

Trinity

Lutheran Church

Vacation Bible School “Kid’s in God’s Word”

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer to explore how KIDS play an important role in spreading God’s Word! Baby Moses, David, and a boy with a basket of fish and bread will tell us how to “name,” “listen,” “protect,” “share,” and “bless” the Good News! Vacation Bible School is July 23–27 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. and is for children who were three by 9.1.11 through those who have completed grade six. There is a suggested \$20 donation per child. Our special Kick Off Event is Sunday, July 22, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service.



Summer

Summer is a great time to bring new neighbors, co-workers, or friends without a church home to worship with you. Consider showing them around Trinity’s fine facility, and then take them to breakfast afterward. You’ll bring God’s grace to your guests and advance through your invitation and hospitality the mission of “Serving in Christ’s Love and Sharing the Good News.”

During the summer, people new to the community often worship at Trinity. When you see someone who looks new, extend your hand and greet them. A friendly “hello” goes a long way in extending hospitality that we believe is an expression of God! Most people new to Trinity mention that a friendly welcome and the spirit of hospitality made the difference in choosing a church. This summer, be an ambassador. Bring someone to worship and say “hello” to someone you don’t yet know.

Patriotic Hymn Sing

If you love to sing those rousing hymns which acknowledge God’s guidance in this history of our country, be sure to come early to worship on Sunday, July 1. At 8:05 A.M. we begin this hymn sing which will lead us into worship at 8:15 A.M.

If you’re not up at the cabin or out traveling, take advantage of this prime opportunity to thank God for the freedoms we have in the USA to worship God in Christ. So come to worship. Come by and sing along with the national hymns many love.

Blessing for Healing

Come and worship on Sunday, July 29, when a blessing for healing is offered. This quarterly offering in worship acknowledges that God’s Spirit has the power to bring wholeness. The Christian practice of healing involves growing into a deep awareness of oneness with God, finding healing within, and moving beyond to help heal the world. In the blessing for healing, we trust God offers a process of transformation that occurs gently over time. Christ’s healing love heals our souls from the damage of sin so we may be transformed by God to become the stewards of healing ourselves and others.



Acts 20:36–38

Friendship of the Heart

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

If you were to move to a place a long way away, would anyone in your present community miss you dearly?

A deeply moving and poignant scene unfolds as the Apostle Paul says farewell to the elders of the church in the town of Ephesus with whom he had spent significant time.

"When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him." (Acts 20:36-37)

The words Luke used that are translated "embraced" meant literally they "fell on his neck." This was no simple wave of their hands. They hugged the friend whom they were going to miss dearly.

When Luke quotes Jesus telling the Parable of the Prodigal Son, he describes the son's father's reaction when he saw his wayward son returning home this way: "he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20)

The words Luke used that are translated "put his arms around him" literally meant the father fell on the neck of his son. He hugged the son he had dearly missed. His emotional joy was overwhelming.

If you were to move away, would there be people who would "fall on your neck" in grief and if you were to return would "fall on your neck in joy?" They are the essence of the dear friendships of the heart that God wishes us to have. If you do not have such friends, I urge you to find your way into little communities that provide meaningful starting points for quality friendships. These little communities exist in many facets through our congregation. Take the initiative and step into one where through worship, serving, studying, or playing together you will find people who will grow to be friends of the heart! They will be among your greatest joys!

Your friend,
Pastor Kurt Jacobson



Expanding our Sight

The Worship Center, when it was expanded in 2004–2005, included a provision for in-house cameras so that every seat in the room would be able to have good views of things like baptisms, choirs that sing in front, and all the aspects of our worship. This summer those cameras are going to be installed. Included will be a large TV monitor in the chair seating area which will permit better utilization of that space. A monitor will be added in the Fireside Room and linked to the Worship Center.

Audio Architects of Chippewa Falls has been approved by the Trinity Council to provide equipment and installation. The cost of this project has been underwritten in part by a grant from the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund, the Trinity Memorial Fund, and a generous donor. However, \$3,000 is still needed to complete the project.

