. Contact Drew Brandenburg at [drewjill@gmail.com](mailto:drewjill@gmail.com) or text 715.491.8235 or Cassie Brenden at [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext. 209.

## Donut Fundraiser

Sign up at the Tool Bench to participate in the Donut Fundraiser on Sunday mornings. There are two shifts available each Sunday. We start serving donuts on Sunday, September 11. This fundraiser allows youth to earn money for their student account. These funds are then available to put towards Trinity sponsored events, retreats, and summer camps/trips. A tithe will be given to Bolton Refuge House.





# Health Ministries

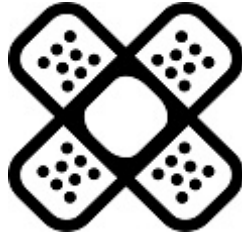
## Fall!

Fall is here! Children are back to school. Families have returned to their "normal" routines. And the pace of our lives gets hectic. Which leads me to this month's topic; peace in place of stress.

When thinking about what to write for this newsletter, the word "still" kept coming to mind. We have an eight year old grandson who spends the week of Vacation Bible School at our house. Ethan is the opposite of still. And when he gets frustrated or upset, no one is "still" for miles around. During one of those episodes, he and I discussed controlling our feelings and actions by using meditation, "being still." To my surprise, he knew the word meditation. He sat down cross-legged, put his thumb and pointer finger together, and...now what? "Will I be able to fly?" "No, you won't fly!" I told him to focus on the word "calm" and if, his mind moved to another thought, come right back to "calm." Conclusion: Meditation takes practice, especially for eight year old boys.

From Mayo Clinic, Meditation can wipe away the day's stress, bringing with it a sense of peace. When you meditate, you clear away the information overload that builds up every day and contributes to stress. The emotional benefits of meditation can include gaining a new perspective on a stressful situation, building skills to manage your stress, increasing self-awareness, focusing on the present, and reducing negative emotions. So when you are waiting in line at the grocery store, waiting in your car to pick up the kids, or going for a walk, try a little meditation to restore peace to your life. And let me know if you fly!

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse



## Community Events for You

- Chippewa Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, September 24, at Zorn Arena-UWEC. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M.
- Chippewa Valley Community Chorus: For people with early to mid-stage memory loss and their caregivers. Rehearsals on Thursday morning; Concert on November 10. Register with Lisa Wells, ADRC 715.839.4735.
- Ladies Evening Extravaganza: Thursday, September 8 at the Heyde Center in Chippewa Falls. Sponsored by Family Resource Center.
- Free Car Seat Check: Second Monday of each month from 4:00–7:00 P.M. Chippewa Valley Tech College, West Campus.

## Hope Phones

Fifty-four cell phones and chargers were mailed to the Hope Phone organization in July. This organization refurbishes all cell phones from flip phones to smart phones and creates communication networks for health workers serving millions in fifteen countries. Please continue to donate your old phones. There are white boxes to drop off phones located in the lobby and Noah's Ark entry.

## Your Giving Blesses Many

Thank you for every offering you share for Regular Ministries. Your offerings make possible so many God pleasing missions which serve the needy, instill faith in hundreds of children, and extend the spirit and love of our congregation into this community and world. God continues to do many great things through our church because you give back to God a portion of what God has entrusted to you.

In addition, your Mortgage Payment offerings make possible the monthly payment of \$8,413 on the loan from our building expansion and improvement ten years ago. We also regularly make direct principal payments because you've been generous. Thank you! If you're not already helping with this effort, please join us yet this year.

Please be generous with your offerings in September, and come and see the great things being done on Trinity's campus as we "Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News."

## Entrusting a Gift from Your Estate

Trinity has a permanent (endowed) fund to receive contributions that come from your estate or current giving. The endowed principal generates income which is extremely beneficial for current ministry support. Please remember the Trinity Endowment Trust when you wish to give a memorial to Trinity or to honor someone upon a birthday or anniversary. Then remember the Endowment Trust as you're updating your will. A simple designation in your estate plan can live on forever through the Trinity Endowment Trust.

For additional information, go to [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) under Trust Fund or Giving.

