

Trinity

Lutheran Church

Join Us for Easter



Here is our schedule for Easter Worship Celebrations. *(Please note adjusted times.)*

- 6:30 A.M. Youth led worship at in the Chapel. They will lead music, prayers, sharing the Word, and Holy Communion.
 - 8:00 A.M. Festival Traditional Worship in the Worship Center with music by Trinity Choir, Tollers, and Brass Ensemble
 - 9:30 A.M. Festival Contemporary Worship in the Worship Center with music by Brass Ensemble and Harmony in Spirit
 - 10:45 A.M. Festival Worship in the Worship Center with music by all three of our Children's Choirs.
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Final Affairs Seminar

Final Affairs, a daylong program, will be held on Thursday, April 14, from 8:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M. at Trinity. Speakers will address topics such as funeral planning, options for veterans, hospice and palliative care, legal matters, financial issues, and many other factors to consider in advance care planning.

Participants will receive a Final Affairs Guide (for arranging their personal/legal affairs) and complimentary lunch. Please contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County by Monday, April 4, to register. You can call 715.839.4735 or 1.888.338.4636 or TTY: Use Relay (711)

Jesus Knows and You Can, Too

Take advantage of connecting with a God who knows the tough experiences of life before you join in celebrating the new life on Easter Sunday. Find comfort in growing with a God who is present in betrayal, despair, hopelessness, and dying. To grow your faith this spring, come and worship.

- ◆ Palm Sunday, April 17 at 8:15 A.M., 9:45 A.M., and 10:30 A.M.
- ◆ Wednesday, April 20, at 6:30 P.M. *Please note there is no 12:15 P.M. worship on this Wednesday.*
- ◆ Maundy Thursday at 12:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. “The Last Supper of Jesus”
- ◆ Good Friday 12:15 P.M. The dying of Jesus noted in song and narration by Living Water Lutheran Church Choir presenting “Were You There.”
- ◆ Good Friday 6:30 P.M. Worship tonight offers a reflective, quieter spirit. Pastor Kurt shares the message: “The Hardest Questions begin with Why?”

Endowment Trust Grant

Applications due May 1.

See page 5 for more information.

Easter Breakfast

Come join us on Easter Sunday for brunch for the whole family! Trinity Youth and families will serve from 7:00–9:30 A.M. for a free will donation. We look forward to serving you and sharing in the joy of Easter!

Summer Faith Fun for Children

Get ready to register your children and grandchildren for Day Camps and Vacation Bible School at Trinity this summer. Registration opens Sunday, April 3, at 8:00 A.M. in the Library. Read more about options awaiting children at trinity-ec.org

Developing Your Personal Mission Statement

Dear Friends:

There is a sense of renewal as spring makes its debut in our part of God's creation. In creation around us, we can watch the birds begin nesting and plants exploding with growth and greenery. The northern hemisphere seems to be on a mission toward life in April! But what about you and your mission in life? Are you on a mission toward life? What is your personal mission statement?

Our congregation's mission statement is: "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." It guides the decisions we make about what ministries we offer, how we engage to serve in the community and, how we steward the financial gifts shared with Trinity. A mission defines the present and directs us into the future to make Christ known to all people.

Author Stephen Covey suggests that mission statements "begin with the end in mind." It's less of a desired future goal and more of a description of how you presently live your life with those desired ends in mind. Consider the difference between your life goals and your lifestyle. The key question is personal, and everyone's answer is different: *"How do I want to live?"*

Here are simple steps toward forming your personal mission statement:

1. The first step is spiritual at heart. Time spent in prayer and searching the scriptures for guidance is foundational. The advice of a trusted friend or pastor can also be invaluable. What advice or wise guidance have you been given that has stuck with you?
2. Write thoughts that focus on the way of life and behaviors which are core to who you are. What ideals do these actions represent?
3. Re-write these thoughts into a concise, short form. This can become your personal mission statement.

