



Inviting You To Worship as Times Expand

Start the fall right with regular worship. Join us on Wednesdays when you're away on Sunday. Here are the options:

Sundays

- 8:15 A.M. Worship God in a more traditional style with the beloved hymns, liturgy, and leadership of the pipe organ and Trinity Choir. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays each month.
- 9:45 A.M. Worship God in a more contemporary style with music by current composers led by Harmony In Spirit. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays each month.
- *(Beginning September 9)* 10:30 A.M. Worship God in the Chapel (located between the office and preschool). 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 *(Starting September 5)*

6:30 P.M. Worship God on Wednesdays when Sundays just don't work for you. The message will be the same from the previous Sunday, but on September 5 we kick off with guest speaker Jonathan Rundman. The CrossWord youth band offers music leadership, and youth serve as ushers and communion servers. Join in the Lord's Supper the first and third Wednesdays each month.

Farewell to Pastor Heather

You are invited to join with all the people of Trinity to recognize with gratitude and thanks to God the ministry Pastor Heather Wigdahl has shared with us. She will preach this day (and Wednesday, September 19), and a reception will be held in the Trinity Room.

Pastor Heather has accepted a call to serve Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, WI after being recommended as a candidate by Bishop Pederson of the NW Synod of WI.

Our sadness in bidding her farewell reminds us that pastors are called to serve as God leads, and their ministries extend beyond any one congregation. Please join us in worship on September 16 or 19.

Great Adult Studies Starting

Growing in faith as an adult takes discipline and investment. Check inside for news about "Crossings: God's Journey with Us," a new Bible overview; Financial Peace University; and God's Game—Sports from a Christian Perspective. There's a new Book Club starting this month, too! It's all inside!

Growing Children in Faith

Great opportunities await children and youth this fall at Trinity. Orientations and registration for Sunday School, Wednesdays To Gather in Faith (TGIF), children's choirs, and Club 78 and Club 9 (confirmation for grades 7–9) will be held on two evenings, August 30 and 31. Check out trinity-ec.org for specifics about each ministry and registration forms.





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I love tulips. They are my favorite flower—maybe in part because of my Dutch ancestry, but also because I am fascinated by their beauty and longevity (not to mention their early arrival in the often still cool spring weather!)

One particular spring, my husband and daughter surprised me with a front yard full of over a hundred tulips. The previous fall, they had planted them without my knowledge, and somehow, through all the cold winter months, they were able to keep that secret. All winter long, those bulbs were nestled in the ground, just waiting for the right signal to peak up and grow into their fullness.

When I slow down enough to pay attention, I am amazed to notice how life usually begins with something small and seemingly fragile. Often, much time passes before we can see any significant growth, and sometimes a whole winter comes and goes before we even know anything was growing at all!

As most of you know, I have accepted a new call and will be leaving Trinity at the end of September. While my heart is sad to say goodbye, I trust that God is calling me into a new community for reasons even beyond what I know to be true now. As I look back over the past years with you, I also trust that God has been at work through our partnership in planting seeds that have yet to grow here among you, as well as within my own life of faith.

Trinity has been an abundant garden for me and my family. You have blessed me as a pastor and a person of faith, and I know that I am all the better and richer for knowing and loving you. I trust I will continue to be surprised with beautiful blooms because of our partnership. I pray you will discover the same.

Your sister in Christ, now and always,
Pastor Heather



Looking Ahead to What God Provides

The Trinity Council is looking to the coming year and making preparations to work with Bishop Pederson of the NW Synod of WI and a Call Committee it has recently appointed to interview candidates for the position of Associate Pastor. This month, Bishop Pederson will meet with the Call Committee and Pastor Kurt Jacobson to discuss the position which will assist him in identifying candidates for us to consider. In the end, God will provide for us another pastor to join our ministry.

Later this month, the Call Committee will be introduced in Sunday worship. Meanwhile, if you know of ELCA pastors you believe would bring gifts to our church and complement the staff team in place, please submit those names to Kyle Wogahn, Sandy Moszer, John Rush, Deb Tackmann, Curt Travis, Shirley Anderson. All suggestions will be vetted by Bishop Pederson.

Guest Speaker

Daniel Rambo, son of Gary and Mary Rambo, will be our guest speaker in worship on Sunday, September 2. Dan has spent the past two years teaching English in China through China Service Ventures, and he's headed back again for another year. His message will inspire you to see how God works through others and extends the Good News of Christ to distant places in the world.

