



Easter Worship March 31

Worship the Resurrected Christ on Easter at 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., and 10:45 A.M. Trinity Youth will lead an early worship with Holy Communion starting at 6:30 A.M. followed by breakfast in the Trinity Room served until 9:30 A.M. Read more about Easter and Holy Week worship at trinity-ec.org



Celebrate!

We're going to celebrate on Sunday, April 7, at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. to look back on the fruits of the last twenty-five years of mission and ministry that has extended the reign of Christ into the community and world. This event is prompted because we've shared 25 years of partnership between the people of Trinity and Pastor Kurt Jacobson. To mark some of those fruits, son of the congregation Pastor Nick Uthphall, ordained at Trinity in 2004, will be our guest preacher. Former intern Pastor Christine Emerson and son of the congregation Pastor Bob Schoenknecht will be worship leaders.

Be sure to stay after 9:45 A.M. worship for a brief program followed by a catered lunch by Yankee Jacks.

Barbary Coast Dixieland Band!

On Saturday, April 27, the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band will present a concert at Trinity beginning at 6:30 P.M. and then lead the Sunday music at the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. Worship Services on April 28. The six versatile musicians that comprise the Barbary Coast Dixieland Band have been together since 1967. The group has played everywhere from the Mississippi paddlewheel boats and the Minnesota State Fair to Nagasaki, Japan. The Barbary Coast Dixieland Band began playing for church services in 1984 and, over the years, have participated in worship services at churches throughout the nation. No tickets needed; just bring a friend and your tappin' foot. For more information, contact shirley@trinity-ec.org

Meeting to Call New Pastors

The Trinity Council has called a meeting of the congregation for Wednesday, April 3, at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of acting upon the recommendation of the Call Committee. All confirmed members are eligible to vote. The meeting will begin with a brief time of worship (in the same way we begin 6:30 P.M. worship each Wednesday) and follow with a presentation on the recommended clergy couple by Curt Travis, Chairperson of the Call Committee. Read about all the steps the committee has taken since September on our website trinity-ec.org



Day Camp Registration
on Sunday, April 7,
beginning at 8:00 A.M.
in the Library.



Table For Five ...THOUSAND

This inspiring musical, offered by all the children's choirs on Sunday, April 21, at both the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. services, is based on the account of Jesus feeding the five thousand and is full of unforgettable melodies and poignant lyrics. Found in all four New Testament gospels, this story

reveals how one young person, with five loaves of bread and two fish, along with an apparent willingness to share, leads to an event so miraculous that members of the crowd wanted to proclaim Jesus as King. The musical remains true to the Biblical accounts while underlining the theme that the most humble among us, especially children, can do great things with God's help.

Free Devotionals

Pick up "Word in Season" and "Christ in Our Home" two free devotionals, in the lobby today and enjoy the blessing that time each day in God's Word provides. Large print versions are also available.

Prayer Link

You are invited to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and become part of Prayer Link. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and members who've agreed to pray for others. When you join Prayer Link, you will receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Then you pray wherever and whenever you can! We'll provide you a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying.

If you appreciate the benefits of prayer and are willing to pray for those who share requests, email Pastor Kurt at kurt@trinity-ec.org, Heather Day at heather@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org

Please Join Us

If you're looking for a church home, please consider yourself invited to "Discover Trinity" on Monday, April 8, at 6:00 P.M. This friendly, non-threatening introduction into the ministries and mission of Trinity leads to membership in our congregation. Read more and RSVP online at trinity-ec.org or contact Pastor Jim Page, jim@trinity-ec.org

Friendship Group

Dandelions are not native to North America. Early colonists brought them to plant in their gardens. Honestly! Learn how to prepare dandelions and other wild plants in "Eat the Weeds" presented by Linda McClelland. The April 10 meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel. There will be a short business meeting followed by the program. Lunch will be on our own at Applebees. Look for future information about an exciting outing to a new play at Plymouth Playhouse.



Trinity Page Turners

Join Trinity's book club on Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 P.M. in the library when they discuss "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway. This poignantly beautiful story of a group of American and English expatriates in Paris on an excursion to Pamplona represents a dramatic step forward for Hemingway's evolving style. Featuring Left Bank Paris in the 1920s and brutally realistic descriptions of bullfighting in Spain, the story is about the flamboyant Lady Brett Ashley and the hapless Jake Barnes. In an age of moral bankruptcy, spiritual dissolution, unrealized love, and vanishing illusions, this is the Lost Generation.



Annual BBQ Express Chicken Dinner!

