



Making Commitments for 2013 “Giving to God”

“Giving to God” is the 2013 stewardship theme designed to remind us that God has given to us and desires us to give back something in gratitude. The action of doing so through your church honors and praises God. Your action on the 2013 financial commitment card, being mailed November 7, is important. Please return the card at your earliest convenience or complete your commitment online at trinity-ec.org.

As you consider giving back to God in your 2013 financial plans, your church is asking you to respond to two-parts:

1. A commitment for Regular Ministries, and
2. A commitment for Mortgage Payment.

The Regular Ministries offerings empower all the facets of our church and go beyond to the ELCA and across the world. The Mortgage Payment offerings are used solely for the \$10,485 monthly payment. By making this commitment, we hope to pay off our loan in a shorter time. Please respond to both requests.

Thank you for making a 2013 commitment this month and for your offerings every week. The generosity you share every week blesses people and extends the reign of God here and across the world.



Elections Coming

A meeting of the congregation will be held on Sunday, November 11, at 9:10 A.M. in the Trinity Room. The election of the 2013 Trinity Council and first approval of an updated Constitution and Bylaws will be the items of business. The Nominating Committee will forward the following persons for election to three year terms: Herschel Day, John Moen, Diane Nelson, Kim Passi, Rick Risler, Emma Cruciani, Derek Prestin. The 2012 Nominating Committee was comprised of Sarah Pedersen, Lynne McLeod, Andrea Jadeke, Jim Karker, Tami Satre, Kevin Monson, and Brandon Thorsness.

Discover Trinity Event for Newcomers

If you're looking for a church home (or you know someone who is), please come to “Discover Trinity,” an event designed to welcome newcomers to our church's ministries and mission. “Discover Trinity” will be held on Thursday, November 8, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. in the Chapel. Please register online at trinity-ec.org or contact Suzanne Becker at suzanne@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

Sharing Your Gifts Thanksgiving Dinner

It is the season of turkey and pumpkin pie! On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, Trinity will be hosting our annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:30 A.M.—4:00 P.M. This is a dinner for Trinity families and everyone from the community. The atmosphere is uplifting, the food is great, the children's activities are fun, and the joy of giving thanks to God is on the faces of everyone!

Interested volunteers to set up, cook, serve, and clean up can sign up at a designated sign-up sheet at the Information Center or via our website under the “Serve” link. A list of food items will be at both the Information Center and on our website as well. For more information, contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org Thank you!



What do you like about the month of November? The coziness of a blanket at night? The holiday harvest décor? Perhaps the subtle joy found in raking the final leaves from your yard? November is known for many things including being an important month within our lives of faith.

Rev. Dr. Lowell Almen, former Secretary of the ELCA, shared this phrase at a conference I attended that left a powerful impression on me, "God calls us to periodically remember the past in order to understand the present and to prepare for the future."

Lutherans were obviously not born yesterday. We have a rich history of being people that are courageous, compassionate, generous, and connected as disciples of Jesus Christ. These qualities are recognized in this month of November as we worship together.

Our worship schedule begins with the celebration of All Saints Sunday on November 4. It is in remembering those who have been ushered into God's heavenly kingdom, that our feelings of sorrow are overcome by the promises of hope and joy given by Jesus Christ. We remember children, mothers and fathers, husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, friends and faithful guides—those who have nurtured and inspired our faith. We remember our past—the people for whom God has blessed us.

We return to our families and friends for the festive holiday of Thanksgiving. Around a table of food and an atmosphere of love, we seize the joy of God's abundant blessings in our midst. It is a time to reflect on the present and all the good things that make our lives uplifting.

Finally, our monthly worship ends on November 25 with Christ the King Sunday. This is the final day of the church year when we look to the future reign of Christ in glory. It is a future shaped by the acts of ministry and teachings we've heard in God's word throughout the year. It is this future that guides how we live and speak in the present.

November moves us from past remembering to present thanksgiving to future hoping. In these days, I hope you are able to take time to remember those key people who have positively influenced your life and who now bask in heavenly glory. Give thanks for them while you give thanks for your many blessings that are given from God's love for you. Finally, join me in living for the future while making God's kingdom known in our midst as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

What do you like about the month of November? In God's presence, there is much to enjoy!

Blessings to you,

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Stay Connected!

There is always something new and exciting happening at Trinity, and we want to share it with you! Our doors are wide open with opportunities for all ages in the areas of study, service, fellowship, and more. This is your church, and we want you to know what's happening!

More and more people are getting their information online via the web page, emails, and other social media. Therefore, as of January 1, 2013, we will be delivering our monthly newsletter via email instead of through the regular mail. Not only does this deliver valuable information to you more quickly, it also saves money for our congregation. Many of you have already chosen this option. If we do not have your current email, please share this with us as soon as possible so that you do not lapse in receiving Trinity news, schedules, and updates.