Please consider a gift to the Camera Fund. Contributions may be made online at trinity-ec.org

Belief Study

Belief in God is slowly declining in most countries according to researchers at the U of Chicago. "Beliefs about God Across Time and Countries" states that the "truest of the true believers" can still be found in developing countries and Roman Catholic societies with the Philippines scoring the highest (94%). At the opposite end is the former East Germany (13%). The U.S. was ranked fifth (61%). Data collected from 30 countries at three times over 20 years shows belief increased with age (highest for those 68 and older; lowest for those younger than 28).



Trinity Page Turners

Looking for something different to do? Interested in reading a good book? We are excited to start a new “Book Club” here at Trinity. The Trinity Book Club will meet once a month during the school year. Books, both fiction and nonfiction, will be chosen to read over the course of the school year.

We will meet the third Tuesday of every month (September thru May) in the Fireside Room at 6:30 P.M. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. Please feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. Talk if you want, or just listen. We hope to see you there!

On Tuesday, September 18, we will meet for the first time to discuss the book **Moloka'i** by Alan Brennert. This richly imagined novel, set in Hawai'i more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place—and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

Check Out a New Book

A Best-Selling Danish Novel • **The Fishermen** by Hans Kirk. This is not a new novel as it was published in 1928 in Denmark and remained mostly unknown in the English-reading world until it was translated by Marc Linder. It was a best selling novel and worth your time - so check it out and let us know how you liked it. (FIC KIR)

Featuring Joan Chittister • When library members went shopping this spring, a helper at Luther Seminary's book store told us the books by Joan Chittister were so popular, they had a hard time keeping them on their shelves. We purchased four items for Trinity library readers to try out. Joan Chittister is a Benedictine nun, an author, a speaker, and an international leader for peace and justice.

- **The Breath of the Soul, Reflections on Prayer** (248.3 CHI)
- **The Gift of Years, Growing Older Gracefully** (200.84 CHI)
- **The Monastery of the Heart, An Invitation to a Meaningful Life** (248.3 CHI)
- **Happiness** (152.4 CHI)

Other Books on Reflection and Prayer

- **Prayer and the Common Life** by Georgia Harkness (248.3 HAR)
- **The Road Goes On, Reflections on the Life of Faith** by Terry R. Morehouse (248.3 MOR)
- **Jesus is Enough, Love, Hope, and Comfort in the Storms of Life** by Claudia May (242 MAY)



Going Paperless this Fall

Sign-up to get the monthly Trinity Tidings via email before we shift in September to an electronic version. In order to be good stewards of our resources (paper, ink, machine costs, postage, and volunteer and staff time), we're going to shift everyone for whom the Trinity office has an email address to receive only the electronic version starting September 1. Paper copies will be available in the Trinity office and in the lobby if you desire to read one via that means. For those without internet connection, the paper version will still be mailed. Thank you for providing your email address (if you haven't already) and assisting your church in being a good steward and saving precious resources. To share or update your email address, please email Suzanne Becker at suzanne@trinity-ec.org

When You Are Hospitalized

The pastors and parish nurse make frequent trips to area hospitals to visit Trinity members. While the hospitals do their best to track our members, there are times when your church affiliation isn't coded in your record or glitches happen in their system. Then Trinity doesn't get the information of your hospitalization. Thus it is helpful if you or a family member calls the church office (715.832.6601) during normal business hours to inform the pastors of current or upcoming hospitalizations.



Want to explore the daily practice of thanks? The Lutheran seminary in Gettysburg sponsors the "Adventures in Thanks-Living" blog by Sharron Blezard, an ELCA pastor. Go to adventuresinthanksliving.com

Nurturing Generous Living

All generosity begins with God, the ultimately generous giver of life, love, and the entire good news. As John 3:16 puts it, "For God so loved the world that God gave. . . ." And, of course, the Person whom God gave makes all the difference in the world! God gave first. God always gives first. Always, everywhere, it is God who first loves us (see 1 John 4:10). So because of God's incredible self-giving and unconditional love, we seek to live generous lives with everything God has entrusted to us as people, as children of God.

Good Financial News

Your offerings to God through Trinity are so important. This year to date offerings are up 5%! Thank you for your financial support of Trinity's mission. Each dollar you offer is invested in bringing hope and encouragement to people, advancing ministries that bring healing and faith development, and investing in missions that bring alive here and across the world our desire to "Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News."