Here are some examples:

- Keith's personal mission statement is: *"To help others discover the joy of generous living and giving in Christ."*
- Joanne's is: *"Live giving.' It's been pretty powerful for me because it definitely offers a clear choice when I ask myself, 'If I do this, will I be living a lifestyle of giving?' If the answer is no, I don't do it!"*
- Greg's is: *"I want to see the eyes of Christ in the eyes of all I meet; shows up; speak the truth, and let God handle the rest. Ultimately as a person and leader, I want to be present, be faithful, be brave, be loving."*
- Irene: *"My personal mission statement is 'Bloom where you are planted.' Many times I have wished that I could be far away as a missionary or working in the midst of the poor—something like Mother Teresa. However, I came to realize that mission is right here today and I can do the best I can with what God has given me now. So for right now, today, I will be in mission for God right here."*

I'm praying for God's presence and guidance as you consider your personal mission. The greatest mission we all share together is given by Jesus as he ascends into heaven: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Matthew 28:19-20

Peace be with you,

Pastor Kurt Jacobson



The 2011 Women's Summer Study group will once again do a Beth Moore study. This year the study is "To Live Is Christ, A Study of Apostle Paul's Life." This is an 11 week study using a video/workbook format beginning on Wednesday, June 15, from 9:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M. The cost of the workbook is \$16.50. You can sign up at Clipboard Central or call the church office.

The Apostle Paul was a remarkable man! His persistence and undying passion will no doubt convince you he truly encountered the risen Christ. Decades after Jesus interrupted Paul's plans, the apostle's account of the event remained consistent. Beth will have you deep in thought or rolling in laughter at her life stories which are so similar to ours. If you've been thinking about doing a study like this but are not sure if it's for you, please come and see what it's all about. For more information, contact Sue Nyberg at 715.379.5568.

Our Japan Connection

Your offerings to missions support our ELCA Missionaries Pat and Jackie Bencke in Japan. We have received updates from them since the earthquake and tsunami. Below is an excerpt from March 18. Thank you for making offerings to Missions of Trinity. You may utilize the Give page at trinity-ec.org to make contributions any time.

Hello all,

We continue to receive many emails inquiring about our status. In light of that, I thought I'd send out a quick note with the status of things here.

The word in Tokyo is that there is some radiation in the water and some food items. I just got back from a special shopping trip to buy food and supplies for the truck from our church that's going up north this weekend. We are so blessed and look forward to sharing the little we can with our brothers and sisters who are in dire need.

The most chilling phrase I've heard recently is that "there are not enough living to care for the dead." The numbers of dead and missing increase daily, with the most recent figure this morning at about 21,000 people. Entire are families, gone. Children who were in school whose parents were working on farms are now orphans. Parents who were working inland are bereaved of one or all of their kids. It is so very, very sad. Flags are at half mast.

From a logistical perspective of getting supplies to those in need, it is still extremely difficult, although two highways have now become passable for SDF (Self Defense Force) vehicles. The churches in the Sendai area are now shelters for those who have lost their homes. The preschool children who attend there have all been accounted for, but several teachers remain missing.

Water and gas are in short supply throughout the entire area. I ask you to continue to pray, my friends. Pray for the hand of God to reach out through each and every survivor to be the support for those who waiver in their hope.

*To make a donation through the ELCA, please visit the following site:
<https://community.elca.org/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=631>*

*In the meantime, thank you for your continued prayers and encouragement.
Peace,
Jackie Bencke*

**You can read more
about the Benckes
and the mission
in Japan at
www.trinity-ec.org**

India Comes to Trinity

Plan to meet Dr Jacob Pudaite from Trinity Bible College and Seminary, Sielmat, India on Sunday, May 1. Jacob was with the India Children's Choir when they came to Trinity three years ago. Pastor Kurt visited Jacob and Sielmat while on sabbatical in March 2009.

Jacob will preach on May 1 and share what God is up to in the mission of bringing Christianity to eastern India. It's a compelling story and one which will be edifying to you and our mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." Learn more about this mission in India at trinitycollegeandseminary.org

Mission Jamaica Thanks You!

