



# Trinity

## Lutheran Church

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## Come and Worship More Options

Start each week right by worshipping God at Trinity. Beginning this month there are four options for worship. Come and worship God at Trinity for the news is GOOD and will brighten your life and guide your living.

### Sundays

- 8:15 A.M. Worship God in a more traditional style with the beloved hymns, liturgy, and leadership of the pipe organ. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays of the month.
- 9:45 A.M. Worship God in a more relaxed style with music by current composers led by Harmony In Spirit. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays of the month.
- 10:30 A.M. (Beginning September 11) Worship God in the Chapel This service is designed to be simple and for parents who choose to have their kids in Sunday School at the same time—or for anyone who desires a later time. Join in the Lord's Supper each Sunday.



### Wednesdays

6:30 P.M. (Beginning September 7)  
Worship God on Wednesday

evenings when Sundays just don't work for you. The message will be the same from the previous Sunday. On September 7, former Trinity Youth Director Josh Corbett will share the message. The CrossWord youth band offers music leadership and many youth serve as ushers, communion servers. Join in the Lord's Supper the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

## Rally Sunday!

Sunday School begins with Session 1 (8:55–9:30 A.M.) and Session 2 (10:30–11:05 A.M.). Children will be able to attend their first session of Sunday school classes beginning September 11. Members of the Children's Ministries team will be on hand in the lobby to assist with new registrations and room assignments.

Children in the three year old classes (Preschool 1) and third grade students will receive their new Spark Bibles during the 9:45 A.M. worship service. For more information contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601.

Ice Cream Sundaes will be served in the Trinity Room from 8:55–9:30 A.M. and 10:30–11:05 A.M. Everyone is welcome.

## Share Yourself and Shape a Life

Adults there are many ways you can shape the life of a kid or teen this fall. Over 75 adult "Prayer Friends" are needed to pray daily for a middle school teen. Mentors for 9th graders and guides for Club 78 Wednesday small groups are great ways to shape young lives. Learn more at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) and sign-up by contacting Lisa Goetz, Youth Ministry Assistant, [lisa@trinity-ec.org](mailto:lisa@trinity-ec.org)

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Trinity is part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with a mission to "Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News."

# Who Will Join Me?

ELCA National Youth Gathering: July, 2012

The 2012 Youth Gathering is open to all youth entering 8th grade through 12th grade this year. Trinity is making plans to charter a coach bus and travel with youth from St. John's Lutheran Church. This means we will be able to bring a group of around 50 youth!

In a real sense, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for a young person. Imagine gathering with almost 40,000 other ELCA youth from around the country to learn and practice faith together. Imagine hearing inspiring speakers and bands. Imagine participating in incredible service projects. Imagine shared moments that will impact the rest of life. Imagine creating and strengthening friendships along the way.

Over 37,000 ELCA young people showed up in New Orleans for the 2009 National Youth Gathering. They offered themselves in the work of rebuilding the city. They also made a human connection. They learned about hospitality and how people overcame anxiety with an unwavering faith. They began a journey that will continue with us: 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering participants!

I ask that as parents, grandparents, friends, and mentors, you will take every opportunity to encourage the young people in your lives to be part of this adventure. Promise your support to them and, if you are able, offer a financial gift to aid in their fundraising efforts.

Not only will New Orleans benefit from the presence of ELCA youth, participants will draw closer to God by engaging in intentional faith practices; they will be trained to bear witness to Jesus' daily activity for the sake of the world; and they will engage their vocational call to serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

We will depart on Sunday, July 15 for a fun trip down with a few excursions along the way. We will return home on Monday, July 23. We will have fun. We will likely get tired. We will serve. We will learn. We will grow.

Who will join me?

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Heather



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering  
citizens with the saints  
Ephesians 2:14-20

## Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

There are many ways you can help! Please check out the opportunities listed below.

- **7th Grade Group Guides** • Group Guides are responsible for leading a small group of 8–10 students. We meet during the school year on Wednesday evenings, following worship, from 7:15–8:30 P.M. A sign up form is located at Clipboard Central. Please contact Anne Josephson at 715.832.6601 with any questions.
- **Pray for our Youth** • The Youth Leadership Team invites adults to be Prayer Friends with our 7th and 8th grade confirmation students. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed in a celebration at the end of the school year. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. Sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or youthministry@trinity-ec.org with any questions.
- **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 and then participating in a follow up discussion with their student. Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Lisa or Cassie at youthministry@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 with any questions.

## Join Us: New Member Gathering

Trinity's mission is open to all and we invite everyone to be a member of our faith community. The process is called "Discover Trinity" and includes a one evening event and a Sunday morning. If you're looking for a new church home, please join us on Tuesday, October 25, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. Learn more or make a reservation by calling the office at 715.832.6601 or visit [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org)

## ADULT LEARNING

### Sunday Morning Series

Trinity is fortunate to partner with various organizations who work to improve the lives of those in need. Beginning in September we are offering numerous educational opportunities focusing on the homeless, the hungry, and those at risk in our community. The speakers will offer their presentations after the 8:15 and 9:45 A.M. worship services. All are welcome to attend!

- Sunday, September 18: Rich White, Board member for the Beacon House
- Sunday, September 25: Bruce Weegman representing the Sojourner House
- Sunday, October 2: Gerry Wilke, Executive Director of the Bolton Refuge House
- Sunday, October 9: Rachel Keniston, Director of the Community Table
- Sunday, October 16: Emily Moore, Director of Feed My People

### Couple's Ministry

Last spring, 16 couples embarked on a journey of faith marked with insightful conversation, laughter, and new friendships. In addition, a leadership team developed in this shared mission to offer a ministry for couples to connect with other couples in our congregation. This connection focuses on nurturing faith, enriching marriage, and having fun!