Our priority remains, however, to share information in a way that is easy and informative for YOU. If you would like to continue receiving the newsletter through the regular mail, please call the office at 715.832.6601 or email Suzanne at suzanne@trinity-ec.org

Calling a New Pastor

The Call Committee appointed by the Trinity Council has met three times in their effort to recommend to the congregation a pastor to call for the vacant Associate Pastor position. Bishop Pederson of the NW Synod of WI is working to arrange candidates for consideration. Updates on the committee's work and a full exploration of the process is available at trinity-ec.org



"Parenting Guidance Required"

Attention all parents! The holiday season is soon approaching, and there is a parent gathering that you want to get on your calendars. You do not want to miss it! "Parental Guidance Required" is a six week series that will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00 P.M.–7:45 P.M. January 6–February 17.

"Of all the assignments God will give you during your time on earth, none may be more sacred than the task of raising your children. This material is designed to give you the counsel you need to help prepare your children for the future." Rev. Andy Stanley (senior pastor of North Point Ministries; Alpharetta, Georgia) and Reggie Joiner (Executive Director of Family Ministry for North Point Ministries) are the presenters in this DVD based series.

Pastor Jim will oversee this series and hopes you can attend! More information will be forthcoming. Registration opens on December 2.

Inviting You to Italy

Pastor Kurt Jacobson is going to Rome and Tuscany next September 17–26, and you and your friends are invited on this special journey. We'll visit Vatican City, charming towns, magnificent monuments, and more. Trip brochures are available in the lobby information rack. For more information contact Joan Lorenz at joan@higginstravel.com or Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org

Turn the Page!

Join the Trinity Book Club on Tuesday, November 20, as they discuss "*To Kill A Mockingbird*" by Harper Lee. Dust off your copy of one of the best-loved stories of all time! "*To Kill A Mockingbird*" has earned many distinctions since its original publication in 1960. It won the Pulitzer Prize, has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than thirty million copies worldwide, and been made into an enormously popular movie. Most recently, librarians across the country gave the book the highest of honors by voting it the best novel of the twentieth century. Please R.S.V.P. a spot for yourself by calling 715.832.6601 or by signing up at Clipboard Central.

Flu Shot Clinic Reminder

A reminder that Trinity will not be hosting a flu shot clinic this year. Please remember to get your flu shot at your doctor's office, local pharmacy, or the Eau Claire City County Health Department. For information on the Immunization clinics, call 715.839.4718. For reliable information on each vaccine-preventable disease and its vaccine, as well as data on vaccine safety and the importance of vaccines, see: www.vaccineinformation.org

Moving or Going South?

If you're moving or heading south for the winter, Trinity can change your address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Sign-up to receive a paperless copy of the Tidings and get it even faster! Whenever you change address, please let Trinity know! Contact Suzanne at suzanne@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

Foreign Travel Clinic

Marshfield Clinic offers a Foreign Travel Clinic for those traveling abroad, especially to developing countries. Their certified registered nurse provides counseling, injections necessary for travel, and preventative medicine prescriptions. The appointment takes 30–45 minutes and should be scheduled three to four weeks prior to travel. Contact Marshfield Clinic for more information.



The Quilt Ladies

On Saturday, October 13, the "Quilt Ladies" shipped the last of the quilts to Lutheran World Relief. This year the quilters created 40 quilts for vets, 30 for the Sojourner House, 11 for Mission Jamaica, 2 for the Bolton Refuge House, 6 for the Trinity Food Pantry, 5 for Helping Hands, 6 baby quilts, and 79 for Lutheran World Relief. A total of 179 quilts!

A big "thank you" to everyone who gave of their time, material, and monetary donations (this buys our material for our Health Kits). We appreciate all of the donations!

- Thank you to Trinity Youth and Lisa Goetz and Company for transporting our boxes to Lutheran World Relief.
- Thank you to Don Peterson for setting up our tables and making our coffee.
- Thank you to Cindy Beck for promotion and publicity of the "Quilt Ladies."
- Thank you to Suzanne Becker for helping us with the Sojourner Project.

The "Quilt Ladies" meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 A.M. in the Lobby. You are invited to join them for fellowship and fun while you work on a worthy cause.



One Small Step to Wellness Subtract 100 Calories a Day

We all wonder why we put on those extra pounds. Sometimes just being more aware of what we eat may prevent us from adding those pounds. Did you know that if you delete one of these items, you will delete 100 calories from your diet? One hard pretzel, ten gummy bears, two Oreo cookies, ten French fries, ten potato chips, one tablespoon of butter, four Hershey kisses, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup macaroni, four pieces of pepperoni, or twenty peanuts. Combinations of eating less and moving more to eliminate 100 calories may include: eat $\frac{1}{4}$ cup less pasta with tomato sauce and walk 11 minutes; eat 3 tablespoons less of mashed potatoes and walk 13 minutes; skip two half and half creamers in your coffee and walk 15 minutes. Activities that equal 100 calories for a 150 pound person include: biking for 15 minutes, walking briskly for 15 minutes, and stair climbing for 10 minutes.



Do You Want to Donate Blood?

Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 19, from 12:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. Donors need to be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), be in general good health, and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. You are eligible to donate blood at this drive if your last donation was on or before September 24. Sign up at Clipboard Central or make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 54701. Contact Jane Olsen at 715.830.9581 with any questions. Give a gift of life!