Your weekly offerings to Regular Ministries and to Mortgage Payment may be made through the free service of electronic fund transfer. You may set this up on Trinity's Give page at trinity-ec.org or by contacting Amber Moltzau, amber@trinity-ec.org.

Your generosity is appreciated as your church invests faithfully and wisely to make a difference in people's lives with the grace of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

January–May	2011	2012
Offerings to <i>Regular Ministries</i>	413,936	436,260
Expenses	406,376	413,624
Variation	+ 7,560	+22,636

May 2012 Offerings for Mortgage Payment \$ 14,385

Mortgage Payment = \$10,485

Endowment Trust Grants Awarded

Since its inception in the 1980's, the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund has donated funds for:

- Seminary scholarships for students from Trinity preparing for future church leadership.
- Grants for youth of Trinity to attend summer Bible camps.
- Mission Jamaica.
- The improvements to the pipe organ.
- Grants for preschool children from low-income families to attend our Noah's Ark Preschool.

Do you have a favorite ministry that you'd like to support? Please consider leaving a legacy or making a gift in honor of a birthday or anniversary or a memorial gift. Leaving a legacy can be very straightforward:

- In your will, designate a specific dollar amount, or percentage of assets, to the Trust Fund.
- Use assets (e.g. stocks, bonds, real estate, art, jewelry) for your charitable gift.
- Name the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.

Please call the church office. We can help. Learn more about the Trust Fund at trinity-ec.org



Prompts for Prayer

Parents can help children find daily rhythms for prayer. Finding set times for prayer helps develop lifelong habits which add richness to life as children of God. Help your child or grandchild learn that God is in the midst of evening and in all parts of our lives. Pick up a free copy of *The Lutheran* magazine in the information rack to the right as you exit the main doors or, thelutheran.org

We Bought a Zoo

“We Bought a Zoo” is a fine family film that shows how a family deals with its grief by making another dream a reality. Some of the animals are spiritual teachers for Benjamin (Matt Damon) who is a single parent of two children still mourning his wife’s death. This movie is recommended as a “Best This Month” by *The Lutheran* magazine.

Haitian Thanks

Our friends in mission at Haiti Partners report that our regular offerings are helping provide stability for four schools in Darbonne. Because of this, they have been approved for a \$250,000 loan to start a poultry business together which will not only provide food, but will also help the schools become more self-sufficient and entrepreneurial by creating social businesses and by being an example of quality, sustainable education for the entire country. Thank you for your regular offerings which make a difference here and in Haiti. Remember you can give online at trinity-ec.org.

In the Mail

Dear Rev. Jacobson and Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our jail ministry. Every day when I meet with inmates, I listen to their stories. These are stories of abuse, neglect, addictions, and dysfunctional relationships. Listening and building a caring relationship allows me to eventually speak into their lives and share the good news of God's saving love, through Jesus Christ.

Your partnership has allowed me this great opportunity.

Blessings in Christ,

Chaplain Tom Herro

Donate Old Cell Phones

Our mission of serving in Christ’s love takes on many forms here and throughout the world. It involves being good stewards of our lives, resources, and the grace given us in Christ. If you have an old cell phone at home, join the mission of Hope Phones and give isolated people in the developing world access to medical care by leaving phones, (chargers and cords, too) in the boxes in the lobby. Hope Phones refurbishes all mobiles (old or broken) to create communication networks for health workers serving in fifteen countries. For more additional information, go to hopephones.org

Circle Listings

Deborah

Wednesday, July 18, 9:30 A.M.
Hostess: Mary Schoenknecht, 1808 Pine Park Drive
Leader: Group

Dorcas • No Meeting

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, July 17, 7:00 P.M. Trinity
Hostess: Vila Nygaard
Leader: Group

Miriam

Wednesday, July 18, 9:30 A.M.
Hostess: Mary Schoenknecht, 1808 Pine Park Drive
Leader: Group

Ruth

Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 P.M.
Hostess: Mary Hoepner, 524 East MacArthur Avenue
Leader:

Sarah • No Meeting



The Quilt Ladies

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. The ladies are meeting on July 10 and August 14 & 28.



Friendship Group

Join us on Wednesday, July 11, when we go to the Apple Valley Home, 6700 Hwy 53, Eau Claire for a catered picnic luncheon. We will leave the parking lot at 11:30 A.M. The lunch will cost \$12.00. Send your check to Elaine Lonning, 1210 East Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire WI 54701.