The leadership team is offering a similar couple's ministry for the Fall with these details: **When:** Sunday evenings, 6:00 P.M.–7:45 P.M., October 2–November 6 • **Where:** Chapel of Trinity Lutheran • **Resources used:** "Staying in Love" DVD; four presentations led by Pastor Andy Stanley • **Cost:** \$10 (materials used) • **Childcare:** Provided • **Registration:** Begins August 28 on our website [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) under the "Grow-Faith Development" link.

For more information, contact Pastor Jim at 715.832.6601 or [jim@trinity-ec.org](mailto:jim@trinity-ec.org).

### Spiritual Parenting

How does God guide parents and families? In her book "*Spiritual Parenting: An Awakening for Today's Families*," Michelle Anthony calls parents to depend upon God for our children's spiritual and moral development. It's hard enough to train kids to behave, but good behavior isn't what Jesus calls for in the Bible. Parents are invited to join Pastor Jim for a six week series on Spiritual Parenting.

**When:** Sunday evenings, 6:00 P.M.–7:45 P.M., October 2–November 6 • **Where:** Fireside Room of Trinity • **Cost:** \$10 (participants guide) • **Childcare:** Provided • **Registration:** Begins August 28 on our website [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) under the "Grow-Faith Development" link.

### Grow as a Lutheran

The NW Synod of WI offers a school of ministry which provide in-depth learning of Lutheran theology and biblical understanding. This two-year course of study (meets each month Fri eve/Sat morning) starts next month in Chippewa Falls. To register or get more information please call 715.833.1153 or [www.layschoolofministry.org](http://www.layschoolofministry.org)



### Start A Home Study Group

Trinity has great resources for you when you want to start your own small group to grow in faith and explore with friends topics applicable to Christian faith and life. Materials available in Trinity's office include such engaging topics as: "Women/Men's/Family Issues," "Parenting Adolescents," "Newly Married Couples," "Blended Families," and "Mid-Life: The Crisis that Brings Renewal." The resources designed for 7–14 sessions. To check out any of these materials, please visit the church office weekdays or email [kurt@trinity-ec.org](mailto:kurt@trinity-ec.org)

### Circle Listings

#### DEBORAH

Thursday, September 15, 9:30 A.M.  
Trinity  
Hostess: Carol Bartingale  
Leader: Joyce Davis

#### DORCAS

Wednesday, September 21, 1:00 P.M.  
Hostess: Pat Hanson, 1325 Webster  
Leader: Ardy Nystuen

#### MARTHA/MARY

Tuesday, September 20, 7:00 P.M.  
Trinity  
Hostess/Leader: Kathy Gjesfjeld

#### MIRIAM

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 A.M.  
Trinity  
Hostess: Avis Drung  
Leader: Group

#### RUTH

Wednesday, September 20, 1:30 P.M.  
Hostess: Shirley Freeberg, 304 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Leader: Pat Cliff

#### SARAH

Wednesday, September 21, 9:30 A.M.,  
Trinity  
Hostess: Marilyn Bollinger  
Leader: Barb Vorhes

# Next Month

October is Domestic Abuse Awareness month. Please join us October 2 at the adult forum following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services in the Fireside Room as we welcome Gerry Wilke, executive director of the Bolton Refuge House. Gerry will share details of the newly located Bolton Refuge house, how this facility assists women and children who are victims of domestic abuse, and how we can become more aware and supportive of domestic abuse issues in our community.



## Parish Nurse Resources Available

The parish nurse has a new resource guide entitled, "Getting to Know You; Assessment Tools for Adults, Children, and Family." These assessment lists are created to help clients and their families understand existing or potential issues of unhealthy or unsafe situations for adults and children. Some examples are 1) Activities of Daily Living; How safe or able is a person in their own home? 2) Memory or Stress? Is behavior, memory or sociability indicating a medical concern, or a more serious dementia issue? 3) Sadness or Depression? 4) Tips for the Dr. Visit and 5) Knowing your Medications and more. For child issues the assessments include 1) Childproof your home, 2) Childcare Checklist, 3) When can my child stay home alone? 4) Spiritual Assessment for all ages, 5) Immunizations and 6) Family Health History. If interested, contact Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse at 715.832.6601.

## Chippewa Valley Learning in Retirement

Members of Trinity are invited to attend the following sessions. For more information, please contact the office at 715.832.6601.

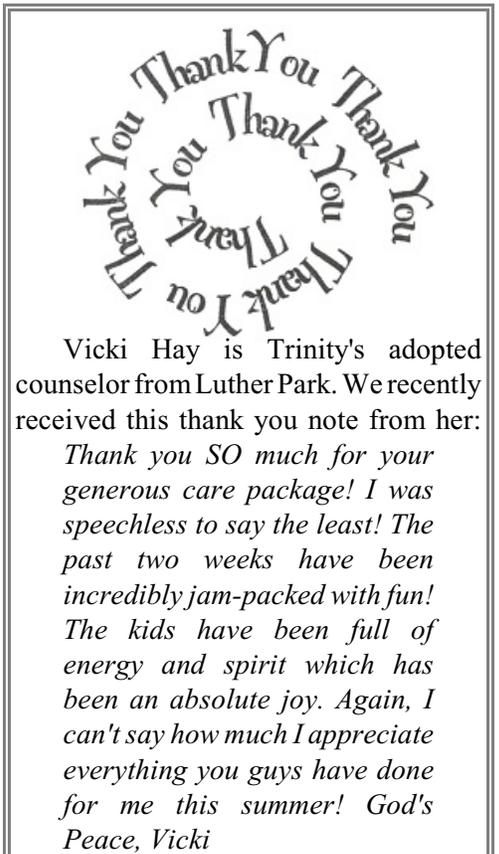
- The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down • Houa Vue Moua will discuss her experiences as a Hmong immigrant from Laos. She will share cultural observations and insights about her work as a translator and health aide through the Eau Claire County Health Department. It is recommended that participants read *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down* by Anne Fadiman (1997) for the book discussion in which Ms. Moua will participate. This class will be presented on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M. at Trinity.
- Script Writing for Today's Silver Screen • What's different in today's world of film? What's the problem? What's unique about contemporary screenplay writing? Can you get there from here? Dr. Wil Denson, UWEC Professor Emeritus of Theater Arts will address these questions from his perspective as an award-winning playwright who has ventured into the world of creating screenplays. This class will be presented on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 10:30 A.M. –12:00 P.M. at Trinity.