Senior Citizens Meet Friendship Group

Wednesday, September 12
10:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room
Program by Warren Hermodson
Lunch at Red Lobster
Ordering off the menu



Adult Ministries

Get a New View of the Bible

"Crossings: God's Journey with Us" is a new adult study beginning in September. This Bible overview will bring you into the story line that lies at the heart of biblical faith. With hundreds of stories and thousands of names in the Bible, how is a person to understand and remember it all? "Crossings" will meet for eight sessions beginning Thursday, September 13, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. The cost is \$20 which includes a journal. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central or register online via our website (trinity-ec.org home page). Space is limited. For more information, contact Dan Alexander at danalc@hotmail.com or 715.651.3729

Get Some Financial Peace

Join this adult series beginning this fall and be a part of "Financial Peace University," a nine part series for anyone looking to connect faith and finances. Invite your friends to attend with you, and sign-up today online at trinity-ec.org homepage or at Clipboard Central in the Lobby. Cost is \$89 and the series meets on Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. beginning September 6. For more information, contact Steve Craker at 715.829.8175 or scraker@charter.net

Turn the Page!

On Tuesday, September 18, Trinity's new Page Turners Book Club will meet for the first time to discuss the book *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert at 6:30 P.M. in the lobby. This richly imagined novel, set in Hawaii 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. Please R.S.V.P. a spot for yourself by calling 715.832.6601, emailing Cindy at cindy@trinity-ec.org or signing up at Clipboard Central.

God's Game—Sports from a Christian Perspective

Parents, athletes, and anyone interested in the topic of faith in sports are invited to attend a three-part series in September at Trinity titled "God's Game—Sports from a Christian Perspective." This series gathering will be held in the Worship Center from 6:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. on Sundays, September 16 and September 23, and the final gathering will be on September 30 from 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. The cost for this series is \$10/family and can be paid at the first gathering on September 16. Registration ends on September 10. Participants can register and learn more via our website (trinity-ec.org) at the Adult Ministry link under GROW.



Men of Integrity

The Men of Integrity men's ministry welcomes men of various ages to a time of fellowship, learning, and discussion on Saturdays in September. We will meet on September 15, 22, and 29 from 8:00 A.M.–9:00 A.M. in the Fireside Room at Trinity.

Each week Pastor Jim will lead a discussion of an article with a specific theme relative to men and faith. The goal is to discern how current topics are informed by our faith and Biblical principles. Articles may be picked up after worship on Sundays or in the Trinity office on weekdays.

The article titles are:

- 9/15: "The Dark Knight Rises" (Wall Street Journal)
- 9/22: "Is There Hope for the American Marriage?" (Time)
- 9/29: "Spiritual Nomads: Exploring the points of interest of young adults in worship" (The Lutheran)

Contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org for more information. We hope to see you on Saturday mornings to meet other guys and nurture your faith!

Join Us

If you're looking for a church home, please consider Trinity. We have great ministries and a compelling mission with many ways for you to engage the abilities God has given you and to grow in faith. "Discover Trinity" is the one evening event that brings newcomers into the life of Trinity. The next "Discover Trinity" night is Thursday, November 8. Register online at trinity-ec.org or via email: suzanne@trinity-ec.org. For more information, contact Pastor Jim Page at jim@trinity-ec.org



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.
- **Teen Study Leaders Needed** • The Youth Leadership Team is looking for Teen Study Leaders to teach Club 78 Teen Study and High School Teen Study. Club 78 Teen Study meets on Sunday mornings during the second Sunday school session, 10:30–11:05 A.M. High School Teen Study consists of a three session book study. The book study will meet on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. We are looking for a team of three or four adults to teach each group on a rotating schedule from October–April. Curriculum, materials, and support are provided. This is another great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Please contact Cassie at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org.



Small Steps

It doesn't take much to start living well. In fact, it starts with taking one small step. What's one small step you can take toward wellness? Simplify: One step at a time! Simplify! Clean one drawer or “find” one bag of clothing or stuff to donate. The less chaotic your environment, the more you'll feel in control in other areas of your life.

Join Prayer Link

Pastor Kurt invites you to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and becoming part of Prayer Link (formerly the “Prayer Chain.”) Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and several people who've agreed to pray for others. Will you join this effort?

It's simple. Join Trinity's PrayerLink and begin to receive the requests via email or phone message. Pray wherever and whenever you can! Email Pastor Kurt, kurt@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org

New Funeral Planning Guide Online

Planning for the end of your life, or planning a loved ones funeral services is a journey that calls forth faith and trust in the God of new life. To guide the hundreds of decisions that surround the end of life, the rites of the church, and burial, Trinity has developed a planning guide. The guide is available on our website. Some print copies are on the table in the Lobby, too. The plans you make now can be a reassuring gift to others in the future. Check out this guide today.

Travel to Tuscany

You're invited to an information meeting on September 19, 7:00 P.M., at Trinity to learn about the Rome and Tuscany trip planned for September 2013. A brochure is available on the table in the Lobby today. For more information, please contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org

Hope Phones Update

The Health Ministries Committee began collecting old cell phones in February of 2012. Your old cell phones are being recycled or refurbished, and they create communication networks for health workers serving millions in fifteen countries. To date, we have collected and sent in 112 old cell phones, plus the chargers, which are being recycled by a sister company. Three collection bins are located in the building—in the lobby, near the choir rooms, and in the preschool hallway. Great job Trinity!