Volunteers Needed for Blood Drive

Volunteers are needed to assist with reception and the canteen at our fall Blood Drive on November 19. Volunteer shifts are as follows: 12:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M., 2:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M., and 4:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Other volunteer opportunities include providing baked goods. Please sign up at Clipboard Central. Thank you!

Friendship Group Events

The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14, at 10:00 A.M. with a Thanksgiving Service and communion in the Chapel at 10:30 A.M. Lunch will follow at Yankee Jacks at noon. The cost for lunch is \$16.50 and includes a turkey dinner, dessert, beverage, tax, and tip. Make your reservation by Friday, November 9. Send your check to Elaine Lonning, 1210 East Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire WI 54701

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at 10:00 A.M. with a Christmas Service and communion in the Chapel at 10:30 A.M. Lunch will follow at Fanny Hill at noon. The cost of \$36.95 includes the play, lunch, dessert, beverage, tax, and tip. Make your reservation by Wednesday, December 5. Send your check to Elaine Lonning, 1210 East Lexington Blvd., Eau Claire WI 54701

Board Games Anyone?

Mah Jongg is an old Chinese table game played with one inch tiles. Three or four people can play it at a card table. The premise is to draw tiles from the middle of the table to match a tile arrangement on a preprinted card showing 52 various combinations. It's a popular social game played by updated American rules. Several members of our congregation are interested in forming a Trinity Mah Jongg League. To find out more, sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Suzanne at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org.

Circle Listings

DEBORAH

Thursday, November 15, 9:30 A.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Lynn Gautsche
Leader: Lynn Gautsche

DORCAS

Wednesday, November 21, 1:00
P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Joanne Johnson
Leader: Rose Sippel

MARTHA/MARY

Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 P.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Johnson
Leader: Group

MIRIAM

Wednesday, November 21, 9:30
A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Jeanne Boring
Leader: Group

RUTH

Tuesday, November 20, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Charlotte Finseth, 1825
Conifer Court
Leader: Shirley Freeberg

SARAH

Wednesday, November 21, 9:30
A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Alyce Bertelson
Leader: Barb Vorhes



Annual Advent Workshop

It's time for one of our most anticipated events of the year! The Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 25, from 2:00–5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room.

The Advent Workshop is for people of all ages. Participants will be able to choose from more than 25 activities centered on getting ready for the birth of the Christ child. Members are encouraged to invite friends. Treats will be served throughout the afternoon.

People are needed to help lead the activities. This is a great service project for confirmation age students and their leaders or mentors. Please watch for the display and sign up beginning November 11. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or by email at marys@trinity-ec.org

Angel Breakfast

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Annual Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 8, from 8:30–10:00 A.M. Children and adults will participate in activities, have breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story. The cost is \$10.00 per couple along with two non-perishable food items for the Wall of Food. Registration forms are available in the Children's Ministries Office. Reservations are required.

Faith Lights

The Christmas season is a special time to remember Jesus, the Light of the World. It is also a special time to remember the people who have shared faith in Jesus.

This Christmas, the Endowment Trust Fund Board of Trinity invites you to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by dedicating Faith Lights in their name. These lights will adorn Christmas trees in the Trinity lobby this season. For a small donation, you can dedicate a white light to memorialize a loved one or a blue light to honor a living relative or friend or simply to express the joy of faith this Christmas. Faith Light orders will be received through December 15. Forms are available in the Church Office. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.

Christmas Wreaths

Trinity Youth will be selling Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from Baroka's Wreaths on Sundays, November 4 and 11, and on Wednesdays, November 7 and 14. Wreath samples and order forms will be available in the lobby.



WORSHIP

Wednesday Worship

Join in worship each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. whenever you've missed Sunday. The message is the same, but the spirit and music have a youthful flavor thanks to the leadership of Crossword and many youth leaders. This worship offers the Lord's Supper the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

All Saints Sunday

All services the week of November 4 give honor to God for the faithful people who have gone before us. In generous love, God has provided us with the saints and in worship we'll include a visual remembrance of our family and friends who have died in the past year. All Saints is a wonderful festival to recall the people who have died in faith and passed along to us a legacy to continue into the future.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Come and worship at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 21. This festive worship includes the Trinity Brass and all choirs. Lord's Supper is offered and many children will make their first communion.

Christmas Worship

Join us on Christmas Eve for worship: 2:00 P.M. with Children's Choirs, 4:00 P.M. with Harmony In Spirit, and 10:00 P.M. with the Trinity Orchestra, Choir, and Tollers.

Then we will celebrate the Festival of Christmas and Closing of the Year on Sunday, December 30, at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. Worship will include the Trinity Brass, lots of great Christmas music, and a blessing for healing as the year closes.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi at 30

By: Mphatso Thole, Communications Director, Lilongwe, Malawi

When looking back, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM) has existed in Malawi for 30 years preaching the gospel and reaching out and touch many lives.