## Local Resources

The Aging & Disability Resource Center is sponsoring several events coming up in September:

- Stepping On: Building Confidence and Reducing Falls: Tuesdays, September 13–October 25 from 1:00–3:00 P.M. at the American Red Cross, 3728 Spooner Ave, Altoona.
- GAP; Grandparents and Others as Parents: A six week no cost seminar series to provide resources and strategies you need during this chapter in your life. Tuesdays, September 20–October 25 from 5:30–7:30 P.M. Childcare provided
- Memory Care Connections: Guiding You and Your Family through Alzheimer's and Related Dementias. Support offered for spousal caregivers at no cost to you.

For more information on these events and services, contact the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County at 715.839.4735.



## Bible Gifts to Children

Trinity is committed to assisting parents develop faith in their children. As part of that commitment we gift three year olds, third, and seventh grade students with age-appropriate Bibles. This gift is made possible through the contributions of parents and friends and is not a budgeted expense. If you believe it's important to give children and youth Bibles, please make a contribution to the Bible Fund. Your gift will influence young lives for years to come. Thank you! Please make your check payable to Trinity with memo: Bible Fund.

## Preschool Opening!

Noah's Ark has a place for your 4/5 year old in the 2011–2012 M/W/F class from 12:45–3:15 P.M. Children must be four by December 31, 2011. For more information and a classroom tour, call Jeanne Cooper, Preschool Director, at 715.832.6601 or e-mail [noahsark@trinity-ec.org](mailto:noahsark@trinity-ec.org) Noah's Ark is a great place to be!

## Baptizing Your Babies

Lutherans love children and our understanding of God's grace in baptism is made available to the tiniest children. So we unashamedly baptize babies! But we baptize people of all ages, too! If you have a child to be baptized, please email or phone one of the pastors to initiate the arrangements. Baptismal dates this fall are September 11 and 25, October 9, November 13 and 27, and December 11.

## Monday Morning Counters

Several additional volunteers are needed on Monday mornings to assist with processing the Sunday offerings. Volunteers should be detail oriented and must maintain strict confidentiality. Volunteers must be available starting at 9:00 A.M. on Monday mornings for approximately two hours. You may choose to serve as an occasional substitute or in a more regular rotation. To volunteer or for additional information, please contact Amber ([amber@trinity-ec.org](mailto:amber@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601). Thank you.

## Senior Citizens—The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet on Wednesday, September 14 at 10:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. After a brief meeting, they will travel to Fanny Hill to see the play "Unnecessary Farce." Lunch will be at noon. The cost for the lunch and the play is \$34.95. The deadline to sign-up is September 12. Send your check to Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmadge Road, Eau Claire WI 54701

## Calling All Knitters

We invite you to join a group of enthusiastic knitters. You can bring any project you are knitting on. You can swap some yarn, receive some assistance on a project, and have a sweet treat. Everyone is welcome . . . new knitters who want to improve; good knitters who want to excel; excellent knitters who want to fuel their addiction! The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room at 6:30 P.M. We are open to the public! Join us on Tuesday, September 27!

## Invitation to Singers

Trinity Choir invites adults and high school youth to join us this fall. If you're a "snow bird" or have occasional schedule conflicts, don't let this stop you from singing. All voices are important to this choir dedicated to praising God and inspiring worshipers.

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.

Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:0–8:00 P.M. beginning September 8. The choir sings primarily on Sundays during the 8:15 a.m. worship.

Trinity Choir Director, Gary Rambo welcomes your inquiries: 715.832.4429.

## Get Our Newsletter Online!

Here's your chance to receive this monthly periodical electronically! Email [suzanne@trinity-ec.org](mailto:suzanne@trinity-ec.org) and type "E-Tidings." Each month you'll receive an email with a link to the latest edition of the newsletter on the web. Visit [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) to:

- ★ download registrations for children and youth ministry events
- ★ make a charitable contribution
- ★ listen to or read recent Sunday and Wednesday messages by the pastors





Sing to God with Thanksgiving in your heart.” Colossians 3:16. Music is an exciting way to grow in faith and share thanks for all of God’s blessings. Opportunities exist for persons of all ages and abilities to participate in our worship praise life at Trinity. Please look at the many musical groups offered to find where you and members of your family belong. Everyone will feel welcome in a choir.

## God’s Little Singers, PreK-Kindergarten

Director: Jeanne Cooper (715.832.6601; [jeanne@trinity-ec.org](mailto:jeanne@trinity-ec.org))  
 Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.  
 Location: Noah’s Ark PreSchool Room.  
 Start Date: Wednesday, September 14  
 Contact Jeanne Cooper to register.

## Children’s Choir, Grades 1 and 2

Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; [shirley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:shirley@trinity-ec.org))  
 Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.  
 Location: Choir Room  
 Start Date: Wednesday, September 14  
 Contact Shirley Sands to register.

## Totally Joyous Christians, Grades 3 through 6

Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; [shirley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:shirley@trinity-ec.org))  
 Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4:15–5:00 P.M.  
 Location: Choir Room  
 Start Date: Wednesday, September 14  
 Contact Shirley Sands to register.

## Trinity Tollers–Handbell Choir

7<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
 Director: Ryan Poquette (715.552.5266; [ryan@creation27.com](mailto:ryan@creation27.com))  
 Rehearsal: Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 P.M.  
 Location: Worship Center  
 Start Date: Tuesday, September 6, 6:30 P.M.