Join us again when we visit the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Colfax on August 15. We will meet at the church for a short business meeting at 10:00 A.M. and then travel to Colfax. After our tour of the center, we will have lunch at “29 Pines” and order off the menu.

Swimsuit? Check ✓ Good Book? Check ✓ A Will?

Because of what it implies, getting a will may not be your top priority this summer. But here's an idea: add it to your pre-vacation checklist, and just get it done like any other task on your list. Then relax and know that your affairs are in order.

According to an article on Forbes.com, 65% of Americans don't have a will. If you're a Thrivent for Lutherans Financial member, benefits are available to assist you. If not, contact an attorney before you head out to enjoy vacation. Also, it's recommended that you review and update your beneficiary designations at least once a year or any time there is a change in your family.

Finally, remember the charitable intentions you practice now when you make your will. A simple percentage or dollar amount designated to bless the work of Christ through the church you support now can make your values live on for generations to come.

Surprise Bonus of Music and Nature

In today's world, where people get their music from mobile devices and see more nature on social network posts than in real life, spend some time outside listening to live music.

- Summertime is primetime for Music In the Park and musical festivals.
- Check with local parks and recreation departments and/or convention and visitors' bureaus to find out what's happening near you.

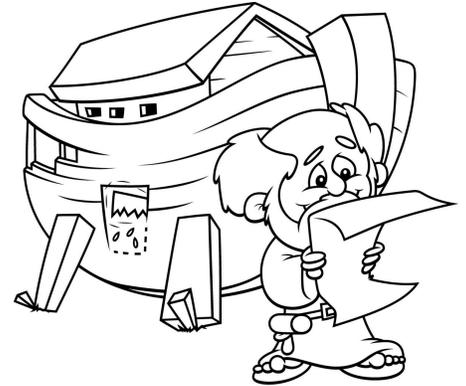
Being outside and listening to music may improve your health and outlook.

- According to one survey, 83% of respondents said being outside makes them feel refreshed, healthy, and excited.
- In studies, music therapy has been shown to reduce muscle tension, improve self-image/increase self-esteem, decrease anxiety/agitation, enhance interpersonal relationships, increase motivation, improve respiration, lower blood pressure, and reduce heart rate.

Grab your family and/or friends and a picnic blanket or lawn chairs, and take in some outdoor time with some tunes. Source: American Music Therapy Assc.



Noah's News



July is a beautiful month! Now we start to think ahead to the fast approaching 2012–2013 school year. Early in July second payment registration reminders went out to families enrolled in the upcoming school year. I've also been working to call a few openings left for the school year!

Openings for the 2012-2013 school year include:

- M/W/F A.M. for two for children age four before 9.1.12
- M/W/F P.M. for one child age four before 12.31.12
- T/Th P.M. for one child age three before 9.1.12

Tell your friends! Have them call me at 715.832.6601 or e-mail me at noahsark@trinity-ec.org

Enrolled families can expect a mid-summer mailing in July that will include enrollment information, class lists, and a Visit Week schedule! I'm already collecting a stack of ideas for the upcoming year. It gets me excited! Until then, I hope to see many of you at Camp Cooking & Booking, Camp Veggie Tales, or Vacation Bible School.

Hugs everyone, Ms “C”

PS...Mrs. Lien is recuperating from foot surgery, so keep her in your prayers. Mrs. “K” & Mrs. Knickerbocker will be at Trinity for some Day Camp fun, too!



Fall Day Camp Ministry for Young Children Fall 2012

Registration begins on Wednesday, July 18, at 8:00 A.M. and will continue until classes are full. Call Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 to enroll or for more information. Please share this information with your friends.

Music & Movement Mondays

Begins September 10

Dance and groove to both new and old songs. We will explore music with song, dance, and instruments—a wonderful bonding experience for you and your child. A new theme presented each week, and Bible stories conclude each class. Parent or caregiver must attend class with child. This camp is for children ages 1–3. Session One will meet from 9:15–10:00 A.M., and Session Two will meet from 10:30–11:15 A.M. in the lobby for 12 class periods. The cost is \$85.