If ELCM is to write history, November 21, will probably be mentioned in any manuscript as the date symbolizes the beginning of the long journey of Lutheranism in Malawi.

If today there were a haphazard sampling technique of interviewing, many people would mention fruits of ELCM, the church started by indigenous Malawians now clocking three decades. November 21, 1982, a few individuals less than 20 people, gathered in a house worshipping for the first time. That was the first Sunday of the genesis of what is called Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi.

Started by a few lay people, with thirty years the church is celebrating with good news of more than fifty pastors and the Bishop as the Spiritual leader of Lutheran Church in the country.

The wonderful journey of proclaiming the Gospel started in Lilongwe and now spreading to the end of the world because of a small fire that started on November 21 and now growing to all angles of the country.

Thirty years of this journey has been a long walk to the growth of the church and many things have been achieved of which this page cannot explain one by one.

To remind the new generation, ELCM has organized celebration on November 18, 2012 marking the beginning of next year's anniversary event.

As the church has its roots from Lilongwe congregation, all parishes in Lilongwe deanery are expected to participate in this colourful event at Lilongwe Cathedral. ELCM through its various departments will showcase activities, talents and testimonies in order to amplify the day. Not only music, poems and dramas would be big events on this day but also the ordination will be a special gift to the celebration.

Trinity's partnership with the ELCM and the Blantyre Parish is supported by your offerings and gifts to the Missionary Fund. Thank you for having a heart for the world and extending the reign of Christ in the world through this partnership.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at 25

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which Trinity is one of nearly 5,000 congregations, is turning 25 years old. What God has done through us is indeed worth celebrating! In 25 years we have:

- started **435** new congregations.
- awarded **millions** to congregations intentionally focused on renewal.
- theologically trained nearly **8,000** leaders.
- sent more than **2,000** missionaries to serve around the world.
- supported more than **180** campus ministries with cooperating congregations in campus ministries at an additional **400** campuses nationwide.

Through your faithfulness and support, our church has worked to address issues of hunger and poverty across the world. We've joined with other faiths and denominations to pray and work for peace. Together as a Church, we have been God's hands in a needy world extending the mercy and love of Christ. Thank you for being part of a great church with a vital mission!

African Accompaniment

Trinity has a partner church in Blantyre, Malawi on the continent of Africa. Eight years ago Trinity helped build three church buildings in this multi-point parish, and a delegation of Trinity members traveled there to build the relationship.

We're looking at another trip to Malawi in 2013, and you're invited to learn more about this partnership and the important "accompaniment" model that marks the relationship. Join Pastor Kurt and Synod Missions Director Pastor Ramie Bakken for this event on Wednesday, November 7, at 7:15 P.M. Learn more about Trinity's global missions at trinity-ec.org



Family Camp Opportunities

It's getting colder outside so why not think about next summer? As you do so, consider making Family Camp a part of next summer's plans

Family Camp at Luther Park

We encourage families to consider Family Camp at Luther Park in Chetek, Wisconsin as another opportunity next summer to nurture faith with your family in a beautiful setting. Last year, the week of Family Camp was full at Luther Park! More information will be forthcoming and can be found via their website www.lutherpark.org



Family Camp at Outlaw Ranch

Trinity folks will once again travel to Outlaw Ranch in South Dakota for a week of Family Camp from July 28–August 2. Family camp at Outlaw Ranch is a week long trip that allows families to spend quality time together in a relaxed atmosphere amid the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. All families are welcome—couples, singles, one parent or two, step families, infants to adolescents, grandparents—everyone is welcome!

The mornings are marked by adults spending time together in a group setting where faith is nurtured. Afternoons are open for families to spend time together in an array of activities including horseback riding, canoeing, or venturing out to enjoy Custer National Park and Mount Rushmore. Evenings draw to a close with worship around a campfire.

Pastor Jim will be leading this trip alongside his family, and you're invited to join them! Online registration begins November 5, and we have ten spots reserved. Families can register and learn more about Outlaw Ranch at www.losd.org. Please contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org if you are interested in this fine excursion and if you have any questions.

Missions Near and Far-Away

Jamaica Mission Trip for All

Plans are forming for a second trip to Jabneh Christian Academy near Negril for February 2013. Men, women, and children grade six and older are invited. Check out trinity-ec.org for starting information. Plan to attend an information event on Sunday, November 11, at 10:25 A.M. The team will finish a classroom building begun by the Trinity men's team in January and share in activities with the children of the school. Information and registration forms are available online at trinity-ec.org Global Mission. For more information, contact Pastor Kurt at 715.832.6601 or kurt@trinity-ec.org

Japan Missionaries

Trinity sponsors missionaries in Japan, and the offerings you make to the "Missionary" Fund provide the financial support they need. Read about the Benecke family on the Global Mission page of trinity-ec.org and see their latest newsletter. Thanks for your offerings to the Missionary Fund.