Sharing Our Gifts

Making Offerings Easy

You can make your offerings for Regular Ministry and Mortgage Payment easy when you opt for electronic fund transfer. Set it up online at www.trinity-ec.org Give page or phone Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601 for assistance.

Be sure your love for God and Christ's church is always first in your charitable giving by using this easy option for offerings. Thank you for every gift you share.

Your Giving Blesses Many

Thank you for every offering you share for **Regular Ministries** and **Mortgage Payment**. Your offerings make possible so many God-pleasing missions which serve the needy, instill faith in hundreds of children, and extend the spirit and love of our congregation into this community and world.

God continues to do many great things through our church because you give back to God a portion of what God has entrusted to you. Thank you. In 2012 offerings to Regular Ministries are up over 7%, and this is very good news!

Please continue to give regularly.

Through July 31	2012	2011
Offering Income	\$581,710	\$540,463
Expenses	\$570,170	\$560,060
Difference	+11,540	-19,597

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."

Through July 31	2010	2011**	2012
Mortgage Offerings	\$96,950	101,352	113,480
Mortgage Payments*	\$156,846	105,937	139,429

*Includes Mortgage Pre-Pay Dollars.

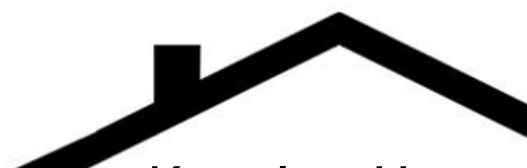
** Loan Re-financed March 2011

Entrusting A Gift From Your Estate

Trinity has a permanent (endowed) fund to receive contributions that come from your estate or current giving. The Trust Fund benefits from designated memorials you give upon the death of someone in your life. The endowed principal generates income which is extremely beneficial for current ministry support. In 2011 grants from the Trust Fund have provided

- Tuition assistance for needy preschoolers to attend Noah's Ark.
- A grant for a seminarian from Trinity attending Luther Seminary.
- Grants to employ teenagers and develop their leadership skills in our summer Day Camp ministries.
- Grant to support the men's mission at Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica.

Please remember the Trust Fund when you wish to give a memorial to Trinity or to honor someone upon a birthday or anniversary. Then also remember the Trust Fund as you're updating your will. A simple designation in your estate plan can live on forever through the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. For more information go to trinity-ec.org Trust Fund under GIVE.



Keeping Up Our House

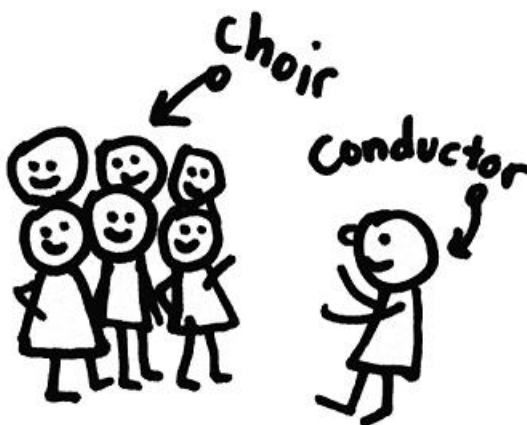
Last month a large section of roof over the preschool and classroom wing was replaced. Thanks to your offerings to the "Building Fund" (for maintenance, not mortgage payments), the cost of this project was covered. Thank you for your offerings.



Why Music?

- Listening to moving music causes the brain to release dopamine, a feel-good chemical.
- Dopamine-induced joy may help explain why music has been such a big part of human societies throughout history.
- Understanding why people like listening to music is helping scientists understand human joy.

Just do it! If you enjoy the wonderful music that you hear every Sunday morning, this is the time for you to step up, join one of Trinity's music groups, and be blessed while you are a blessing. Opportunities exist for anyone of any age and any ability level to participate in our worship praise life. Call the following numbers for more information, or just show up for a rehearsal. No auditions are required. Everyone will feel welcome in a choir.



Harmony in Spirit, Contemporary Worship Team, 9th grade and up
 Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; shirley@trinity-ec.org).

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 7:15 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Wednesday, August 29

Trinity Choir, 9th grade and up
 Director: Gary Rambo (715.832.4429; grambo@clearwire.net)

Rehearsal: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Thursday, September 6

CrossWord Youth Band, 7th grade and up

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Wednesday, September 5

God's Little Singers, PreK-Kindergarten

Director: Jeanne Cooper (715.832.6601; jeanne@trinity-ec.org)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.

Location: Noah's Ark PreSchool Room.