## Harmony in Spirit, Contemporary Worship Team

9<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
 Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; [shirley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:shirley@trinity-ec.org))  
 Rehearsal: Wednesday, 7:15 P.M.  
 Location: Worship Center  
 Start Date: Wednesday, September 7 (8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 7 only)

## Trinity Choir

9<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
 Director: Gary Rambo (715.832.4429; [grambo@clearwire.net](mailto:grambo@clearwire.net))  
 Rehearsal: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.  
 Location: Choir Room  
 Start Date: Thursday, September 8

## CrossWord Youth Band,

7<sup>th</sup> grade and up  
 Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.  
 Location: Worship Center  
 Start Date: Wednesday, September 7

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**CHOIR**

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ANTON ARMSTRONG · CONDUCTOR

The St. Olaf Chapel Choir of Northfield, Minnesota will sing on Saturday, October 22, at 6:30 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church. With "Transformations" as their theme, the 100 voice Chapel Choir will share a worship/music event, based around the Vespers liturgy found in the ELW, the newest Lutheran hymn book. A free-will offering will be taken. The Chapel Choir will also sing on Sunday morning, October 23. Call 715.832.6601 or visit [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) for more information.

# LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know our church library is a good resource for many and various topics! Look for these:

## Books on Grieving and Loss . . . For Children

- *When Your Pet Dies* by Victoria Ryan. This healing handbook for kids is a touching tribute to the love between a child and a pet and a compassionate guide to handling this loss with gentleness and sensitivity. ++ F.C. RYA
- *Mama's Going to Heaven Soon* by Kathe Martin Copeland. This compassionate story assists children and caregivers in talking about the anticipated death of a parent. ++ 291.2 COP
- *Three In One, A Book About God* by Lynne M. Lepley. A tree is more than its various parts, and those parts nourish us in different ways. This book helps children to understand the nature of the Trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. ++220.9 LEP
- *What's Heaven?* by Maria Shriver. Death eventually touches every family and this book, for people of all faiths, is a starting point for parents who must talk about this difficult topic with their children. It is the story of Kate, a little girl whose great-grandma died. She seeks answers and her mother helps her learn about heaven. + F.C. SHE
- *Lighthouse, A Story of Remembrance* by Robert Munch. From the best-selling author of *Love You Forever* comes a touching story about the poignancy of loss and the healing power of love. + F.C. MAN



## For Adults

- *Grieving the Death of a Pet* by Betty J. Carjack. 155.9 CAR
- *Grieving the Death of a Mother and Grievors Ask, Answers to Questions about Death and Loss* by Harold Ivan Smith. 155.9 SMI
- *Heaven, My Father's House* by Anne Graham Lotz. 291.2 LOT

## Lost Books and DVD's

Please check your homes and cars for books and DVD's from Trinity's Library. If they have been checked out for longer than a month, they are overdue. Thanks for returning them back!

## Ministry Builders Stickers

If you should make a purchase at a Family Christian Store, please ask for the Ministry Builders stickers. With 20 stickers we can redeem \$5 worth on a book or DVD in the store. You can place stickers in the specially marked can in the library. Thank you from Trinity's Library Committee

## Books Dealing with Sexuality For Children & Youth

Check out these resources on sexuality for parents and adults who work with children and youth. Age-appropriate language and graphics throughout the books help the reader recognize gender differences as one of God's great gifts. Each level has two books, one for girls and one for boys. This set of books can be found in the adult nonfiction section (613.907 CON)

- For Girls and Boys ages 4–6, *Why Boys & Girls Are Different*
- For Girls and Boys ages 7–9, *Where Do Babies Come From?*
- For Girls and Boys ages 10–12, *How You Are Changing*
- For Young Women and Young Men ages 13–15, *Sex & the New You*
- For Young Women and Young Men ages 15 and Up, *Love, Sex & God*

## Books on Bullying

Look for the special display in our library!

- *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig (+ LUD)
- *Bullying and Me, Schoolyard Stories* by Ouisie Shapiro (YP 371.5)
- *Bullying* by Joy Berry (+ BER)
- *Say Something* by Peggy Moss (+ MOS)

Two chapter books for young readers

- *Roscoe Riley Rules # 2 Never Swipe a Bully's Bear* by Katherine Applegate (+ APP)
- *Stinky Stern Forever* by Michelle Edwards (+ EDW)
- *Jungle Bullies* by Steven Kroll.(++ KRO)
- *No Bunny's Perfect* by Anna Dewdney.(++ DEW)
- *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill. (++ ONE)
- *Stop Picking on Me, A First Look at Bullying* by Pat Thomas (++ THO)

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## Noah's Ark News!

2011-2012 Noah's Ark school year has rolled around quickly this year! I can't believe it's time for school to start but we're setting sail! Due to some last minute withdrawals in mid-August, Noah's Ark has both M/W/F A.M. and P.M. openings. Please tell your friends, as we like a "full boat." Call 715.832.6601 or e-mail [noahsark@trinity-ec.org](mailto:noahsark@trinity-ec.org) ASAP!

As school begins, the building livens up with the sounds and energies of beautiful preschoolers! We will be welcoming many new families to Noah's Ark, and celebrating the return of many alumni families. Our September themes will include creation, Noah's Ark, fall, rainbows, and much more. We'll also be taking our Noah's Ark class pictures and tie dying our own rainbow shirts to wear regularly to school. It "promises" to be a year full of lots of fun, as we share God's love. We are children of God forever!

As Noah's Ark begins another year, we give thanks for our long time staff: Ginny Lien, Marlee Knickerbocker, Jill Kasmarek, Mary Schoenknecht, and me. It's a pleasure to work together and share the love of Jesus with each of the special children who come to preschool here. We are surely blessed! We also give thanks to Don & Melissa for preparing our classroom, along with our dedicated preschool committee who has given of their time to organize and clean with the staff.