The 16 members of the 2011 Mission Jamaica Team would like to thank everyone who helped support this international ministry of outreach. Your support led to Ms. Hesian Lawrence and her two boys having a home of their own after being homeless. Twenty five families living in poverty received needed food. Children at the basic school at Maranatha Church received school supplies, and we participated in a variety of painting activities!

We were blessed to have members from two other Lutheran congregations (Colfax, Augusta) be a part of this ministry as well. Those congregations also contributed a variety of supplies and financial gifts to this ministry which was a blessing!

There will be an adult education time in the near future which will allow team members to share reflections and how Trinity's mission statement of "Serving in Christ's love and Sharing the Good News" was made a reality!

Our Partners in Haiti

During the past year, your generosity made possible many tangible accomplishments through Haiti Partners in their commitment to respond to immediate needs that also reinforce a long-term commitment to help Haitians change Haiti through education.

In addition to the three new learning centers/schools constructed and operational, a Haiti Partners' Children's Academy designed to be a "model school" is underway.

HP is also providing Micro-Credit Loans to families in the Haiti Partners Education and Church Networks.

We hope to have a Haiti Partners leader come to Trinity later this year to share how our church might grow in partnership and mission with the people of Haiti. Learn more about relief in Haiti through Haiti Partners at www.HaitiPartners.org



Diaper Drive

Help stock Trinity's Food Pantry with diapers during the month of April. Many people coming to Trinity for food assistance have young children and need diapers. Please donate packages of diapers (any size) or make a monetary donation to help stock Trinity's pantry. Bring your diapers to the lobby (look for the sign in the entry way). Help us build a "Wall of Diapers" in our lobby that will be shared through Trinity's pantry and help children and parents in our community! Thank you!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Trinity has had a Prayer Shawl Ministry for nine years. Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has grown out of the desire to combine the healing power of prayer with the healing ministry of human touch. We envision each shawl extending that "hug" and bringing comfort and solace when we're not physically present.

Each year several knitters knit shawls of healing and caring for people in need of comfort or for parents celebrating the birth of a baby. Our shawls are knit from a soft and washable yarn. Thank you to the knitters who knit these gifts of prayer shawls. This ministry is not limited only to knitters! If you are willing, you can deliver shawls to people in need or simply donate to the Prayer Shawl Fund to assist in purchasing yarn.

My parents each wrapped up in a prayer shawl from Trinity every day during their illnesses. We are blessed to have this ministry!

— Ginny Lien

Friends of Flynn

Over the past few years, the financial need has grown among many students throughout Eau Claire. A substantial number of children receive free or reduced lunch and are unable to afford some of the basic items needed on a daily basis. Because of this need, Trinity has formed a new partnership with Flynn Elementary School in Eau Claire to support students and teachers. Areas of support include:

- The second Tuesday of each month, Trinity will provide a healthy snack to all students. Additional snacks have been made available to the teachers for children to be used when needed.
- Trinity assisted in organizing the Clothing Swap area at Flynn making it easier for parents and students to take advantage of used coats, boots, and other clothing items.
- Numerous pairs of athletic shoes were donated to the school for children to borrow so that they may participate in physical education classes.

This is just the beginning! Look for volunteer opportunities and ways to become involved in this new project as we seek to make a difference in the lives of these children.

Food Pantry Update!

Purchasing some food in bulk each week allows us to stretch our food pantry dollars. Buying in bulk, however, means re-packaging which is time-consuming for our staff. We are fortunate, however, to have a special group that gathers every Tuesday in Trinity's kitchen to package pasta, cookies, french fries, and other items. Several groups of youth have also assisted with this task. Their efforts have become an important part of our pantry. By stretching our dollars, we are able to provide better food to our guests each week. Thank you for your faithful service!