The Great Pretenders

Begins September 11

Come and 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. This camp is for children who are four by 12.31.12. We will meet in the library from 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays for 14 class periods. The cost is \$180.

Day Camp Summer Fun!

Camp Veggie Tales • Dates: July 9–13 • **Time:** 9:00 A.M.–12 noon • **Cost:** \$65 • **For:** Children who were 3 by 9.1.11 through those who have completed grade five.

Camp Read–A–Lot

Join us at 10:25 A.M. in Trinity's Library on Sunday mornings **July 1, 8 & 15.**

- Story Time—Library Committee members will read to children.
- Time for checking out books.
- Prizes—kids pick from a treasure box.

Staff Needs for VBS

It is time to complete our list - please help! Teachers in Preschool 1 (3), Kindergarten (2), Grade 2 (2), Grade 3 (2), Grade 4 (1). Also needed are students who completed seventh and eighth grades for classroom and nursery helpers. Contact Mary Schoenknecht (715.832.6601) to volunteer or for more information OR **sign up on the special poster located in the lobby.**

VBS Staff Orientation

All VBS Staff should join us on Thursday, July 12, from 6:30–8:00 P.M. , or Sunday, July 15, from 10:30–11:30 A.M. Participants will receive copies of the materials, guides and procedures, and other items to help you get ready!



Camp Come and Play

Begins September 5

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. This camp is for children with birthdays between 8.1.2009 and 5.31.2010 and is limited to 12 children in each session. Session One is from 9:15–11:15 A.M., and Session Two is from 12:15–2:15 P.M. We will meet in Trinity’s nursery on Wednesdays for 14 for class periods. The cost is \$185.

Thrilling Thursdays

Begins September 13

Spend Friday morning 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 area of language, science, music, math, and art. A hands-on discovery approach will be emphasized in a Christian learning environment. This camp is for children who are four by 12.31.12 and is limited to eight students per group. We will meet in the library from 9:00–11:00 A.M. OR 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays for 13 class periods. The cost is \$167.

Friday Friends

Begins January 4, 2013

Spend Friday 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 area of language, science, music, math, and art. A hands-on discovery approach will be emphasized in a Christian learning environment. This camp is for children who are three by 12.31.12. Register on July 18 to hold your place as enrollment is limited! We will meet in Trinity’s Nursery and Art Room from 9:00–11:15 A.M. on Fridays for 19 class periods. The cost is \$255 (\$125 deposit due at the time of registration; the remaining \$130 due in December).

Looking Ahead to the Fall

- Registration Event for *Camp T.G.I.F.*, Kid’s Choirs, and Sunday School. Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 5:30 P.M. Watch for specific information in the August Children’s Ministries mailing and on our website.
- Rally Sunday, September 9 • Sunday School sessions start and special Bible dedication at the 9:45 A.M. service for three year olds and third grade students.
- Wednesday, September 19 • Camp T.G.I.F. and Kid’s Choir Rehearsals begin.
- Saturday, November 3 • Fall Communion Instruction for children in grades 2–5 from 9:00–11:00 A.M.



Youth Ministries

Affirmation of Baptism Dates

Mark your calendars: 2011–2012 Club 9 students, parents, and mentors are invited to attend the Confirmation Banquet on Sunday, October 21, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. The following Sunday, October 28, at the 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. worship service is Confirmation Sunday.

Faith Plan and Pastor Visit

2011-2012 Club 9 students, please contact your assigned Pastor via email before July 23 to schedule your visit. If you have any questions regarding your Faith Plan or Pastor visit, contact Lisa at 715.832.6601 or lisa@trinity-ec.org.

Incoming Club 9 Students!

Don't forget to call in or email the name of your mentor to Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org. If you need suggestions please, let us know. The Youth Ministry staff will be happy to offer you names of people who are willing to be a mentor, but we do not select or contact mentors. We ask you to make that connection.



2012 ELCA Youth Gathering

Thirteen youth and four adults have been blessed with an opportunity to travel to New Orleans and participate in the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering. We will be among 37,000 youth and chaperones, 750 from our own synod, as we Practice Discipleship, Practice Peacemaking, and Practice Justice. Join us in worship on Sunday, July 8 for the Youth Gathering Commissioning Service. Then join us in worship again on Sunday, July 29, as we lead the service and share what we learned as we were citizens with the saints. Ephesians 2:14–20.