Sunday, April 21, from 10:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.
One half charcoal chicken, baked beans, baked potato, roll & butter for \$8.00. Tickets can be purchased in the office or in the lobby on Sunday mornings. The meal will be packaged for walk-up or drive thru pick up in the back parking lot.



The Chippewa Valley Women's Retreat

Mark you calendars now! The Chippewa Valley Women's Retreat will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, August 14 and 15, at beautiful Luther Park in Chetek. We will begin with registration from 12:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Come, renew, refresh, and relax in God's creation.

Coffee & Biscotti Fund-raiser

Noah's Ark is once again offering great "Coffee Grounds" coffee and yummy biscotti during our annual Spring Coffee Biscotti Fund-raiser. Both regular and decaf coffees are available in Noah's Ark blend, Snickerdoodle, and Highlander Grog. Plus, we also have five different biscotti flavors available for purchase. All coffee and biscotti will be ready for delivery the week prior to Mother's Day. Look for the coffee and biscotti sales cart in the lobby April 7, before and after worship, to place your orders.

Women's Summer Study Group

The Women's Summer Study Group will take a video journey with Beth Moore through the Book of Daniel. Just as the prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressure to compromise his faith in a hostile culture and was constantly confronted by temptations and threats, today's believers face similar trials. This is a 12 session study beginning Monday, June 17, from 12:30–2:30 P.M. in the chapel ending August 26. We do not meet during VBS week. Sign up at Clipboard Central to secure a workbook. Everyone is welcome!

April Showers You with Good Books!

Visit Your Trinity Library

National Library Week is April 14–20. Help us celebrate by checking out a book in Trinity's Library. We have a committee of 15 people who take care of this great resource and ministry in our church. We meet regularly to maintain the library, purchase and process new media, and decorate and promote seasonal events. The Trinity Library Committee thanks you for your support.



New Selections

Help Thanks Wow The Three Essential Prayers by Anne Lamott. Insightful and honest as only Anne Lamott can be, *Help, Thanks, Wow* is a book that new Lamott readers will love and longtime Lamott fans will treasure. This is a great book to buy and pass on to a friend—but try it out from our library first. (248.3 LAM)

Other selections by Anne Lamott: *Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith* (B LAM) and *Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith* (B LAM)

New DVDs for Children

- All About Fire Engines, Trucks, Airplanes & Fast Trains (++) FIC ALL)
- Dora The Explorer Meets Diago! (++) FIC NIC)
- Diego's Magical Missions (++) FIC NIC)
- Dinosaur (+ PIC DIS)

Circle Listings

- **Deborah:** Thursday, April 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity; Hostess: Betty Lee; Leader: Nancee Burbank
- **Dorcus:** Wednesday, April 17, 1:00 P.M., Trinity; Hostess: Leader: Group
- **Martha/Mary:** Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 P.M. Trinity; Hostess: Phyllis Grohn; Leader: Group
- **Miriam:** Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity; Hostess: Jeanann Stone; Leader: Group
- **Ruth:** Tuesday, April 16, 1:30 P.M.; Hostess: Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmadge Rd.; Leader: Jeanette Suchla
- **Sarah:** Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 A.M., Trinity; Hostess: Audrey Brumberg; Leader: Barbara Vorhes



Serving in Christ's Love

A New Way to Serve

"For I was hungry and you gave me food and I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a sojourner and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35

Join the team in a new ministry at the Sojourner House, the homeless shelter located in downtown Eau Claire at 618 South Barstow Street. The team will consist of eight people, with Phyllis Grohn and Sheila Sorenson leading the team. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years old. The jobs to be filled include: greeter (two needed per shift), registration interviewer (two needed per shift), kitchen assistant (two needed per shift), and a storage room monitor (one needed per shift).

We will always meet the third Friday of the month, so check your calendars and then sign-up at Clipboard Central. Contact Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055 with questions.

Friends of Flynn

Thank you for your donations to the recent book drive for students of Flynn Elementary School. We were able to take them enough books to send one home with each child for spring break. Thank you as well for the pencils, tooth brushes, combs, and hair brushes. These will be distributed by Flynn staff as needed.

Please continue to save Labels for Education, specially marked caps on milk bottles, and pull tabs on soda cans. These can be brought to the church office or put in the special container in the wooden box in the lobby. Thank you.

We continue to support the weekend meals project by packing meals at Feed My People and delivering the packed meals on Fridays. The next packing time is Wednesday, April 10. Look for a sign up at Clipboard Central.

Diaper Drive

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



The Community Table

Trinity will be serving at the Community Table on Friday, April 12. We are in need of people to help prepare the meal from 3:00–5:00 P.M. This is a great opportunity to help our neighbors who struggle with hunger. Please sign up at Clipboard Central or contact the office at 715.832.6601 if you can help!