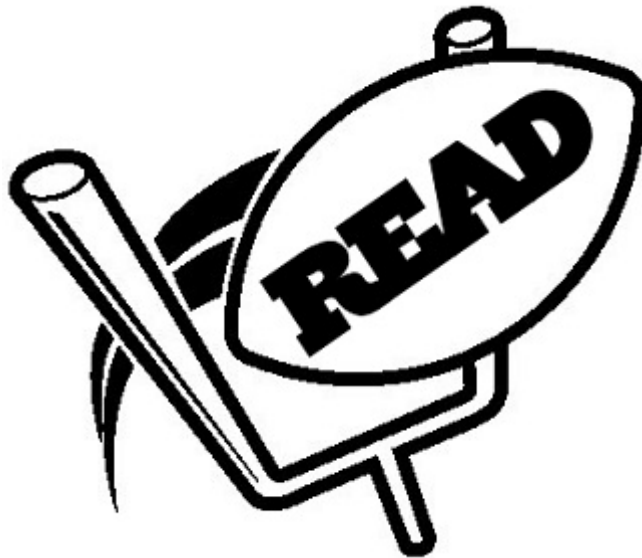




# This Fall Is Reading Kick-off Time

## New to the Trinity Library for Children

- *Dad's First Day* by Mike Wohnoutka. Oliver and Dad have spent a fun summer together, but when it comes time for the first day of school, Dad discovers that he is not ready and does everything he can to postpone the big day. (++) FIC WOH)
- *Dad School* by Rebecca Van Slyke. A child imagines what lessons are taught at Dad School, from learning how to give piggybacks to singing along to the radio. (++) FIC VAN)
- *Curious George Goes to a Bookstore* by Julie M. Bartynski. George is a curious little monkey who loves books. He's excited to meet his favorite author at the grand opening of a local bookstore. Hit with an extra-long line of people and so many things to see throughout the store, will George ever get to meet her? (FIC ++ BAR)
- *Four Feet, Two Sandals* by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed. Two Young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers. (+ FIC WIL)
- *Duck for President* by Doreen Cronin. When Duck gets tired of working for Farmer Brown, his political ambition eventually leads to his being elected president. (+ FIC CRO)
- *Thidwick The Big-Hearted Moose* by Dr. Seuss. When Thidwick allows a motley collection of creatures to set up home in his antlers, the kindly moose soon finds that his guests have gone too far! (+ FIC SEU)
- *Stay Close to Mamma* by Toni Buzzeo. A curious baby giraffe keeps wandering away from his mother to explore the interesting sights and smells that surround them. (++) FIC BUZ)
- *Cricket Song* by Anne Hunter. As crickets sing in the breeze, hunting owls watch over the bay, and sea otters doze on the tide, two children on different continents go to bed. (++) FIC HUN)



## Biography

- *The Stone Thrower* by Jael Ealey Richardson. In high school, Chuck's football coach and teammates believed he could be a great quarterback, but other teams and their fans shouted at him and taunted him because he was black. This inspirational story of legendary African American football player Chuck Ealey is told by his daughter. (+ B RIC)

*Look for these new books and others on the A frame display in the Trinity Library. New and newer books are tagged with a small sticker on the front cover.*

## Page Turners Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club meets on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss **Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War** by Karen Abbott

This book tell the spellbinding true story of four women who risked everything to become spies during the Civil War. Karen Abbott illuminates one of the most fascinating yet little known aspects of the Civil War: the stories of four courageous women—a socialite, a farm girl, an abolitionist, and a widow—who were spies.

If you haven't attended the book club in the past, or if you haven't attended for awhile, please join us. There are no special expectations to participate. Feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. Please RSVP online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org).



# Share the Good News!

## Trinity Evangelism Task Force Report

Last fall, the CAT (Congregational Assessment Tool) revealed that one of Trinity's top three priorities as a congregation is to: develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church. In response, this spring, six Trinity members—Heather Day, Paul Karker, Dana Schroeder, Sarah Stokes, Jonathan Thompson, and Dean Van Amber—along with Pastor Sarah formed a task force to address this priority.



The good news is (literally) that Trinity members are doing well at sharing the good news! Below are a few of Trinity's best practices which the task force affirmed:

- Invitation: Trinity members invite their friends to come check out Trinity!
- The Discover Trinity Process: From the welcome in worship through the event itself, the task force affirmed this is a well-run process and communication is strong.
- Trinity's Website: The Trinity website is comprehensive and easy to navigate.
- Social Media Presence: Trinity has an active Facebook page and is working to expand its presence on Instagram and Youtube.