Received September Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Joanne Erickson: Karen Metzgar, Shirley Freeberg, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger
- In memory of Eleanor Larson: Shirley Freeberg
- In memory of Bob Metzgar: Karen Metzgar
- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Elaine Lonning, Shirley Freeberg, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, Dave & Sonia Becker
- In honor of Pastor Heather Wigdahl: Elaine Lonning
- In memory of Lillian Moen: Shirley Freeberg
- In memory of Laurence Cook: Hazel Cook

Library Fund

- In memory of Joanne Erickson: Ken & Gloria Anderson
- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Norb & Helen Wurtzel, Elmer & Ann Felton, Larry & Mary Hoepner, Jerry & Sonnie Jacobson, Steve & Ann Nelson, Gary & Gloria Crossman, Don & Barb Lee, Jerry & Joanne Dow

Soles for Special Soles Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Roger & Marilyn Engen, Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud, Paul & Sarah Pedersen, Mark & Suzanne Becker, Lila Johnson, Mark Olson, Shawn & Heather Kapanke, Darrell Broten, Richard & Susan Cochrane, Bill & Cheryl Hutchinson, Friends

Trinity Quilter Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Miriam Circle, Jack & Sheila Running

**Children's Bible Fund**

- In memory of Joanne Erickson: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Joanne Stange, Paul & Amber Moltzau, Roger & Gail Brian, Jim & Marge Oleson, Roger & Phyllis Burrows, Dorothy Petzold, John & LeaAnn Richie, Jeff & Karla Halloin, Friends, Jack & Carol Bartingale, Allen & Barb Strey, Jim & Joyce Davis, Barb Vorhes
- In honor of Pastor Heather Wigdahl: The Halloin Family
- In memory of Ruggie Dale: Jack & Carol Bartingale
- In memory of Dr. Jules & Marjorie Gericke: Norm & Viola Berg
- In memory of Mary Nelson: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Barb Harrison: Denise Wurtzel

Piano Fund

- In memory of Joanne Erickson: Dick Cable

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Warren Wangen, Terry & Dawn Westphal, Emmett & Jean Engstrom, Don Ellickson, Vila Nygaard
- In memory of Lillian Moen: David & Mikelle Malone, Vila Nygaard
- In memory of Howard Bullock: Morris & Audrey Brumberg
- In memory of Richard Myhre: Ruth Wolfram

Women's Studies

- In memory of Ruggie Dale: Roger & Jane Dale

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Ron Retzlaff, Mark & Marti Hofer, Ralph & Norma Marking, Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf, Barb Tischer, Pat Ness, Holden Church, Norton Church, North Running Valley Church, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Mr. & Mrs. F.H. Culver, Char Finseth, Eric & Julie Nelson, Lori Juneau
- In memory of Millie Kurtz: Ralph & Norma Marking, Dolores Hoff

Friends of Flynn Fund

- In honor of Pastor Heather Wigdahl: Lori Juneau
- In honor of Matt, Heather, and Eleanor Wigdahl: Jim & Marilyn Bollinger
- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Dan & Jackie Helgeson, Ron & Susan Seningen, Jean Ann Walker, Bill & Janet Creaser, Terry & Marilynn Benish, Jim & Jill Kasmarek, Steve & Anne Josephson, Kim & Erik Hill Phelps, Joe & Marlee Knickerbocker, Dave & Ginny Lien, Jeanne Cooper

Youth Ministry Fund

- In memory of Barb Harrison: Denise Wurtzel

Children's Ministry Day Camp Fund

- In memory of Barb Harrison: Denise Wurtzel

Mission Jamaica-Jabneh Fund

- In memory of Richard Myhre: Paul & Amber Moltzau

Community Table Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Julie Napton, Mike & Marilyn Carlson, Ed & Maridale Jacobson, Jim & Mary Karker, Ruth Wolfram, Arthur & Helen Rizzi, Ann Ayres, Elizabeth Stabenow, Shirley Hathaway, Bev Hill, Barb Johnson, Jeff & Lisa Goetz, Rev. Jack & Lois Olson, Suzanne Kristo, Jim & Bev Page, George & Lynne McLeod, Marv & Leatrice Solberg, Rose Sippel, Dave & Gloria Weiss, Kathy Strauch, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Jan Gumz, Elayne Peterson, Ken & Gloria Anderson, Dale & Mary Erickson, Gary & Mary Rambo, Roger & Joan Stolp, Dick Cable, Lynn Hoesly, Marion Hoesly, Dave & Carol Anderson

Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Dee Maug

Malawi Bed Net Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Marge Satre, John & Peg Dimpfel

Children's Ministries Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: John & Nancee Burbank, Ron & Marilyn Thompson, LaVon Rasmussen

Trinity Choir Fund

- In memory of Jane Hathaway: Warren & Mavis Hermodson



Going for Green

Your charitable contributions do great things in Christ's name through Trinity and its mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." Thank you for every dollar you share. As we come to the last weeks of 2012, your donations are especially important. Your leaders have held expenses very close to the budget all year and plan a similar approach for 2013. We forecast a strong financial finish to this year, and you are important to that goal. Thank you!



Please be generous in your year-end giving. Give online at trinity-ec.org. Every gift touches a life with the truth of God's love!