It takes many wonderful people to make a busy food pantry like ours run every week. If you would like to become involved, please sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Suzanne Becker at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org



It's the Annual BBQ Express Chicken Dinner!

April 17, 2011

From 10:30 A.M.–1:30 p.M.

1/2 charcoal chicken, baked beans, baked potato, roll & butter for \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased in the office or in the Lobby on Sunday mornings. The meal will be packaged for walk-up or drive thru in the back parking lot.

Grant Applications Wanted

The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund's mission is: *To serve God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations.*

This year the Endowment Trust Fund Board will award grants for the advancement of the Trust Fund's mission. Your applications are welcome by May 1 or November 1.

Grant applications are evaluated with consideration to the policies, funding objectives, and mission statement of the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund.

**Spring Application
Deadline is May1.**

Therefore, special emphasis is given to funding programs in the areas of:

1. Helping people grow in faith and service to God and neighbor.
2. Promoting the mission of the congregation and greater church.
3. Strengthening the ability of our congregation to respond more effectively to needs of people not funded through regular contributions and budgeted funds.
4. Helping develop new leaders for the church.

Eligibility for Grant Funds

1. Members of Trinity may apply on their own behalf or the behalf of qualified organizations or groups within the congregation.
2. Organizations may apply and must be classified as a charitable organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or another qualified 501(C)(3) organization must agree to serve as fiscal agent. A letter of agreement signed by both parties must accompany the proposal.

Deadlines: Applications must be submitted to Amber Moltzau by May 1 or November 1. Application forms are available in the office or on the GIVE page of www.trinity-ec.org

Trust God and Entrust Your Plans

You matter to God and God's timeless care for you is part of the mission of Trinity's Endowment Trust Fund: *To serve God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations.*

The Endowment Trust Fund exists so that your values and legacy of Christian faith will live on and further God's work for generations to come.

As you plan to give gifts for birthdays or anniversaries, remember the Trust Fund. When you're making the bigger plans for your estate, the Trust Fund is an excellent way to influence the future and the Church with God's love for generations to come!

There are several designations within the Trust Fund that welcome your gifts or planned giving in the future: **Missions throughout the World, Ministry with Children, Ministry of Worship and Music, Ministry with Youth, Ministry with Seniors, Future Church Leaders, God's House—our building, Unrestricted Fund.**

We invite you to explore the many creative ways you can give to the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. For more information, please contact Amber Moltzau at amber@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601

Senior Citizens Friendship Group

For those who made reservations for the Chanhassen trip, please note that we will leave at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday, April 13.

In May the group will meet on Wednesday, May 11, at 10:30 A.M. After a short meeting, they will travel to Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre to see the comedy "Escanaba in da Moonlight." The lunch will begin at 12:30 P.M. The cost of play and dinner is \$34.95. Deadline for your reservation is Monday, May 9. Send your check to Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmadge Road, Eau Claire WI 54701



- April 3: Come and learn about the **5 Wishes Document**, providing peace of mind to you and your family.
- April 10: In this Sunday's forum, Bob Bleskachek will be share his personal experiences about "**Living with Aphasia**," a neurological speech and comprehension disorder due to stroke, brain tumors, or brain trauma. Please join us in the Fireside Room following both services to learn more about this condition and hear Bob's inspiring story.
- April 14: **Final Affairs Seminar:** Free program, lunch included, with several speakers to guide you in arranging your personal and legal affairs.
- April 16: **National Healthcare Decisions Day!** Your decisions matter!

Dear Trinity Lutheran,
We give thank you for your recent donation!

You and other good folks like you are helping Haitians improve their lives, their communities and their country. During the month of February, here are some of the things you're making possible:

- 150 children and mentors are learning to use XO laptops and special software that help children develop their creative potential.
- 40 teachers and school administrators are receiving training from Project Joy, which equips them with methods, tools, and materials for making education fun and productive for children.
- 1,000 educators and grassroots organizers are organizing Open Space meetings on critical topics that engage community members in finding local solutions to community problems.
- A 25-minute film about a Haitian success story of creating income-generating activities to fund education (and companion booklet) is released by Haiti Partners to encourage and inspire other Haitian communities.