Blood Drive

Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 9, 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 March 14. 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

Volunteers are needed to assist with reception and the canteen at our spring Blood Drive on May 9. 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!

Community Service Top 10 Reasons to Volunteer

- #10–Volunteering's good for you.
- #9–Volunteering saves resources.
- #8–Volunteers gain professional experience.
- #7–Volunteering brings people together.
- #6–Volunteering promotes personal growth and self esteem.
- #5–Volunteering strengthens your community.
- #4–You learn a lot.
- #3–You get a chance to give back.
- #2–Volunteering encourages civic responsibility.
- #1–You make a difference. Every person counts!



The Children's Museum Cherub Quilt Project

... a memorial quilt dedicated to children of the Chippewa Valley

The Children's Museum is enlisting the help of bereaved families of the Chippewa Valley to create a quilt dedicated to the children who have left too soon. Although each person's grief journey is unique, a concern shared by all is that their child will be forgotten. Bereaved parents and family members long to keep their child's memory alive and do whatever they can to move their legacy into the future. They look for ways to let others know that their child counted and that they are missed and loved forever.

The Children's Museum of Eau Claire is offering an opportunity for families who grieve the death of their child or infant. It is for bereaved families whose child either did not take that first breath or lived their whole life in 10 short years. Those wishing to participate will pick up materials and directions to create a square at the museum. These squares will be made into a quilt which will be displayed in the museum; a visible commemoration of these young loved ones who have passed beyond our sight, but never beyond our love. For additional information call 715.832.5347 or email info@cmec.cc

If you wish to participate, pick up your blank square on Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M., at the Children's Museum of Eau Claire, 220 South Barstow, Eau Claire, WI. Please note there is no deadline for this project. It will be ongoing!



Living Well

“Living Well with Chronic Conditions” is a six-week self-management program developed by Stanford University to help people with chronic illness learn healthy ways to live with a disease. Living Well will be held on Wednesdays, April 10–May 22 (no class May 1), from 9:00–11:30 A.M. at Realife Cooperative, 4415 Jeffers Road, Eau Claire. The registration deadline is April 3. There is no cost for the workshop, but space is limited. Call Aging and Disability Resource Center at 715.839.4735, 1.888.338.4636, or TTY: use Relay (711).

Stepping On

Among older adults, falls are a leading cause of injury, hospitalization and loss of independent living. “Stepping On” is an evidence-based falls prevention workshop for people interested in learning effective techniques and building confidence to reduce and eliminate risk for falls. Stepping On will be held Tuesdays, April 23–June 4, from 9:30–11:30 A.M. at Mayo Clinic Health System, Cafeteria Conference Meeting Room #1, 1221 Whipple Street, Eau Claire. For more information, contact Deb Bruning at 715.839.7998 or deb.bruning@co.eau-claire.wi.us Registration deadline is April 16. There is no cost for this class, but limited to 16 participants. Contact ADRC at 715.839.4735, 1.888.338.4636, or TTY: use Relay (711).

Trust God and Entrust Your Plans

The plans you make for being charitable upon your death are gift you can give to God and God's church for the rest of time. The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund exists to receive gifts from estates so that your personal legacy and faith can live on!

The trust fund carefully invests the contributions in a permanent fund, and only the interest and dividends are used for purposes that fit with its mission: "Serving God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations."

This spring the Endowment Trust Fund Board will receive grant applications (due to the church office by May 1). For eligibility requirements and the forms, visit trinity-ec.org/endowment.phtml. The Trust Fund value as of December 31, 2012 was \$485,500.

About the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA is one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States, with more than four million members in nearly 10,000 congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region. Known as the church of “God's work. Our hands,” the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world. The ELCA's roots are in the writings of the German church reformer, Martin Luther. Read more at elca.org





Positioned for Sharing Good News

Thank you for your regular offerings which empower a great mission and provide rich opportunities for people to learn of God’s love in Christ. Please continue to share your faith through financial contributions for, in doing so, you impact the world with God’s mercy and grace.

Regular Ministries	2013	2012	2011
Offering Income	\$161,700	\$166,874	\$150,445
Expenses	\$147,663	\$159,755	\$156,312
Difference	\$14,037	\$7,119	-\$5,867
Mortgage Payment	2013	2012	2011
Offering Income	\$30,038	\$31,489	\$30,948

Thank you for every offering you share. Remember, you can give online at trinity-ec.org and set up electronic fund transfer from your financial institution.