Mark your calendars for our fall Spaghetti Supper fund-raiser on Tuesday, October 11 from 4:00-7:00 P.M. It's a great event, which supports the general budget of Noah's Ark. See you there!!  
Love, Ms "C"



## Learning Opportunities for Children

### For Children on Sundays:

Sign up for *Spark* Sunday School Classes  
Two session times available:  
Session 1: 8:55-9:30 A.M.  
Session 2: 10:30-11:05 A.M.

Classes for kids age 2-grade 6 beginning Rally Sunday, September 11!

### For Children on Wednesdays: Begins September 14

Sign up for Bible classes (Camp T.G.I.F. To Gather In Faith) for grades 3-6 & Kids' choir rehearsals for children 4K-grade 6. Supper is included with the

fees. For more about the programs & registration forms, check out the Children's Ministries Registration Booklet. Copies available in the church office, lobby, or on the website [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org).

## Calling Adult & High School Volunteers

We need Sunday School & Camp T.G.I.F., Teachers and Assistants!

Share your faith, share your life, share your time with kids, it's the best job you will ever have. Openings available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or [marys@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marys@trinity-ec.org) to be part of the team.

## Teacher Orientations

For Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:00 P.M., and Sunday School Teachers on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 P.M.

- Teaching materials
- Important procedures and schedules
- Make up class lists

## Kids Helping Kids

Vacation Bible School Service Projects  
*Splash in God's Word*

The children participating in Vacation Bible School this past summer contributed to 4 service projects.

- VBS Quilts: Students decorated 34 quilts to be distributed at Christmas to area families. Members of Trinity's quilting group assisted in the set up and sewing.
- Food Collection for Feed My People Food Bank: In all 741 lbs of non-perishable food items were collected and delivered to the food bank by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Haiti Partners: Over \$1,000 was collected to help build a water system at Henri Christophe Community

School in Haiti. HCCS was rebuilt after the earthquake, however, they have not been able to hook up an adequate water system. These funds will be used for that project.

- Toiletry Items: Children brought bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo & toothbrushes to be distributed with the quilts at Christmas. Six boxes were filled!
- Thank you to all the children and their families who participated in these special projects! Your efforts do and will make a difference in the lives of people locally as well as globally.

## Day Camp Openings

Day camps are great faith based learning opportunities for young children. Call Mary Schoenknecht 715.832.6601 for availability and registration information.

### Music & Movement Mondays (Two sessions to choose from)

Child & parent will explore music with song, dance and instruments. There will be theme each week ending with a Bible story. Parent or caregiver attends the class with child.

For: Children ages 1–3

Time: Session One: 9:15–10:00 A.M. or Session Two: 10:30–11:15 A.M. on Mondays beginning September 12 for 13 class periods

Cost: \$84

### The Great Pretenders

Come & join the fun. Dynamic drama and awesome art will be combined to enhance children's literature and Bible stories. After creating props and costumes, children will use them to act out the stories. Theater games, creative movement, story structures and creative artistry will be explored in this high energy class.

For: Children who are four by 12.31.11.

Time: 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays beginning September 13 for 14 class periods

Cost: \$180

### Camp Come and Play—Semester 1

Children will have an opportunity to play with other children of their age. They will hear Bible stories, participate in art and music activities, and take time out to share a treat.

For: Children with birthdays between 8.1.2008 and 5.31.2009

Time: Session Two 2:15–2:15 P.M. (two spots remain call now!)

Dates: On Wednesdays beginning September 7 for 14 class periods

Cost: \$182

### Thrilling Thursdays (Two sessions to choose from)

Spend Thursday mornings engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities. Children will cook, read, paint, experiment, sing and dance. The class will allow children to explore and discover in the areas of language, science, music, math and art. A hands on discovery approach will be emphasized in a Christian learning environment.

For: Children who are four by 12.31.11. Limited to eight students per group.

Time: 9:00–11:00 A.M. OR 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays beginning September 15 for 13 class periods

Cost: \$167

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

### Confirmation Kick-Off!

There's something incredibly exciting happening at Trinity on Wednesday, September 7, from 6:30–8:30 P.M. Youth Minister Josh Corbett is going to be here! Josh has been in Youth Ministry full time for the past 12 years. Over those years, Josh has used his musical gifts in worship and at a variety of other venues and experiences. Josh believes that every person has value, is beautiful, and that grace is available to all. Josh's desire is that every person would realize their true potential in Christ and that they truly believe in themselves. One of his greatest passions is worship. Josh's songs are lessons about life, crafted from personal experience, full of palpable emotions, and underscored by an unshakable faith and articulate, percussive guitar that uplifts those who are hearing and seeing the work of his heart. A fun fact about Josh...he served as Youth Ministry Director at Trinity Lutheran from 2000–2004!

All Confirmation students must attend. All high school students are strongly encouraged to experience this inspirational event. Join us for worship and Josh's message, music, and fellowship. You don't want to miss it!

### 2012 National Youth Gathering

The National Youth Gathering will be held next summer, July 18–22 in New Orleans, LA. We are joining together with St. Johns Lutheran Church, and we hope to fill a bus! This gathering is held every three years so you really have one chance (maybe two) to attend this AWESOME EVENT! In 2009, 37,000 ELCA high school youth went to New

Orleans as guests. We return in 2012 as friends, Citizens with the Saints. The 2012 Youth Gathering's mission is to accompany young people in their faith journey to understand their vocation and articulate their faith in Jesus Christ. Through this mission, participants will Practice Discipleship, Practice Peacemaking, and Practice Justice. We'll depart Sunday morning, July 15 to spend time in Memphis, TN and we will also have a day to explore New Orleans before the gathering begins on Wednesday. Contact Cassie ([cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org)), Lisa ([lisa@trinity-ec.org](mailto:lisa@trinity-ec.org)), or Pastor Heather ([heather@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heather@trinity-ec.org)) with questions and for more information about registration and fundraising. We hope you will prayerfully consider this amazing opportunity.