Regular Ministries January through October 28

	2012	2011
Income	810,395	771,656
Expenses	813,495	799,850
Difference	-3,100	-28,194

A Great Facility and A Mortgage Payment

Like many people who make house mortgage payments, your church also makes a monthly payment. Thus, your offerings to Mortgage Payment are very important because every gift makes it possible for Trinity to make its \$10,485 monthly payment. Thank you for your offerings to Mortgage Payment.

Remember you can give to the Mortgage Payment online and set up electronic fund transfers on our website. See the "Give" menu at trinity-ec.org

Creative Giving Gifts of Stock

A gift of stock or designating a minimum required distribution from an IRA can be one of the best ways to give to Trinity. Gifts of appreciated stock are particularly wise from a tax perspective since there are no capital gains paid and the giver receives a tax deduction of the full face amount. The same is true for your IRA RMD.

For example, if you bought stock for \$1,000 and now it is worth \$5,000, you receive a tax deduction for the entire \$5,000 without having a \$4,000 capital gain. You would benefit in two ways, and Trinity would benefit from the \$5,000 contribution.

Contact your financial advisor for details. Then, to donate stock call your broker or Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601 or amber@trinity-ec.org

Health Ministries

Trinity is sponsoring another blood drive on Monday, November 19. Sign up at Clipboard Central to donate blood, donate baked goods, or volunteer your time at this event. Learn more about this important community service below.

Did you Know?

Facts about blood needs:

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 44,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- A total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S. (2006).
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O.
- The blood used in an emergency is already on the shelves before the event occurs.
- Sickle cell disease affects more than 80,000 people in the U.S., 98 percent of whom are African American. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.
- More than 1 million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.





Noah's Ark News

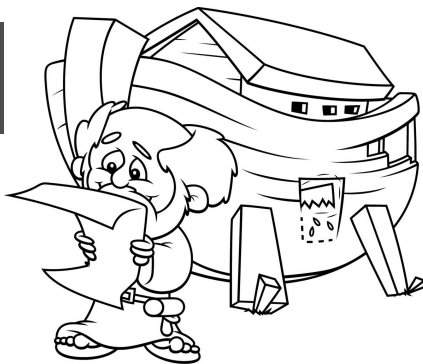
Noah's Ark thanks the congregation of Trinity for your support of our annual Spaghetti Supper Fall Harvest Bash. It was fun to greet you at the event, and we hope you enjoyed the food and festivities. We also thank the **Trinity YOUTH** who manned activity tables for children that night from 4:00–7:00 P.M. You are amazing, and we appreciate you so much as you fulfill confirmation requirements of service! Thanks also to our many sponsors: **The Coffee Grounds, Indianhead Foods, Texas Roadhouse, Hoeft Construction, Boxx Sanitation, The Herr's, and Festival Foods.** It is a marvelous event that supports the annual budget of Noah's Ark Preschool. A tithe from this event will go to Literacy Volunteers of America for childcare and children's programming involving parents in the program. Thank you everyone!

Noah's Ark is also planning two field trips for the month of November. We will go on our "first ever" walking field trip to Fire Station #5 to visit one of our preschooler's fire fighter dad. We'll also be visiting a new grocery store, Charley's Market, in connection with our November food unit. Thanksgiving Feasts will happen just before Thanksgiving. And then here comes Advent. It will be a busy month! We give thanks!

Hugs

Jeanne Cooper

—PS...we still have these openings: M/W/F A.M. (two spots for a child four before 9.1.12) and M/W/F P.M. (one spot for a child four before 12.31.12).



Child Safety Issues

- **Inclement Weather and Children's Programs:** During the winter there are times when we cancel kids' programs due to snow or ice storms. Please check our web site for updates or call the church office if unsure. Usually if the schools close, we do, too.
- **Drop Off/Pick Up Policy and Reminders:** Now that the days are getting shorter, we would like to remind people driving cars to be on the alert for students crossing the street to the parking lot. Preschool-grade 2 children are to be dropped off and picked up at the classroom (choir rehearsal rooms). Children in grades 3–6 are also encouraged to be dropped off and picked up at their classroom. Parents, please take the time to park your car and come into the building to pick up your child. Thank you.

Rainbow Bags

Have you had the opportunity to use the Rainbow Bags with your young children or to notice others using them during the worship services on Sunday or Wednesday evenings? If you have, you know they contain paper, crayons, books, and small toys. Trinity Children's Ministries team is looking for people who would help once a month to sort out the items in the bags and refresh the papers and crayons. This task takes about an hour to accomplish and can be done during week days when the church building is open. If you are able to assist, please contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org. Thank you!