Start Date: Wednesday, September 19

Registration: September 5, Pizza Party at 5:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room

Children's Choir, Grades 1 and 2

Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; shirley@trinity-ec.org)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 19

Registration: September 5, Pizza Party at 5:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room

Totally Joyous Christians, Grades 3 through 6

Director: Shirley Sands (715.832.6601; shirley @trinity-ec.org)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4:15–5:00 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 19

Registration: September 5, Pizza Party at 5:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room

Trinity Tollers–Handbell Choir, 7th grade and up

Director: Ryan Poquette (715.552.5266; ryan@creation27.com)

Rehearsal: Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Tuesday, September 4, 6:30 P.M.

Invitation to Singers

Trinity Choir welcomes and invites you to join us this Fall. The prophet Isaiah reminds them "we will sing songs... all the days of our life in the house of the Lord" Isaiah 38:20. We invite anyone from confirmation age and beyond to sing in our adult choir. We are in need of singers in all voice ranges. Our rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00–8:00 P.M. (with some exceptions i.e. when we occasionally sing at a Wednesday worship service). Rehearsals begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 6. We welcome "snow birds," singers with busy schedules and occasional conflicts, and offer a special invitation to new members of Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Trinity Choir Director, Gary Rambo, at 715.832.4429.



New Library Books!

Our church library is a good resource for many books on various topics! Look for these new books on Bullying on the A frame display.

For Children

- *Words Are Not for Hurting* by Elizabeth Verdick. This engaging book uses age-appropriate vocabulary and delightful illustrations to teach children that their words belong to them. They can think before they speak, then choose what to say and how to say it. A special section at the back offers activities and discussion starters. ++ FIC VER
- *Loudmouth George and the Sixth-grade Bully* by Nancy Carlson. After having his lunch repeatedly stolen by a bull twice his size, Loudmouth George and his friend Harriet teach the bully a lesson he'll never forget. ++ FIC CAR
- *Better Than You* by Trudy Ludwig. Tyler's friend Jake continually boasts about his abilities, making Tyler feel bad about himself until his uncle Kevin and new neighbor Niko help him see that Jake is the one with the problem. A special section at the back offers activities and discussion starters. + FIC LUD
- *King of the Playground* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. With his dad's help, Kevin overcomes his fear of the "King of the Playground" who has threatened to tie him to the slide, put him in a deep hole, or put him in a cage with bears. ++ FIC REY
- *Henry and the Bully* by Nancy Carlson. When a new second grader begins bullying Henry and the other first graders, Henry stumbles onto a secret that just might save them. ++ FIC CAR

For Adults

- *Bullying, A Spiritual Crisis* by Ronald Hecker Cram. From the author's notes: "This book is intended to be an exploration in practical theology on the theme of bullying. It is hoped that interest and debate that may arise from the reading of this text will result in further experiments of critical reflection and action for the common good." 261.8 CRA

Other Books from the Library Collection

- *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)

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)

Ministry Builders Stickers

If you 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.

Book Club Reading List

- **Tuesday, September 18** • *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert
- **Tuesday, October 16** • *The Terra-Cotta Dog* By Andrea Camilleri
- **Tuesday, November 20** • *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- **Tuesday, December 18** • *Working Stiff* By Annelise Ryan
- **Tuesday, January 15** • *Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love* by Dava Sobel
- **Tuesday, February 19** • *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman
- **Tuesday, March 19** • *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
- **Tuesday, April 16** • *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway
- **Tuesday, May 21** • *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls



Camp at Luther Park

A reflection from Karen & Kirk Myhre

Luther Park Family Camp: exciting, rejuvenating, enriching, faith-building, relaxing. Our kids remember: ringing the bell, songs, link tag, free time (gaga pit, swim, art, tie dye, canoe/kayak, bog, nature walk), musical/Christ Walk, talent show, worship, and campfires. Those are just a few of the many words and memories that describe our week away in Chetek. Luther Park provides an opportunity for us to unplug from our busy, everyday lives and reconnect as a family. Family Camp at Luther Park is our annual family vacation. Our kids have come to expect it—honestly, so do we.

From age-specific Bible studies, to available activities all afternoon, and finishing with staff led campfires at night, the college counselor staff work tirelessly to keep families inspired and active. On the other hand, we can be as laid back with our plans as we want to be. Yearly we enjoy a musical and an outdoor passion play known as the Christ Walk. We come home filled spiritually and fed in our bodies and souls. As former counselors ourselves at Luther Park, it's inspiring to see our children laying down memories now of their own.

Luther Park: Where faith is nurtured through holy play!

Three families from Trinity ventured to Luther Park in Chetek, Wisconsin during the week of August 5–10. This is an excellent way to spend a family vacation and worth consideration for your family next summer!

Family Camp Facts!

Family camp programs, one of the fastest growing camp trends, allow two or three generations within a family to attend camp together! In fact, there has been a 215% increase in family camp programs in the past 15 years!