## September Youth Dates to Remember

### Wednesday, September 7

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center, at 5:30 P.M.
- Confirmation Kick-off Event with Josh Corbett, from 6:30–8:30 P.M. Worship Center

### Wednesday, September 14

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center, at 5:30 P.M.
- 7th Graders receive Bibles Worship Center, at 6:30 P.M. Service
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room, from 7:15–8:00 P.M.
- Club 78 Service Fair in the Trinity Room, from 8:00–8:30 P.M.
- Club 9 Mentor Orientation in the Chapel, at 7:15 P.M.

### Wednesday, September 21

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center, at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room, from 7:15–8:00 P.M.
- Club 9 Service Fair in the Trinity Room, from 8:00–8:30 P.M.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation in Room 208, at 7:15 P.M.

### Wednesday, September 28

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



## Youth Council: Be A Leader!

Be a leader and join the Club 78 and High School Youth Councils. We need students to help us find new and exciting things to do here at Trinity! Voice your opinion and make things happen. Club 78 Youth Council will first meet on Wednesday, October 12 at 5:30–6:00 P.M. in the Youth Room. The High School Youth Council will first meet October 12 at 7:15–8:00 P.M. in the Youth Room. Sign up at the Tool Bench or contact Cassie at [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) We would love to hear from you!

## Wednesday Evening Ushers Needed

There are sign up sheets available at the Tool Bench to usher at the Wednesday Evening 6:30 P.M. Worship Service. Ushering responsibilities include: handing out bulletins, collecting offering, and assisting with communion. Ushering counts as a service activity and is a fun job to participate with a friend.

## HEALTH MINISTRIES

### Getting Started with My Plate

A new food icon, My Plate, is replacing the My Pyramid image as the government's primary food group symbol. My Plate is part of a larger communications initiative from the Department of Agriculture based on 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans to help consumers make better food choices. My Plate is designed to remind Americans to eat healthfully; it is not intended to change consumer behavior alone. My Plate illustrates the five food groups using a familiar mealtime visual, a place setting.

### Choose MyPlate.gov

The website features practical information and tips to help Americans build healthier diets. It features selected messages to help consumer focus on key behaviors. Selected messages include:

- Enjoy your food, but eat less.
- Avoid oversized portions.
- Make half your plate fruits and vegetables.
- Switch to fat-free or low-fat (1%) milk.
- Make at least half your grains whole grains.
- Compare sodium in foods like soup, bread, and frozen meals-and choose foods with lower numbers.
- Drink water instead of sugary drinks.

Check out [choose MYPLATE.gov](http://chooseMYPLATE.gov) for some great tips on planning meals, menus, recipes and ways to incorporate healthy eating and activity into your life style. [ChooseMyPlate.gov](http://ChooseMyPlate.gov) includes much of the consumer and professional information formerly found on [MyPyramid.gov](http://MyPyramid.gov)

Take a look at your plate tonight. Can you make easy changes to incorporate more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins into your meals? Learn more at [chooseMyPlate.gov](http://chooseMyPlate.gov)

Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse

## GOOD AND FAITH STEWARDSHIP

### Contributing to our Global Missions

Trinity supports three key missions that are funded directly through contributions to the “Missionary Fund” you see listed on the blue offering envelope you receive in the mail or at the online donation page ([www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org)) “Missions/Outreach.”

These offerings support our mission partners in the Lutheran Church of Malawi, Africa and specifically the Blantyre Parish. They also undergird the ministry we partner with in Jamaica through Maranatha church.

Finally, we provide financial support to the Bencke family in Japan. So your offerings go all over the world when you donate to the Missionary Fund! Thank you.

### God, the World and Economics

The God that we rely on and believe loves us is a God of abundance. God’s love, forgiveness, presence and providing is overflowing with abundance!

The world we live in is abundant with life! But it’s often a rapidly changing world with news that brings us up and down every day. What we hear about so often and what captures our attention deals with scarcity, gloom, decline.

How does God want us to respond? By holding to the truth of Jesus words: “I have come that you might have life abundant!”

Economists this fall are expressing concern that the recession may be coming back. No one likes to hear such forecasts! But for us, with a perspective of faith and the words of Jesus about abundant life playing in our minds, we can live confident and generously.

Thank you for your offerings for the ministries of Jesus Christ through Trinity. Please give first to God’s work in your charitable giving in the last quarter of the year. Trinity needs your generosity! Without it, we cannot do the life-giving work of Christ with the same strength and vigor.

	2011	2010
Regular Offerings through August	\$605,415	\$585,581
Expenses through August	\$632,560	\$623,863

### Making the Mortgage

Your offerings for “Mortgage Payment” are important too! Every dollar you give goes directly toward the \$10,485 monthly payment. 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.”

	2011	2010
Mortgage Payment Offerings	\$112,320	\$111,464

### Give Automatically

Trinity offers the free, simple way of making your offerings via electronic fund transfer. Set it up online at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) Giving page or phone Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601.

### Christmas Shopping Plans

Before you hit the stores or online sites to get the perfect gifts for family and friends, hold off a bit. Later this fall Trinity will be offering many worthy and meaningful gift giving opportunities. They’ll benefit not only the special people in your life, but the world, too!

Futurecast, the latest book by researcher George Barna, explores the future of American society in eight dimensions of our lives. According to Barna, the reshaping of the Dream is a reaction to mistakes of the recent past. One of them includes:

The absence of savings, trusting that the future will provide increased income and decreased prices. After a period of negative savings, Americans have re-learned the art of saving. While reserves remain relatively low, putting a few dollars away for the future is increasingly becoming part of the household financial routine.

“One of the keys to understanding where we are headed,” Barna writes, “is how willing people are to engage in acts of self-discipline. We see such restraint being forced on people economically. We are not seeing evidence of such discipline in areas such as moral values or spiritual commitment.”