And in addition to these highlights, you're helping: 100 children to receive a quality education; 1,000 teachers and grassroots leaders to study and learn to teach the Haitian Constitution and the rights and responsibilities of citizens; thousands to be empowered through God's Word thanks to participatory Bible study materials and approaches; hundreds of families to improve their lives through micro-credit; and, literally thousands of families to learn how to prevent and treat cholera .

With your support, God's grace, and the faith and the determination of the people of Haiti, progress is being made!

Thank you again!

Haiti Partners

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Good News Jail and Prison Ministry. This year we are offering "Look Behind the Walls" tours in some of our jails where we have chaplaincy presence. I invite you to review the schedule of tours here in 2011 and consider attending one of these enlightening tours. The tour lasts for one hour.

If you are interested in attending one of these tours, please call me at 715.839.6296 or email me at tom.herro@goodnewsjail.org.

Blessings to you in your future ministry!

Chaplain Tom Herro

"Look Behind the Walls" Schedule:

- Monday, May 23, at 1:00 P.M. at Chippewa County Jail
- Thursday, June 23, at 7:00 P.M. at Eau Claire County Jail
- Thursday, July 14, at 6:05 P.M. at Juvenile Detention Center
- Thursday, August 18, at 7:00 P.M. at Eau Claire County Jail
- Monday, October 10, at 1:00 P.M. at Chippewa County Jail



Making Your Offering with Ease

Your offerings to Trinity may be automatically transferred from your bank account or applied to a credit card by visiting Trinity's website. This free service insures that your charitable intentions are regularly fulfilled. It also provides your church with a great blessing. Visit www.trinity-ec.org Giving page to set up your transfer. For assistance or to have this option set up for you, please contact Amber at amber@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

We Served Thousands in March

Trinity's facility is a major tool in our mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." During one five-day period in March (not including a Sunday), we welcomed over 3,000 people into our facility for community events. The Feed My People Food Bank fundraiser "Empty Bowls" alone brought in 1,500 people. This is one example of how our facility reaches out to serve well beyond ourselves!

To make this possible, we invested greatly in building in the past 13 years. In 1998 the Trinity Room opened and in 2005 the new lobby and Worship Center opened. Thus Trinity carries a debt and makes a \$12,250 monthly mortgage payment.

Your contributions to "Mortgage Payment" make this monthly payment. Thank you for giving to "Regular Ministries" and "Mortgage Payment" each month via the blue offering envelopes, via free electronic fund transfer, or online at www.trinity-ec.org "Giving" page.

Positioned for Sharing Good News

Thank you for your regular offerings which empower a great mission and provide rich opportunities for people to learn of God’s love in Christ and how to live faith in daily life. Your weekly offerings, stock gifts, or automatic transfers from your bank help keep your church healthy and alive!

These numbers show good news, and behind them is the Spirit of God working in you and many people. Please continue to share your faith through financial contributions, for in doing so you impact the world with God’s mercy and grace. Thank you.

	2011	2010
March Offerings	\$74,783	\$75,605
January—March Offerings	\$225,229	\$234,585
January—March expenses	\$241,456	\$239,404
Variation	-\$ 16,227	-\$4,819



ADULT FICTION

- *The Redemption Series* by Karen Kingsbury and Gary Smalley. This series is about the Baxter family and is set mostly in Bloomington, Indiana. Titles include *Remember, Return, Rejoice, and Reunion*. (FIC KIN)
- *Take Four* by Karen Kingsbury. This title is the fourth in the Above the Line Series. (FIC KIN)

ADULT NONFICTION

- *Spiritual Landscape* by James L. Resseguie. The author draws from recent studies in narrative criticism and the New Testament to bring our attention to the spiritual significance of the physical landscapes, social relationships, and local economy in Luke’s Gospel. (226.4 RES)