1. The average age for first-time campers is seven. Many families are discovering that for younger children, a family camp experience serves as excellent training wheels for a later residential camp experience.
2. A family camp experience brings together not only immediate family members, but also provides the opportunity for multiple generations and extended family members to bond. Family camp programs allow families who are spread across the country, or even the globe, to spend time together, share stories around the campfire, and to just have fun.
3. Every family is unique, and sometimes finding a family vacation that fits the needs and interests of each individual family member may be difficult. Luckily, families have access to family camp programs! Whether for a weekend, a week, or more, families arrive at camp where a variety of activities are available to suit nearly every interest.
4. Children and adults alike are more plugged in today than ever. From MP3 Players to computers and TV, families are tuned into the media and entertainment industries—leaving them without opportunities to communicate as a family. Camp gives families a chance to unplug and to unite, opening the lines of communication.
5. Camp provides children and adults a safe and nurturing environment to learn new things and take healthy risks. At camp it may be grandma's first time to ride a horse or dad's first time to go canoeing. Families share learning experiences, allowing them to view one another in a different light and bring them all closer.
- 6.

Recycle Your Camera!



Your old digital camera might sit in a closet now that it's been upstaged by a new one, but it could still have a vital future. Trinity would like to put your no-longer-needed cameras into the hands of our ministry directors, teachers, and volunteers! Cameras, with their cords and memory cards, can be dropped off in the church office. Please call Cindy Beck at 715.832.6601 for more information about making your donation!

In the Mail

From Maribeth Woodford, Director of the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic

Dear Pastor Kurt and Members of Trinity Lutheran Church,

You help us save lives! On behalf of Chippewa Valley Clinic's patients, health care volunteers and staff, I would like to thank you for supporting the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic as a Good Samaritan Partner. Your compassionate involvement exemplifies our "from the community, for the community" program; your financial support, along with the our communities' volunteer talents and the additional services from the area health systems, allows us to give quality care to our patients who do not have reasonable health care alternatives.

We believe access to basic health care is an essential right. Our mission is to serve the working poor and uninsured that come to our door in need of medical assistance and guidance for other resources in our community. The growing demand for the Clinic services along with the increase in medication costs makes strong collaborative partners all the more crucial to our existence.

Again thank you for having the conviction to make a difference in the lives of those that are the most vulnerable in our communities. On behalf of everyone who enters our clinic, either to give care or receive it, we appreciate your support.

Wishing you good health and well-being.



Children's Ministries

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. Upcoming baptism dates are September 9, 23; October 14; November 11, 25; December 9, 23.



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 two–grade six starting Sunday, September.

For Children on Wednesdays • Beginning September 19

Sign up for Bible class Camp T.G.I.F. (To Gather In Faith) for grades three–six, and children's choirs for children four PreK–grade six. Supper is included.

How to Register?

- The Family Pizza Supper on Wednesday, September 5, starting at 5:30 P.M. Ministry Directors for the children's choirs and programs will be on hand for conversation and information.
- Rally Sunday and Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 9, throughout the morning. Look for registration materials in the lobby, take children to rooms 204–208 for an activity, and enjoy a sundae in the Trinity Room.

For more information about the programming and registration forms, check out the Children's Ministries Registration Booklet. Copies are available in the church office, lobby, or on the website www.trinity-ec.org

Bible Sunday

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

Calling Adult & High School Volunteers

Sunday School & Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers and Assistants are needed.

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 to be part of the team.

Teacher Orientations

For Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers •
Wednesday, September 12, at 5:30 P.M.
For Sunday School Teacher • Thursday,
September 13, at 7:00 P.M. (Note change
of day). Teachers will receive:

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

Day Camp Openings

Day Camps are great faith based learning opportunities for young children. Call Mary Schoenknecht at 717.832.6601 for availability and registration information.

Music & Movement Mondays • Beginning September 10

Move and groove to the music with both new and old songs. We will explore music with song, dance, and instruments—a wonderful bonding experience for you and your child. New theme each week, and Bible stories conclude each class. Parent or caregiver must attend class with child.

For: Children ages 1–3

Time: Session 1–9:15–10:00 A.M. or
Session 2–10:30–11:15 A.M.

Dates: On Mondays for 12 class periods
Cost: \$85



The Great Pretenders • Beginning 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.

For: Children who are four by 12.31.12.

Time: 1:00–3:00 P.M.

Dates: On Tuesdays for 14 class periods

Cost: \$180

Thrilling Thursdays • Beginning September 13

Spend Thursdays 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.

For: Children who are four by 12.31.12.

Time: 9:00–11:00 A.M. OR 1:00–3:00 P.M.