# SOCIAL MINISTRIES

## Thank You!

*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,*

*Thank you for the donation and for your support of The Community Table. For seventeen years the Community Table has been serving hot food and hospitality to those in need. Each day, volunteers, staff, and guests share a table, breaking down barriers and feeding not only bodies but also spirits. Thank you for being a part of our Community. -Rachel Keniston, Executive Director*

Members of Trinity recently donated money to Positive Avenues, a day center for the homeless in Eau Claire that was in danger of closing. We received the following thank you signed by many of those who benefit from Positive Avenues.

*Dear Trinity Lutheran Church, Thank you so much for your contribution. This program has helped us so much over the years. God bless and keep you.*

## "BIG CHANGES" in the Food Pantry

In August Trinity's Food Pantry was converted to a "Client Choice" pantry, allowing guests to choose their food. Client Choice reduces waste since clients only select what they will use and provides increased dignity during their visit. We've also given our pantry a "make-over" making it more welcoming to everyone. A big thank you to all who helped to make this happen!

- The "Men of Integrity" group who moved shelving and helped to set up the new format.
- Stepping Stones Food Pantry in Menomonie who donated a cooler to us.
- Volunteers who donated their time to paint the room and pick-up and deliver our new cooler.
- Cyndee Kaiser, local artist, who painted the new artwork.
- Those who donated shopping baskets, paint, and many other items.
- Our volunteer group who continued to offer wonderful service during this transition.
- Those who have stepped forward to act as leaders in the pantry.
- The Food Pantry task force who studied different ideas and helped to implement our plan.
- Our faithful congregation without whose gifts of time, money, and prayers, the pantry could not exist.

Look for information on our Open House later this month.



## ELCA and Malaria

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with approximately 4.2 million members in 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of "God's work. Our hands." the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians and service in the world.

The latest news of the ELCA is a \$15 million campaign with Lutheran Churches in Africa to fight malaria. Every 45 seconds a child dies from malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. That this four-year campaign will address. Find out more at [elca.org](http://elca.org)

## Save the Date

The Seventh Annual Hike for the Homeless benefitting the Beacon House and other programs of the Eau Claire Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. will take place on Saturday, September 24th, 2011 at Carson Park, Oak Pavilion. Get a team together, bring your family and friends for a stroll through Carson Park, refreshments and camaraderie will follow. Additional information will be made available in a few weeks.

## Sole Support!

Our summer mission of providing over 200 children new shoes for school this fall was a success! Thanks to a grant from the Women's Giving Circle of the Eau Claire Community Foundation and your generosity, we provided vouchers to families so they could purchase new shoes for kids at Kmart in our "Soles for Special Souls" effort. Thank you!

## Beacon House

With the incredible volunteer efforts of over 20 area faith based organizations, the Beacon House in downtown Eau Claire provides emergency shelter, meals, and hospitality to families and single pregnant women for up to 30 days. In 2010, 57 families received shelter including 101 children. 90% of these families left the Beacon house with stable housing. 72% left with stable employment. Trinity is proud to be a supporter of the Beacon House. Four times a year we serve by providing meals and acting as hosts to the guests. It's a wonderful, rewarding opportunity to serve those in need in our community. Our next serving opportunity is the week of September 18. Several volunteers will be needed each day to fill the following duties:

- **Supper Hosts: (5:30–7:00 P.M.):** Prepare and serve a meal to Beacon House guests. Several volunteers to make a main course, salad, and dessert are needed.
- **Evening Hosts: (7:00–9:00 P.M.)** Spend time with Beacon House guests. Perhaps play games, read to children, etc.
- **Overnight Hosts: (9:00 P.M.–6:00 A.M.)** Stay overnight. You will have your own bedroom.
- **Breakfast hosts: (6:00–7:30 A.M.)** Serve breakfast. Cereal, etc. is provided. You only need to put out breakfast items.

Please join us for this rewarding experience! Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Trinity's office at 715.832.6601 or Diane and Roman Fritz at 715.835.5021.

## Friends of Flynn

School has started and we are gearing up to once again support our partner Flynn School. Trinity will be providing healthy snacks for Flynn twice a week in September. If you would like to be a snack packer or a delivery person, please sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby or contact the office at 715.862.6601. We are also collecting school supplies for Flynn kids and will continue to collect new underwear and socks, milk tops, Campbells® soup labels, General Mills® box tops and pull tabs off soda cans. Drop off your items in the office or by the Friends of Flynn display in the lobby. If you would like to financially support this ministry, please direct your donation to Trinity Lutheran Church with a memo "Friends of Flynn." Thank you!



## Garden of Goods For Hungry Friends

Your produce contributions are welcome in our food pantry this month. Any vegetables or fruits you have in abundance and shared will be appreciated by the hundreds of people who come to Trinity looking for food.

Because our pantry serves Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays, we appreciate your contributions early in the week so they don't sit through the weekend. Please leave them in the office or by pre-arrangement directly to the pantry. Contact Suzanne Becker, [suzanne@trinity-ec.org](mailto:suzanne@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601.

## Partners in Jamaica

Trinity shares a partnership with Christians in Jamaica which started in 1998. Today this partnership includes annual trips to the island to bless the mission of Maranatha Ministries in their outreach in order to extend God's mercy and build the reign of God through the Church. Soon we'll be announcing plans for mission trips to Jamaica this winter. Read more about this global mission at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org).

## Disaster Fund Established

Trinity has started a Disaster Assistance fund and welcomes your contributions. This fund will provide anyone living in Eau Claire County displaced from their home due to a fire (arson excluded) or natural disaster, an immediate \$1,000 cash donation to assist them with initial expense related to daily living following a crisis.

Trinity members, John and Jessica Kelly have initiated this fund after experiencing their own disaster upon the loss of their house in a fire. Please join them in making a contribution today. You may do so online or via check payable to Trinity memo: Disaster fund.