CHILDREN’S FICTION

- *Talk Peace* by Sam Williams. The author wrote *Talk Peace* because he had been saddened by events in the news. The book took shape on a train where the rhythm and sounds of the journey allowed his words to pour out like a song or anthem. (FIC WIL)
- *City Dog, Country Frog* by Mo Willems. This is a lovely story book of a heartfelt meditation on time and the lasting impact of friendship. (FIC WIL)
- *The Berenstain Bears Show God’s Love* by Jan & Mike Berenstain. This five-book collection of the highly popular Living Lights Berenstain Bears contain stories of biblical values, morals, and life lessons—invaluable for children throughout all stages of life. (FIC BER)

CHILDREN’S NONFICTION

- *The Lord’s Prayer* by Richard Jesse Watson. Check out this beautifully illustrated version of the Lord’s Prayer—a must to share with your young children. (226.9 WAT)

HAITI BOOKS IN LIBRARY • Check out two books by Haiti Partners leader and author Kent Annan in the Trinity Library: *Following Jesus Through the Eye of the Needle* and *After Shock*.

Received February Memorials & Gifts

Trinity Choir

† In memory of Donald Maug: Arlene Martinson, Swav & Monica Krysztopas

Food Pantry

† In memory of Rhonda Blomquist: David & Jeanette Suchla

† In memory of Elvina Voldsness: David & Jeanette Suchla

Memorials

† In memory of Donald Maug: Gilbert & Carla Brandrup, Rickey & Rebekah Krumrie, Charlotte Finseth, George & Jill Bleskachek, Lamoine & Jean Ann Stone

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, April 21, 9:30 A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Helen Mateski
Leader: Group

Dorcas

Wednesday, April 20, 1:00 P.M.
Hostess: Joanne Johnson
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfjeld
Leader: Kathy Gjesfjeld

Miriam

Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Barb Tischer
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, April 19, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Char Finseth, 1825 Conifer Ct.
Leader: Marie Sherman

Sarah

Wednesday, April 20, 9:30 A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Audrey Brumberg
Leader: Barb Vorhes

Health Ministries

Putting Together a Plan of Care

"It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark." Howard Ruff

Perhaps one of the most difficult conversations you'll have is talking about end of life preparations. For many of us, this conversation is as hard as the one about having to move a loved one to a full-time care facility.

But because, a senior's health, or anyone's health for that matter, can fail suddenly and unexpectedly, it is vitally important that legal, medical, and other formal arrangements be made while one still has the capacity to make these decisions.

So what are some of the documents you should make sure you, your parent, or the person you care for has? Here's a starting point:

- An Advance Directive which is a legal document that spells out your wishes regarding future medical care and treatment. Through this, a person is appointed to make medical decisions in the event that you can not do so for yourself.
- A Living Will to document your wishes about whether or not you want medical treatment to prolong life if death is inevitable anyway.
- A Durable Health Care Power of Attorney, ranging across all levels of healthcare, to appoint someone to make medical decisions on your behalf should you become incompetent.
- A Power of Attorney that appoints someone to make decisions about investments, paying bills, real estate, and other legal/asset matters.
- A Will and an Executor who agrees to fill that role.
- Copies of current medical insurance cards and other insurance documents should you need emergency medical treatment.
- Recent bank statements and other financial documents regarding investments in a safe and accessible place.

Making sure all of these documents are prepared will get the ball rolling for planning for future care. Keep in mind that seniors may be resistant to such discussions, particularly about finances, so it may be necessary to involve an independent third party such as an eldercare attorney in the process who can explain things along. Discussions of these topics also highlight the senior's own mortality, so be sure to handle them sensitively.

Lastly, all of these important documents should be kept in a safe place and with easy access for the family members responsible for the senior's care in case they are needed quickly in an emergency.

Having a good plan in place may avert a potential crisis during a highly stressful and emotional time, so it is better to be prepared than caught off guard.

Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse

www.caregiverstress.com



NOAH'S ARK NEWS!

Noah's Ark is "springing ahead" with lots of great planting in our classroom. We thank Kris Gausman for the delivery of the *Enchanting Gnome* book and kit last spring. We are raising carrots, radishes, lettuce, sweet peas, and MORE!! Mrs. Lien is our resident gardener and has taught us how to prepare the soil, water properly, give lots of sunlight, build a trellis, and keep watch. God is teaching us patience.

Be looking for Coffee Biscotti displays in April announcing our annual sale. All our coffees will be Fair Trade with and regular and decaf. We'll also be selling five yummy flavors of biscotti. Look for our cart to appear in the Lobby in early April. Coffees and biscottis will arrive in time for Mother's Day.

Thank you for a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Approximately 350 family, friends, and Trinity members were served on March 8. We especially want to thank our sponsors: Cottagewood Group, Stucky Chiropractic, Boxx Sanitation, The Coffee Grounds, Indianhead Foods, and several individual donors. We also thank our great Co-Chairs: Shelly Seeman, Raeann Nargiz, and Trisha Pichla, along with the rest of the Preschool Committee: Anne Lindahl, Stephanie Erickson, Kaying Xiong, Michelle Page, Ali Rouse, Lori Borg, Jenny Larson, Jessica Loasching, and Lisa McIntyre. In addition, we thank the wonderful Youth of Trinity who volunteer their time to make our event special for the beautiful children who attend! Hugs to you all!

Love, Jeanne

This month, more on making a plan of care!!

- April 3: Learn about the 5 Wishes Document, providing peace of mind to you and your family. Join Pastor Kurt in the Fireside Room following each service.
- April 14: Final Affairs Seminar: Free full day program, lunch included, with several speakers to guide you in arranging your personal and legal affairs. Register with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center by, April 4, 715.839.4735.
- April 16: National Healthcare Decisions Day! Your decisions matter!

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Registration is Sunday, April 3, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in Trinity's Lobby/Library area. Detailed information about our summer Day Camps is available also online at www.trinity-ec.org. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

- Camp Discovery: June 13–17
- Trinity Sports Camp: June 20–22
- Camp Come & Play: June 27–30
- Camp Cooking & Booking: June 27–July 1
- Camp Veggie Tales: July 11–15
- Camp Tell The Good News: July 11–14



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

“SPLASH IN GOD’S WORD”

When things get too hot this summer, we are going to cool off in God's Word. Get wet with Noah, Jonah, and Jesus and learn how water refreshes, guides, and gives us new life!

VBS is scheduled for July 25–29 from 8:45 A.M.–12 noon. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who were three by 9.1.10 through those who have completed grade six. The Kick Off Event is Sunday, July 24, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration begins on Sunday, April 3, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in Trinity's Lobby/Library area and remains open throughout the VBS week.

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 beginning through Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or at the Youth Tool Bench.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for middle school students (completing grades 6, 7 & 8) to work as volunteers during our sessions in June and July. Information and application forms are available through Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or at the Youth Tool Bench.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During April, students will be making Christ the King posters to carry in the Palm Sunday procession at the 9:45 A.M. service on Sunday, April 17. Both sessions of classes will be asked to participate in the procession and sit as a group with their teachers during the service. An information note will be sent home on Sunday, April 10.

CAMP T.G.I.F.

Our final Wednesday session of Camp T.G.I.F. for this school year is on April 27. We will have a picnic followed by games for T.G.I.F. kids, TJC choir, the Children's Choir, and GLS. There will be a commissioning service for the sixth grade students during the 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Worship service in the Worship Center. Parents of sixth graders are encouraged to attend the service.

SPARK FAMILY

Pick up this new publication for families in the church lobby. Every issue of Spark Family includes Bible stories highlighting biblical characters and places. Each story includes ideas, picture, questions, and more for every member in your family.