A sampling of ideas and recommendations from the task force, which you may begin to see across 2016–2018:

- Lobbyists: A team of members with the gift of being welcoming would act as "unofficial greeters" each Sunday, trained and commissioned to "walk across the room" to those who may be new, engage in conversation, and extend personal, informal hospitality.
- Encourage Invitation: At strategic points in the year, encourage Trinity members to invite their friends to be part of the community of faith.
- Expand Welcome Center Presence: Provide either a staff person at current welcome center OR put someone directly in the main doors under a banner "Are you new?" in order to provide a direct person to answer questions.
- Trinity Gear: Encourage members to wear t-shirts and other Trinity gear and then post photos of themselves in it when they are serving out in the community.
- Video Promotion: Have regular, brief, and engaging videos that highlight Trinity alive and at work.

If you have any questions about the work of this task force or would like to get involved in the realm of invitation and hospitality at Trinity, please contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org)

## Received July Memorials & Gifts

### Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Connie Johnson: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Carol Richards: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Diane Nelson
- In memory of Bill Schorr: Leatrice Solberg
- In memory of Stephen Vorhes: Jeanne Cooper

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Bev Jungerberg: Ann Ayres
- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Stan & Yvonne Hillestad, Mike & Dori Ritland, Bill & Diane Burdt
- In memory of Patsy Halgrimson: Anonymous
- In honor of the Pastor Jim Page Family: Mike & Dori Ritland
- In memory of Stephen Vorhes: Ted & Ardis Nystuen

### Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Susan Grozier: Jim & Sherry Jones

### Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Stephen Vorhes: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Ann Ayres, James & Anne Walker, Orv & Shirley Anderson, Roderick & Grace Bahr, Mary Friederich, Pat Hanson, Steve & Anne Josephson, Carol Nelson, Steven & Ann Nelson, Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf, Jack & Lois Olson, Richard & Roxanne Rollefson, Rose Sippel, Leatrice Solberg, Lamonie & Jeanann Stone, Anna Trullinger, Ruth Burgau
- In memory of Carolyn Haldeman: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Bill Schorr: Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf



### Library Fund

- In memory of Bill Schorr: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Stephen Vorhes: Jeff & Kathy Doering, Miriam Circle, Sonny & Joann Knutson, Wendy & Pete Sanders, Jane Justesen, Bill Bingham, Barb Johnson, Orv & Lenora Wollum, Carol Olson, Lori Juneau

### St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Karen Pinter Tauschler: Dick Cable

### Endowment Trust Fund—Pastor Kurt Jacobson Fund

- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Jeff & Jane Cote, Pam Burrows, Phyllis Burrows, Char Finseth, Steven & Louise Berg, Patricia Prissel, Ann Ayres, Barbara Vorhes, Gary & Mary Rambo, Gordon & Sandy Holzhuetter, Kurt & Kristine Lauer, Robert & Jane Morgan, Sue Hesketh, Howard & Sharry Hebert, Barbara Lee, Ned & Jill Lenhart, Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf, Michael & Michelle Richards, Paul & Sarah Pedersen, Larry & Rachel Studt, Dennis & Peggy Larson, James & Mary Karker, Rose Sippel, Patricia Hanson, Robert & Judith Pielhop, Rick & Rebekah Krumrie, Kirsten Alvarez & Dean Van Amber, Jeff & Kathy Doering, Phyllis Grohn, Barbara Tischer, Carla Brandrup

### Friendship Group Fund

- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Linda McClelland

### Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In honor of Dan Helgeson: Pamela Berg

### Trinity Choir Fund

- In memory of Bill Schorr: Barbara Tischer, Ann Ayres, Gary & Mary Rambo,
- In memory of Stephen Vorhes: Barbara Tischer, Warren & Mavis Hermodson, Barbara Vorhes, Sandra Jacobson, Gary & Mary Rambo

### Memorial Fund

- In memory Stephen Vorhes: Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Alyce Bertelson, Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Elaine Lonning: Carla Brandrup

### Family Bathroom Fund

- In honor of Pastor Kurt Jacobson: Jim & Joyce Davis

# Reformation 500!

Augsburg Fortress is excited to announce their first mobile app, featuring Luther's Small Catechism. It is perfect for youth education and confirmation classes, individuals, adults, congregations, church leaders—anyone who wants easy access to Martin Luther's guide to the basics of Christian faith.

"What does this mean?" Luther's Small Catechism and Spanish El Catecismo Menor de Lutero are both included in a free mobile app available from the Apple IOS App Store and on Google Play. Content from the Study Edition is also available as an in-app purchase. Search "Catechism" in the Apple or Google app stores.



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Jacqueline & Patrick Bencke, Japan

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