Local Community Missions

Disaster Fund

The Trinity Council approved the formation of a Disaster Assistance Fund one year ago. Since then, this fund has paid out cash awards to several families in the county who have been displaced from their home due to fire. The goal is to assist them with expenses related to daily living. Trinity members, John and Jessica Kelly, established this fund after experiencing the loss of their home by fire. Donations to the fund are needed now to continue providing this healing touch from our congregation. You may make gifts online at trinity-ec.org or by check to the Trinity Disaster Fund.

Giving a Meal at The Community Table

Thanks to our Monday monthly serving team that faithfully prepares and serves a noon meal. Demand is increasing and needs for support are as well. If you'd like to underwrite the \$150 cost for providing the meal our team serves, please make contributions to Trinity and memo: The Community Table.

Volunteer to Help the Homeless

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 for up to 30 days. Our next serving opportunity is July 22–26. Several volunteers are needed each day to fill the duties. If you are a new volunteer to the Beacon House, you will be paired with someone with experience. Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Trinity's office at 715.832.6601 if you can help. Please join us for this rewarding experience!

Friends of Flynn

Recently, as part of our partnership with Flynn Elementary School, an anonymous donor from our congregation gave 42 pairs of shoes to children at Flynn. We recently received this thank you:

Thank you for the great shoes! I needed shoes that fit. They made me feel happy!

Trinity will be distributing more shoes to area children in August as part of our Soles for Special Souls project. If you would like more information, or to become involved, please contact Suzanne at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org

Soles for Special Souls

Through your generosity, this special project continues to provide shoes to children in need in our community. Vouchers are provided to families allowing them to pick out new shoes or boots at our local Kmart. In 2011–2012, we were able to distribute the following:

- Through our food pantry, we distributed vouchers for almost 200 pairs of shoes to children before school started last fall.
- With the assistance of our Eau Claire elementary school counselors, we distributed vouchers for over 100 pairs of boots to children in our schools.
- Coordinating with the Bolton Refuge House, we provided their staff with vouchers to be used at their discretion for families in need.

This fall we hope to be able to help even more children, but we need your help. Please consider helping support this mission by directing your donation to Trinity Lutheran Church with a memo "Soles for Special Souls." Thank you!





Trinity Food Pantry Experiences Record Numbers

The food pantry of Trinity Lutheran continues to serve an array of families in need as the second largest food pantry in Eau Claire behind the St. Francis Food Pantry. Your generous financial support and volunteer hours make it possible for our food pantry to be an effective, efficient, and inspiring means of ministry and service in our community. Thank you!

It is inspiring to provide food for people in need, but the record numbers are also a reflection of the growing financial struggles in our community. Last July, changes were made at the proposal of the Food Pantry Task Force in an effort to uphold the long-term sustainability of our pantry and to serve as many different people as possible. Those changes included:

- Moving the pantry to a larger area of our building.
- Implementing client choice where guests choose the food they would like, thereby hindering waste.
- Restricting guests to two visits a month.

With these adjustments, the amount of visits continues to rise. Consider these facts:

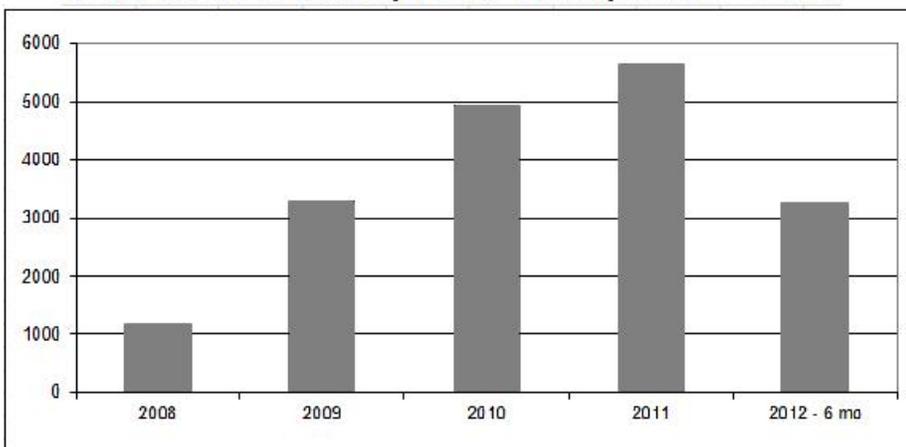
- Trinity's food pantry has grown 500% since 2008.
- May visits 2011: 586 May visits 2012: 628
- 2011 visits through May: 2,440
- 2012 visits through May: 2,667

Thank you for your on-going, faithful support of this ministry to our community.