Children's Ministries

Camp Come and Play—Semester 2

Children with birthdays between 9.1.2009 and 8.31.2010 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. We meet in Trinity's nursery from 9:15–11:15 A.M. or 12:15–2:15 P.M. on Wednesdays and are limited to 12 children in each session. We meet for 19 class periods beginning January 2. The cost is \$247 which includes snacks and supplies for activities and can be paid in installments. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 12, by phone only. Call 715.832.6601



Volunteer in the Nursery

If you like to help care for young children and would be willing to help out in our nursery during the 9:45 A.M. service 1–3 times a year, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org. We have a full time nursery attendant, so your job would be to assist. We will be making a new schedule of volunteers for January–May, 2013. Please consider helping out in this ministry for our young families. Thank you.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Youth Make Affirmation of Faith

Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the Church that is designed to help baptized children identify with the life and mission of the adult Christian community, and this is celebrated in a public rite. On October 28, the following high school youth publicly affirmed their baptism in worship: Lauren Ashley, Kimberly Baker, Sarah Becker, Paige Bernhardt, Kaia Bien, Timothy Black, Marissa Brown, Emma Buss, Tyler Cerrato, Annika Clouse, Emma Cruciani, Abby Fawcett, Ella Glaser, Kaitlyn Gynnild, Kyrah Leigh Hager, Megan Elizabeth Hanson, Nicholas Hollister, Bridget Hujik, Brianna Johnson, Hanna Kaufman, Meegan Kristo, Madeleine Mathias, Shane McNulty, Samantha Meyer, Mitchell Nielsen, Austin Phippen, Rachel Potapenko, Britta Pressler, Nicholas Russell, Austin Tidemann, Peter Twite, Erin Walker, Collin Webster, Kyle Wogahn, Kyle Zainhofsky.



Student Fundraising "Trip" Accounts

All students in grades 7–12 at Trinity have the opportunity to fund-raise for their own Trip Account. For every fundraising activity they participate in through Trinity, they will be given a portion of the proceeds from that fundraiser according to the time they spent at the fundraiser. The students are then able to use this money towards any Trinity sponsored event to help ease the burden of financial cost. If a student does not use the money by the time they graduate high school, then this money may either be given to a younger sibling's account or it will be given to the Scholarship Fund for all students.

\$\$\$ For You!

A scholarship program is available to all students of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is our hope that all students, regardless of financial ability, have the privilege of participating in any event that will nurture their growth in Christ. In light of this, every student in grades 7–12 is eligible for a 25% reimbursement of registration costs for all events at Trinity. If further assistance is needed, arrangements can be made with the Youth Ministry Team. Scholarship forms are located next to the Tool Bench in the blue side bins. We hope this will continue to encourage students to participate in the life changing opportunities here at Trinity!

High School Youth Group

Trinity has been blessed with two UWEC students, Allison Carpenter and Amanda Fischer, who are excited to lead a ministry for High School students. Grab a friend, and join Allison and Amanda for Trinity's weekly High School Youth Group on Sunday evenings from 7:00–8:00 P.M. in the Youth Room. Join "Trinity Lutheran Youth Group" on Facebook for the most current information, events, and photos.

Cookie Bake

The annual Cookie Bake is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, from 12:30–2:30 P.M. in the kitchen and Trinity Room. Youth will decorate bags and bake cookies. The festive bags of cookies will then be delivered to shut-in Trinity congregation members during pastoral or Parish Nurse visits, and included with the Christmas Sharing Project.

Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

Wednesday, November 14, from 4:00–5:15 P.M. Trinity Youth will pack weekend meals for Flynn Elementary School students. We will meet at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, on Eau Claire's west side. Check the Tool Bench for additional dates.

Youth Dates

Sunday, November 4

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 10:35–11:05 A.M.
- High School Book Study in Room 306 from 10:30–11:45 A.M.
- High School Youth Group in the Youth Room 7:00–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 7

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M.
- High School Book Study in Room 306 from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, November 11

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 10:35–11:05 A.M.
- High School Youth Group in the Youth Room 7:00–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 18

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 10:35–11:05 A.M.
- High School Youth Group in the Youth Room 7:00–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Break No Classes

Sunday, November 25

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 10:35–11:05 A.M.
- High School Youth Group in the Youth Room 7:00–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 28

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



Time to Reap A Crop of Good Books

New to Our Library

- ***Bad Apple, A Tale of Friendship*** by Edward Hemingway. Mac and Will have tons in common. They love to read adventure stories and go on lots of adventures themselves. But when some of the other apples say Mac is rotten and call him a bad apple, Will thinks Mac might be better off without him. Luckily, Mac would rather be a bad apple with Will than a sad apple without him—no matter what the bullies say. Look for this book in the special Bullying section on the A frame shelf. (++) FIC HEM)
- ***The Best Fall Festival Ever*** by Nell Navillus. The entire family will enjoy this seasonal story about the fun of fall festival time with an added dose of kindness, understanding, and the power of God's love. (++) FIC NAV)



About Thanksgiving

- ***Thank you, Sarah. The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving*** by Laurie Halse Anderson. This book relates how Sarah Hale, a magazine editor and author, persuaded President Lincoln to transform Thanksgiving Day into a national holiday. (+ FIC AND)
- ***Ameilia Bedelia Talks Turkey*** by Herman Parish. When Amelia Bedelia helps out with the school Thanksgiving play, she causes quite a scene. This is a chapter book at the # 2 reading level. (+ FIC PAR)
- ***Junie B., First Grader: Turkeys We Have Loved and Eaten (and Other Thankful Stuff)*** by Barbara Park. This is the latest in the Junie B. Jones collection that has kept kids laughing and reading for 20 years! (+ FIC PAR)

Look for other Thanksgiving books this month in a special display.