## Minot Calling Lutheran Volunteers

The massive flooding in Minot, ND damaged more than 4,000 homes and businesses. Now the need for volunteers is going national to help local people who cannot achieve the rebuild without more people. Lutherans know how to step in and help and before winter begins, the need is great. Please consider volunteering this fall. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating volunteers who must be adult (or 16-17 w/parental consent). Minot churches will provide housing. Call Lutheran Disaster Response at 773.380.2863, or email Associate Director Mike Nevergall at michael.nevergall@elca.org. Learn more at [www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org)

## Memories From Jamaica

Eric Nelson has been a part of Mission Jamaica for many years. Here are a few of his thoughts:

*Jamaica finds its way into your heart. Call it infectious or contagious, it will stay with you forever.*

*I have been able to travel to Jamaica many times over the last 15 years—to many parts of the island and met many people from all walks of life. There have been a myriad of experiences. From eating at someone's kitchen table to driving through the streets of Kingston with armed police patrolling the streets. All of the experiences have stayed with me as I come back to Eau Claire.*

*One of the things I remember so vividly is the first time we worked at Maranatha Church in Kingston. This church is located in what we would consider a "ghetto." Trouble is all around this church and the locals are looking for a way to escape. Because Maranatha is located in a part of Kingston where "white people" don't vacation, these young kids have never seen, let alone touched, a white person. Their curiosity was wonderful. They came up and touched, pulled hair on our arms, looked at the veins on our hands and arms (they can't see theirs!!), touched my bald head, felt my beard—all with a curiosity only a child can have.*

*I look forward to my journey to Jamaica each and every year. They are wonderful people who open their hearts and their homes to us. I would invite each and every one of you to open your hearts and visit Jamaica with Trinity. It will change your life.*



## Received July 2011 Memorials & Gifts

### Future Church Leaders Fund

- In honor of Dale Erickson & Mary Jorgensen's wedding: Kurt Jacobson

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Syl & Marion Jacobson: Lee & Ruth Mathison
- In memory of Jean Sweer: Kathleen McCuen

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Judith Ann Walsh: Mark & Kim Passi, Jim & Cindy Walsh
- In honor of Evelyn Carlson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Elaine Lonning, Evelyn Carlson

### Children's Ministry Fund

- In memory of Susan Anderson: Jeanne Cooper

### Children's Bibles Fund

- In memory of Susan Anderson: Joe & Marlee Knickerbocker, Mark & Suzanne Becker, Paul & Amber Moltzau
- In honor of Evelyn Carlson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Evelyn Carlson

### Library Fund

- In memory of Bonnie Aspenson: Carl & Lorraine Higgins

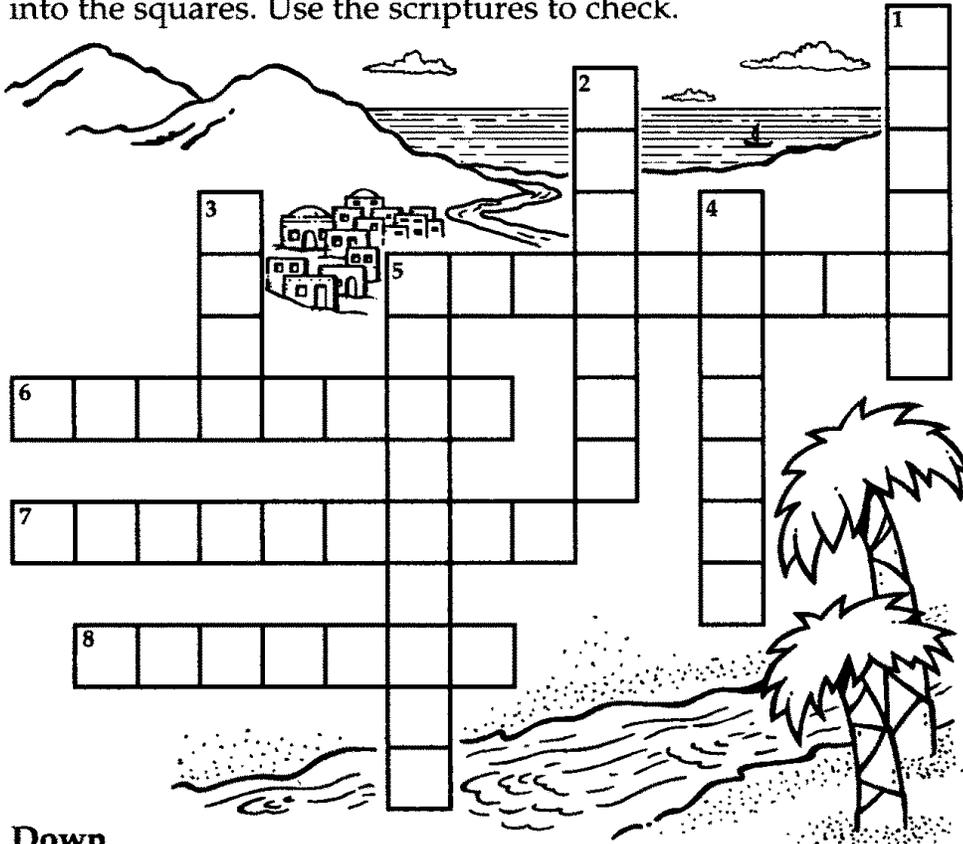
### Volunteer Ministry Fund

- In memory of Jean Sweer: Carol Wolk McPherson



**Places in Jesus' life**

Find these important places in the life of Jesus. Fit them into the squares. Use the scriptures to check.



**Down**

- 1. The river where Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13)
- 2. Where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1)
- 3. Where the first miracle was performed. (John 2:11)
- 4. Where Jesus called Philip to follow him. (John 1:43)
- 5. Where Jesus was born. (Luke 2:4)

**Across**

- 5. Where Jesus fed the 5000. (Luke 9:10)
- 6. Where Jesus grew up. (Luke 2:39)
- 7. Where Jesus went to the temple at age 12. (Luke 2:41)
- 8. Where Jesus talked to Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1)



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