Pastor Jim Page

PS. If you would like to give a financial gift to Trinity's Food Pantry, you can do so by writing "Food Pantry" in the memo of your check or making a donation online at trinity-ec.org

Total Visits to Trinity Food Pantry, 2008 - 2012



Quick Facts About the Sojourner House

In the first six months of operation, there have been:

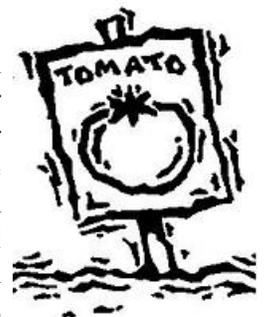
- 194 different people who have stayed at the Sojourner House (147 males, 47 females).
- 43 people stayed once.
- 47 people stayed more than once but less than eight days.
- 26 people stayed over 60 days.
- 11 people stayed over 100 days.
- 22 people are veterans.

In 6 months we have provided 5,155 beds which averages out to 28.3 people/beds per night. These guests are from:

- Eau Claire County / 127
- Chippewa County / 18
- Dunn County / 6
- Buffalo County / 6
- Other / 37 (Other = 100 + miles from Eau Claire County)

Back Yard Gardeners

We hope your gardens are flourishing with the warm weather and rain so far this summer. The typical back yard gardener will consume as much of their harvest as possible; share



some with their friends and neighbors; can, preserve, or pickle some; and yet have more to harvest. If this is the case in your back yard, please keep Trinity's Food Pantry in mind. Think how excited our guests will be to receive fresh produce from your garden! If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne at suzanne@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.



Drivers Needed

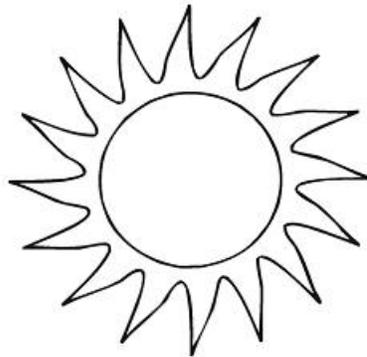
Trinity's Food Pantry is in need of someone to pick up 4-5 boxes of fresh produce at Feed My People on Wednesday afternoons for distribution on Thursdays in our Food Pantry. We hope to have several drivers so that you won't need to pick up every week. If you are interested, please contact Suzanne at suzanne@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601. Thank you!

Global Missions

What Are You Doing During Spring Break 2013?

Have you thought about participating in the Trinity Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica in March of 2013? If you are considering participating in this life changing mission trip, the following fund-raising opportunity will help reduce your personal cost for the trip.

This year Country Jam is July 19–21. Each day has an early shift and a closing shift that needs adult "work" volunteers. If you would like to help with this opportunity, please contact Kathy Rau at raukamara@aol.com for more details. "Working" a shift allows you to attend the remainder of the day with no cost to the working adult. This is a way to see your favorite country artist for free and help with a fundraising project for the Kingston Mission Trip. Men who would like to participate in the Savannah Del Mar trip are also invited to participate in this fund-raising activity.



Missionaries From Japan To Visit Trinity

Our mission statement of "Serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news" is lived out within Trinity, in the Eau Claire community, and throughout the world. Our congregation joins other congregations in financially supporting Jackie and Patrick Bencke as they serve in Kumamoto, Japan.

Jackie entered into a new role in April as the Sacred Music Director of Kyushu Lutheran College. Patrick continues to teach English at the same college. Their daughter, Hannah, recently entered into kindergarten which is a three-year program. Their other daughter, Emilie, is in fifth grade.

The Bencke's will be visiting Trinity on Sunday, August 19. Patrick will be preaching, and Jackie will offer music to complement his message. Please mark your calendar to come and welcome the Bencke's while hearing their inspiring message of how we join them in sharing God's presence in Japan. For more information, contact Pastor Jim (jim@trinity-ec.org).