Children's DVD

Buck Denver asks... What's in the Bible? by Phil Vischer. This set includes two 25 minute episodes: Erza & Nehemiah and Brave Queen Esther. (++) FIC VIS)

Recommendations

- ***Moloka'i*** by Alan Brennert. This is a very well—researched historical novel about the Hawaiian Leper Colony in the 1st half of the 1900's. It is, however, much more than that. As I followed the amazing life of Rachael and her companions, I could not help but be amazed at the resiliency of the human spirit in spite of overwhelming odds. Anyone interested in history would find this book interesting and uplifting to read. Reviewed by Ann Nelson. Note: ***Moloka'i*** was the September selection for Trinity's ***Page Turner Book Club***
- ***Raise A Reader, 25 Effective Ways To Get Kids Reading*** by Lisa Dalesandro. This well organized parenting guide is an excellent tool with practical, everyday ideas and tips that will get even the most reluctant reader to crack open a book. Lisa grew up in Eau Claire and is the daughter of Trinity member, Barb Johnson.

Social Concerns

In the Mail!

Dear Trinity,

I want to say thank you. Thank you for your generous hearts. Thank you for compassionately caring for our Flynn students. Finally, thank you for independently and efficiently jumping in to meet the needs of our families.

Your gifts of school supplies, books, clothing, shoes, shoes, and more shoes... are so appreciated. The healthy snacks nourish our students and help them to be ready for learning. We appreciate all of the effort it takes to provide the snacks!

The Weekend Meal program is so exciting. As I watched the Trinity ladies sharing the information with families on Welcome Back day, I was thinking about how meaningful this opportunity will be for some of our families.

Your generosity is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi Hebert

Teacher at Flynn Elementary

Thank you from a student:

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for the delicious snacks!! I hope you have a grate day. You are vary nice. I also thank you for the supplies. I hope you have a delicious day.

Food Pantry Open House

After the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services on November 18, grab a cup of coffee and come visit Trinity's Food Pantry. Volunteers will be available to show you around and answer questions. Join us!



Weekend Meals for our Kids at Flynn

This fall Trinity began delivering weekend meals to Flynn Elementary School. Every Friday volunteers pick up the meals from Feed My People and deliver them to Flynn. In addition, four times a year we are responsible for packing meals for all the participating schools in town. Last week an energetic group of youth packed hundreds of meals. Thank you to all of our volunteers who have worked to make this happen! If you would like to be involved in Trinity's partnership with Flynn Elementary School, contact Suzanne at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org

Thank You!

Trinity's mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News" could be seen in our community this past month as many Trinity volunteers served at the Community Table and the Beacon House. These ministries serve many families who struggle to put food on the table and a roof over their heads. Without volunteers, these organizations could not exist.

November is Hunger Awareness Month at Trinity

Fact: 13% of children in Eau Claire County live in poverty. An astounding 1,144 of those children live in the Eau Claire School district. Right here in our back yard there are those who struggle each month to feed their families. We, as members of Trinity, seek to follow the call of Jesus to serve the hungry through our food pantry, the Community Table, and our weekend meal program for Flynn Elementary School. In November, we have a goal of raising \$10,000 toward these ministries. We once again hope to qualify for a matching grant from "Buckets for Hunger." Look for more information in our Sunday announcement page and our weekly email newsletter on how you can support this goal.

Soles for Special Souls

As our cold winter draws near, Trinity is once again providing boots to children in our community. Living in Wisconsin, we all know the need for warm, dry feet! Imagine walking to and from school without boots or not being able to play at recess. In November, vouchers for boots will be offered to school counselors who in turn will distribute them to families in their schools. The vouchers may then be redeemed at K-Mart in Eau Claire. If you would like to support this ministry, designate "Soles" on your donation.



Gift Giving this Holiday Season

In this holiday season of gift-giving, there is the pursuit of the "perfect" gift. With such a pursuit, there is the question, "What do I give someone who seems to have everything?" The Social Concerns Team is offering a variety of gift-giving options that benefit the recipient along with someone in need. Through Trinity's "Gifts that Give," you can give unique gifts such as supporting a meal at the Community Table, sponsoring a bag of food for our food pantry guests, or purchasing a pair of shoes for a child in need in our community. Trinity will also once again offer gift-giving options through Heifer International. Purchasing gifts such as a share of a pig (\$10) or a flock of chicks (\$20) help empower families in poverty-stricken countries to achieve self-reliance and enhance their livelihood. All of these gift-giving options will be available at the "Gifts that Give" table in our lobby on Sundays, December 9, 16, and 23. As you purchase a gift, you will receive a special card that you can then give to that special loved one or friend in whose honor you have given the gift.

Kids Can Help End Hunger, Too!

A Hunger Awareness Calendar of activities has been distributed to Sunday School and TGIF children. We encourage families to participate in this activity together.

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