Dates: On Thursdays for 13 class periods

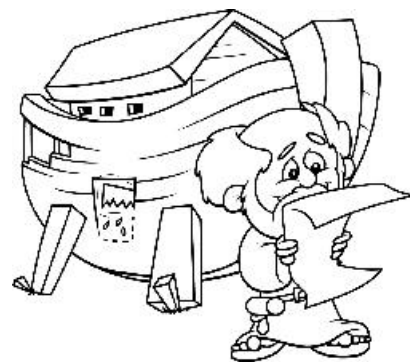
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Kids Helping Kids Vacation Bible School Service Projects

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

- Vacation Bible School 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: 698 lbs of non-perishable food items were collected and delivered to the food bank by the sixth grade students.
- Feed My Starving Children: Students filled banks with coin and currency throughout the week to support this worthy mission of feeding children in 70 countries throughout the world. \$1554.01 was collected.
- Toiletry Items: Children brought bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo and 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 make a difference in the lives of people locally as well as globally.



Noah's Ark News

Noah's Ark is about to set sail for the 2012–2013 school year, the day after Labor Day. We can't wait to greet returning children and welcome our new ones! Our staff: Mrs. Lien, Mrs. "K" (Kasmarek), Mrs. Knickerbocker, and Ms "C" are all returning. As of today, two M/W/F A.M. spots for children four before September 1, 2012, and one M/W/F P.M. spot for a child four before December 21, 2012. We're hoping for a FULL "ark" ASAP!

We'll start our school year by celebrating rainbows and God's promises to us all. We'll even be "tasting" rainbow water?!? We'll also be remembering what it means to be a peacemaker in God's world as we grow together.

The children of Noah's Ark will miss Pastor Heather, but we know that some beautiful children at Our Savior's in Menomonie will quickly become a passion of hers. Blessings and hugs to Pastor Heather from all the children at Noah's Ark!!

We welcome YOU, Trinity Lutheran congregation, to another year of "messages from the ark." Here's where you'll hear what's going on. We're celebrating 32 years of rainbows and God's blessings!

Hugs

Ms. C

PS...mark Tuesday, October 23, on your calendar for the annual Noah's Ark Spaghetti Supper from 4:00–7:00 P.M. We'll have great food, silent auction baskets, and fun!!



Youth Ministries

Trinity Welcomes Jonathan Rundman!

Jonathan Rundman will be our guest presenter for our Confirmation Kick-Off on Wednesday, September 5. Our Kick-Off Event has become a great way for our community to begin the school year. Jonathan Rundman is a Midwest-based songwriter, performer, and recording artist. His critically acclaimed songs have been highlighted in publications such as Billboard, Paste Magazine, The New York Times, CCM, The Christian Century, and The Lutheran, and they have received radio airplay from coast to coast and in Europe. All are welcome to join in this evening with Jonathan! Worship with Jonathan Rundman from 6:30–7:45 P.M. followed by fellowship and treats from 7:45–8:15 P.M.



Youth Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 5

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Confirmation Kick-off Event with Jonathan Rundman from 6:30–8:00 P.M. in the Worship Center

Wednesday, September 12

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- 7th Graders receive Bibles in the 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 19

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at the 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 26

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

Youth Council Be A Leader!

Be a leader, and join the High School Youth Council. We need students to help us find new and exciting things to do here at Trinity! Voice your opinion, and make things happen. High School Youth Council will meet in the Youth Room on September 26 from 7:15–8:00 P.M. Sign up at the Tool Bench or contact Cassie at 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 way to participate with a friend or mentor.

Letting Go When Your Child Leaves Home

It's hard to say goodbye when your young adult child leaves home, but letting go and encouraging independence are necessary steps in a healthy transition to adulthood. Your relationship with your child is still important; it's just time for it to move to the next stage.

Here's how to begin the process of letting go:

- Butt out, when possible. Young adults feel more confident and capable when they make their own decisions and deal with challenging situations on their own. Give advice sparingly.
- Cut back on communications. Don't inundate your child with texts, emails, and calls. Too much contact can hamper a growing sense of independence.
- Listen more, judge less. When you do talk, be respectful and accept the changes and enjoy the adult he or she is becoming.
- Do something new for yourself. Take up a new hobby or get back to an old one. Nurture yourself.
- Stay positive. It's natural to be a bit sad that your nest is empty or less full. But keep in mind your child is making a healthy transition to adulthood.



Local and Global Missions

Men's 2013 Mission in Jamaica

Trinity men have partnered with Jabneh Christian Academy near Savanna La Mar for the past four winters, and we're going again in January. This winter we'll begin construction of a second 20'x60' classroom building.

Join us for the men's trip, January 24–29, 2013. Applications are open now until October 1. An information sheet and application form are available on the Serve-Global Mission page of trinity-ec.org or in the Lobby.

Jabneh enrolls children from kindergarten to grade 8. In previous trips, Trinity men have provided bathroom facilities and last year completed a 20x60' classroom building. Jabneh is a ministry of Maranatha Church which has a long connection with Trinity.