LUTHER PARK

BIBLE CAMP

It's not too late to sign up your children for Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI. Pick up a brochure at the Youth Tool Bench or the information rack in the lobby, or go online at www.lutherpark.org to learn more. We offer 25% of the registration fee as a partial grant. Contact Mary Schoenknecht for more information at marys@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601

Sunday, April 3

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, April 6

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 10

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, April 13

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 Youth Council in the Youth Room at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:00 P.M.
- Prayer Friend Event in the Trinity Room at 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 17

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, April 20

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Easter Sunday, April 24

- No Teen Study

Wednesday, April 27

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 End of the Year Bowling Party at Wagners’s from 7:15–8:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 1

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.
- Club 78 End of the Year Party at Action City from 5:00–7:30 P.M.



Service

Highway Clean Up

Club 78 and High School students are invited to join John Rush on Saturday, April 23, for the spring Highway Clean Up service event. Volunteers will meet at Trinity at 9:00 A.M. for a short informational video, and then proceed to Little Red School. Trinity has a designated two-mile stretch of the highway to keep clean. A sign up sheet is posted at the Tool Bench. Adults are also needed for this event.

Load-A-Truck

Load-A-Truck is a two-step service event. First, we will hand out grocery bags and envelopes after each worship service on Easter Sunday, April 24. Second, we will collect the filled grocery bags and envelopes the following Sunday, May 1. Donated food and money will be loaded onto a truck and delivered to Feed My People Food Bank. Sign up for a shift at the Tool Bench.

Fellowship

Prayer Friend Event

Meet your Prayer Friend on Wednesday, April 13, at 8:00 P.M. We will meet in the Trinity Room after the large group lesson. Club 78 students and Prayer Friends meet for the first time. Come and see who has been praying for you!

Club 78 Movie Night

Club 78 students are invited to gather in the Youth Room for pizza, popcorn, soda, and a movie. Grab a friend and meet on Friday, April 15, from 6:00–8:00 P.M. at Trinity for a fun filled night of fellowship. Sign up at the Tool Bench.

Teen Study

Sunday, May 1, is the last day of Teen Study. That means there are only four Teen Studies left this school year. Check your record sheets or Faith Plans to see if you should be there.

Fund-Raising

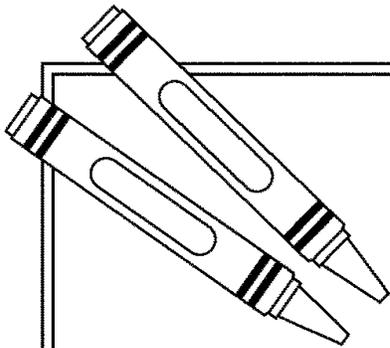
All fundraisers are opportunities for both youth and parents to raise funds to put toward mission trips, camps, and fellowship events sponsored by Trinity. As we approach spring, many fundraising opportunities are available. Check out the Tool Bench and look for more information about Donuts, Lenten Lunches, Easter Breakfast, and BBQ Express.

BBQ Express Fundraiser

All youth should have received their tickets and information in the mail this past week. High School students interested in fundraising may pick up tickets from the Youth Ministry Office. The BBQ Express tent will be on Sunday, April 17. Sign up at the Tool Bench to volunteer at the BBQ Express tent. This fundraiser is an awesome way to boost those trip accounts!

Easter Breakfast

Come on Saturday, April 23, from 9:00–10:30 A.M. to help decorate and prepare food or on Sunday, April 24, from 7:00–8:30 A.M. or 8:30–10:00 A.M. to help serve breakfast. This is a great fundraiser for all youth, and we need your help!



Just for KIDS

There are many special things that we think of in the spring. In the spaces, write a word to fit each definition. The arrows show that the letters are the same. Unscramble the letters in the circles to find a very important part of spring.

1. a caterpillar becomes one

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2. a baby bird is born in an

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3. they grow from seeds

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4. the beginning of morning

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5. a small furry animal with long ears

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6. Jesus died on this

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- Deadline for May Newsletter is April 19.