ELCA Malaria Campaign Matching Gift Available!

The ELCA Malaria Campaign has a goal of raising \$15 million in conjunction with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals to contain malaria by 2015. Lutheran churches in Africa are not just places of worship. They are at the center of community life. That's what makes the church the best place for malaria education, prevention, and care.

Malaria facts: Malaria claims the life of a child every 45 seconds. An African child has on average of 1.6 to 5.4 episodes of malaria each year. In countries with high rates of malaria, the disease accounts for 60% of health care visits.

Why malaria? Malaria is the leading cause of death in Africa. Just one bite from an infected mosquito is all it takes for a person to contract malaria.

What we do: We provide life-saving health care where medicine is available through church ministries, clinics, and hospitals. We help prevent the spread of malaria through insecticide-treated mosquito nets and preventative medications.

Generous friends of the ELCA are ready to match every dollar given to this effort up to \$50,000! You can give your gift by calling 1.800.638.3522 or sending a check to: ELCA Malaria Campaign, PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL. 60694-9300

From Your Parish



Nurse

A Handy Little Chart

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart because God is at work in our lives even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, the next time your little hut is burning to the ground, it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God. For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

YOU SAY	GOD SAYS	BIBLE VERSES
You say: "It's impossible"	God says: All things are possible	Luke 18:27
You say: "I'm too tired"	God says: I will give you rest	Matthew 11:28-30
You say: "Nobody really loves me"	God says: I love you	John 3:16
You say: "I can't go on"	God says: My grace is sufficient	II Corinthians 12:9
You say: "I can't figure things out"	God says: I will direct your steps	Proverbs 3:5-6
You say: "I can't do it"	God says: You can do all things	Philippians 4:13
You say: "I'm not able"	God says: I am able	II Corinthians 9:8
You say: "It's not worth it"	God says: It will be worth it	Roman 8:28
You say: "I can't forgive myself"	God says: I forgive you	I John 1:9
You say: "I can't manage"	God says: I will supply all your needs	Philippians 4:19
You say: "I'm afraid"	God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear	II Timothy 1:7
You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"	God says: Cast all your cares on ME	I Peter 5:7
You say: "I don't have enough faith"	God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith	Romans 12:3
You say: "I'm not smart enough"	God says: I give you wisdom	I Corinthians 1:30
You say: "I feel all alone"	God says: I will never leave you or forsake you	Hebrews 13:5

Healthy Creamy Cucumber Salad Dressing

- 1 med. cucumber, pared and sliced
- 1 cup low-fat mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh onion (or 2 tsp. dried)

Combine ingredients in blender until smooth. Pour into a jar; cover and store in the refrigerator. Makes 2 cups. About 20 calories per tablespoon.

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Library Fund

- In memory of Ragna Dale: Willard & Anne Johnson

Mortgage Fund

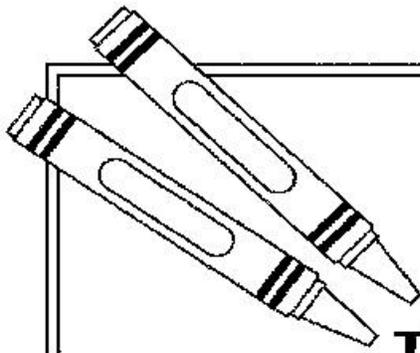
- In memory of Chuck Colburn: Michael Siker

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Andrew John Paul: The Presto Foundation
- In memory of Barbara Kearney: Jim & Sherry Jones

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Elsie Lyddane: Tom & Sue Weniger
- In memory of Becky Kessenich: David & Jeanette Suchla
- In memory of Dale Hatfield: David & Jeanette Suchla
- In memory of Laurence Cook: Hazel Cook



Just for **KIDS**

Time for Vacation

School is out; the weather is warm. It's time to plan a vacation! Look up the Bible verses below to find words to fit in the boxes. The words are places that you might go on vacation.



Exodus 2:5				V		
Joshua 9:1				A		
John 21:4				C		
Exodus 33:7				A		
Matthew 8:23				T		
Isaiah 40:12				I		
Jeremiah 21:14				O		
Matthew 3:1				N		

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