Shop for School Supplies

As part of our partnership with Flynn Elementary School, we are collecting school supplies to assist kids in need. As school supplies (pens, folders, pencils, glue sticks, crayons, etc.) go on sale in area stores, consider buying a few items to help our effort. Personal hygiene items (Kleenex, tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant) are helpful, too. Leave your donations in the church office or on the Lobby Information Center. Thank you for being a part of this local mission.

Weekend Meals for Flynn Children

Later this month, we will begin delivering weekend meals to the children at Flynn Elementary School. Many children rely on the meals they receive at school as their major source of food, but on the weekends, they do not have this resource. By offering weekend meals, we hope to fill this gap for these children. We need volunteers in the following areas:

- Drivers to pick up food at Feed My People, transport it to Flynn, and help with distribution. We will have four teams of two who will each pick up once a month. The pick-up time is 11:00 A.M. on Fridays.
- Packers to help put the meals together at Feed My People periodically throughout the school year.

If you can help, please contact Suzanne at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org. If you would like to financially support this ministry, please note Friends of Flynn on your donation.

CROP Walk October 14

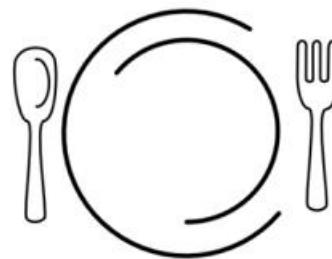
The Eau Claire CROP Walk will be on Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 P.M. at Carson Park. CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) began in 1947 as a means for midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in Europe and Asia. Today 25% of the proceeds benefit local efforts to fight hunger in our community. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central! If you have any questions, contact Suzanne at 715.832.6601.

Sole Support!

Our summer mission of providing new shoes for nearly 200 children for school this fall was a success! Thanks to your generosity, we provided vouchers to families so they could purchase new shoes their children at in our "Soles for Special Souls" effort. A special thank you to the Eau Claire Kmart for partnering with us on this project. If you would like to financially support this project, please note "Shoe Project" on your donation.

Thank You Gardeners!

Thank you to our gardeners who have shared their harvest with Trinity's Food Pantry! It's wonderful to be able to offer our pantry guests fresh tomatoes, lettuce, potatoes, carrots, green beans, and other produce. If you find that your garden provides far more produce than you can possibly use or share with friends, please consider donating some to the pantry. We continue to see increased visits in our pantry and would welcome your donation! Please contact Suzanne Becker at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org if you can help.



Did you know that 39% of those receiving food from a food pantry are children. There are 14,500 people a month who receive assistance from programs (such as Trinity) that receive food from Feed My People. Approximately 5,600 of them are children. Thank you for your continuing support of Trinity's Food Pantry.



Health Ministries

Dear Friends,

Blessings to all as we enter the beginning of another school year, another fall season, and another start-up to our ministry programs. As I begin my eleventh year in this position, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you again of my role as your Parish Nurse.

The church has always had a role in the ministry of healing. Jesus emphasized the healing of body, mind, and spirit. Matthew 8:16... "When evening came, people brought many who had demons in them. Jesus drove out the evil spirits with a word and healed all who were sick." Trinity recognizes the relationship among physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness. Parish nursing reflects this relationship and helps the church fulfill its mission of meeting the needs of its community in the spirit of Christian concern. A Parish Nurse is the visible symbol of the congregation's healing and health ministry.

I work with the congregation by:

- Visiting members wherever they are—in homes, hospitals, or nursing homes.
- Counseling members on health concerns.
- Assisting in obtaining health resources.
- Helping to understand the relationship among body, mind, and spirit.
- Assisting in lifestyle changes.
- Organizing, coordinating, promoting, and evaluating health education programs and screenings.
- Coordinating congregational volunteers.



A Parish Nurse is a baccalaureate educated registered professional nurse who has obtained an additional training program in holistic care. Parish Nurses have answered a call from God to be advocates of physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness within the church. The focus is on wellness and disease prevention rather than hands-on physical care. Parish Nurses do not duplicate or compete with existing health care service providers, but work in collaboration with community services and resources to enhance health care delivery.

I have many interesting resources available to share with you. I support our congregation with a bereavement ministry. Blood pressure screening is available every second Sunday morning of the month following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. services. Some regular events in Health Ministry include an annual Flu Shot clinic, American Red Cross Blood Drives twice a year, a recognition and blessing of new drivers, healing services, CPR training, and congregation wellness challenges. Newsletter articles, back of the door wellness signs, and a variety of speakers help to educate on several topics. I connect with members via phone calls, home visits, and offer home communion.

If you have questions, or would just like to talk, please contact me. If I don't know the answer to your questions, I'll do my best to find out!! May we all embrace wholeness of body, mind, and spirit to Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News!

God's Peace, Marti Hofer

Braised Green Beans & Summer Vegetables

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, halved and sliced
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh oregano, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 cup white wine, or reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 pound green beans, trimmed
- 1 medium summer squash, or zucchini, halved and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 cup halved cherry tomatoes, or grape tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1/4 cup finely shredded Parmesan cheese

Preparation

- Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and oregano and cook, stirring, until softened and beginning to brown, about 2 minutes. Add wine (or broth) and bring to a boil. Add green beans, reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring once or twice. Add summer squash (or zucchini) and tomatoes and continue cooking until the vegetables are tender, 8 to 10 minutes more. Season with salt and pepper. Serve sprinkled with Parmesan.

Nutrition

- Per serving: 92 calories; 4 g fat 1 g sat, 2 g mono; 2 mg cholesterol; 10 g carbohydrates; 0 g added sugars; 3 g protein; 3 g fiber; 158 mg sodium; 290 mg potassium.
- Nutrition Bonus: Vitamin C (30% daily value), Vitamin A (15% dv).
- Carbohydrate Servings: 1/2
- Exchanges: 2 vegetables, 1/2 fat



Memorials & Gifts

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Lois Wendt: Lawrence & Deyon Ziehme, Glen & Bev Tamke, Roger & Phyllis Burrows

Library Fund

- In memory of Lois Wendt: Richard Wendt, Jerry & Joanne Dow, Don & Barb Lee, Dick Cable, Jack & Lois Olson, Jim & Marjorie Oleson, Ann Ayres, Morry & Audrey Brumberg, Char Finseth, Lowell & Jan Joseph, Jim & Bev Page, Barb Tischer

Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In memory of Rick Moen: Linda McClelland

Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Lois Wendt: Paul & Sharon Engstrom, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Sandra Koivu: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Twylah Wolenc: Dan & Marylee Oleson and Family

Organ Fund

- In memory of Lois Wendt: Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf

Good Samaritan Fund

- In memory of Dan Robertson: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Jean "Beaner" Poquette: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of June Nelson: Jim & Sherry Jones

Food Pantry Fund

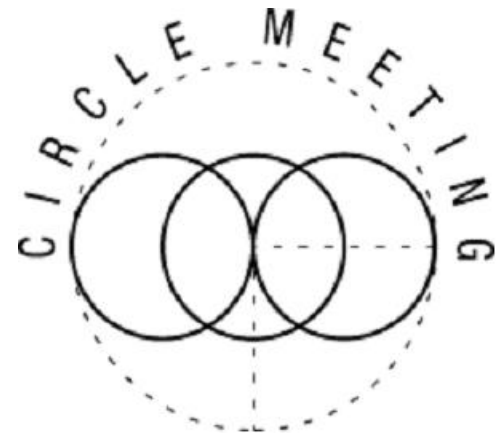
- In memory of Charles Malone: Dave & Jeanette Suchla

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Cornell Charlson: Corinne Charlson
- In memory of Lois Wendt: Samuel & Alice Retallick
- In memory of Willie Smieja: Erik & Kim Hill Phelps

Quilters Fund

- In memory of Lois Wendt: Dorcas Circle



Deborah

Thursday, September 20, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Irene Friend
Leader: Vicki Fields

Dorcas

Wednesday, September 19, 1:00 P.M.
at Trinity
Hostess: Pat Hanson
Leader: Ardy Nystuen

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, September 18, 7:00 P.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfeld
Leader: Kathy Gjesfeld

Miriam

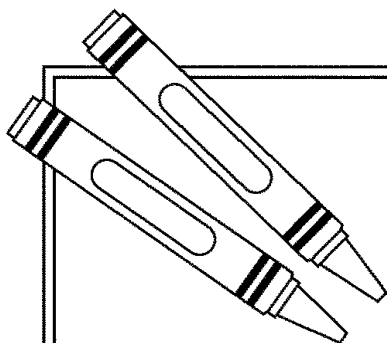
Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Barb Tischer
Leader:

Ruth

Wednesday, September 18, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Marge Oleson, 875 Windsor Forest Drive
Leader: Pat Cliff

Sarah

Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 A.M.
at Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Bollinger
Leader: Barb Vorhes



Just for KIDS

Matthew 4:10

Find the words that fit these definitions. You may use a dictionary or check in a church bulletin or hymnal. Write the letters from the words on the lines below.

A song sung in church

1 2 3 4

Money given in church

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

"The Lord's _____"

13 14 15 16 17 18

What we find written in the Bible:

God's _____

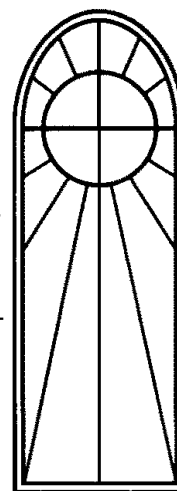
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Another word for Bible verses

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

Warm feeling in your heart

33 34 35 36



" 19 5 9 23 1 10 13 28 1 8

33 5 9 22 2 5 29 9 12 5 22'

15 4 22 23 8 9 35 17

5 4 33 2 1 10 3."

Matthew 4:10b

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