In the Mail

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

We are very grateful for your recent gift made in support of a program of Lutheran Social Services and hope you'll accept our heartfelt Thank You! We rely on the good wishes and generous support of people like you as we work to improve the quality of the lives of those we serve. You are truly making a difference. Please know that your gift is being used wisely and for the purpose that you've designated. Thank you again for your support of the work of LSS. We are very grateful.

Pastor David N. Larson, President & CEO

Dear Members of the Church,

We are incredibly grateful for your generous donation of \$500.00 (*our monthly donation*) to Luther Park's Annual Fund. It is through your support that Luther Park continues to be a vital ministry where youth and families can grow in their faith. The camp experience truly has a life-long impact.

Camp truly makes a difference in people's lives! Thanks to you, this ministry continues to grow and flourish as we celebrate our 80th year of Nurturing Faith through Holy Play!

Yours in the love of Christ,

Keith Newman, Executive Director

Dear Friends in Christ at Trinity Lutheran Church

Thank you so much for your covenant to sponsor Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, your missionaries in Japan. Your gifts really do make a difference for God’s global mission!

Blessings,

The Missionary Sponsorship Team

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much to you and your congregation for your donation of \$500 to support the work of Catholic Charities in assisting the most needy among us at the Sojourner House in Eau Claire. May our hearts always be open to be touched by the love of Christ, and thus give to our neighbor, who needs us, something more than just a place to sleep.

Your support and prayers for the Sojourner House are very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Deacon Richard Sage, MA

Executive Director, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of LaCrosse

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thanks to you, last summer the congregation of Living Water and a host of mission partners marched the one block from our rental building to the four acres you helped us purchase and dedicated that ground to the glory of God.

Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, your time, your love, and your gifts. Living Water is pushing out the kingdom of God in Barron County in ways we never could've imagined. We have a long ways to go, but thanks to generous donations from mission partners like you, we are getting closer to making our new Center for Mission a reality.

Living for Jesus!

Pastor Ned Lenhart, Mission Developer
Living Water Lutheran Church



Noah's Ark News

The "Noah's Ark" is near full for the 2013–2014 school year. If you know of anyone who is still interested, please have them call me ASAP.

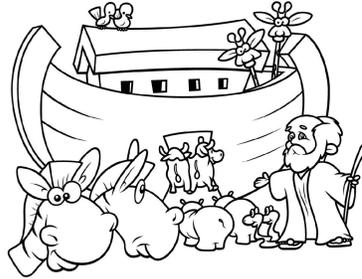
April is Coffee Biscotti fund-raiser month. I know some of you are waiting. Be looking for the coffee cart in the lobby on Sunday, April 7, if you'd like to order coffee or biscotti. We are partnering with The Coffee Grounds again for this fund-raiser. We are thankful for their continued support through the years! Coffee and biscotti will arrive in time for Mother's Day gifts.

April is also parent teacher conference month. The week of April 8, parents and teachers will schedule times to talk about the wonderful children of Noah's Ark. We are eager to get together!

Please remember that GLS (God's Little Singers) will be joining with the other Trinity Lutheran children's choirs to present our annual musical "Table for Five...Thousand!" Please come and be a part of the fun!

Is it true that "April Showers bring May flowers" or is it January/February/March snow that does that? With five snow days this year, I'm thinking it's the snow! We thank you God for snow and April showers!

Contact **Jeanne Cooper** for more information about Noah's Ark Preschool at 715.832.6601 or by email at noahsark@trinity-ec.org



2013 Vacation Bible School "Amazing Love in God's Word"

VBS is scheduled for July 22–26 from 8:45 A.M.–12 noon. This year, we will see how great and amazing God's deeds are! Join us this summer to explore five Bible stories about our amazing God: Creation, The Battle of Jericho, Queen Esther, Four Friends, and Wedding at Cana. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who were three by 9.1.11 through those who have completed grade six. The Kick Off Event is Sunday, July 21, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration begins on Sunday, April 7, at 8:00 A.M. in Trinity's Lobby/Library area and remains open throughout the VBS week.

Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for all grade levels. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings starting July 7 or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Mary Schoenknecht for specific information at 715.832.6601 or by email at marys@trinity-ec.org.

Children's Ministries

Open Gym Tuesdays Continues in April

Open Gym Tuesdays will continue on April (April 2, 9, 16) from 10:00–11:30 A.M. Our gym will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. Marlee Knickerbocker will supervise the area and offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. There is a \$3 charge for each child at each session; \$5 for 2 children from the same family and \$7 for three. No registration is required. Members, friends of members, and non members are welcome to attend.

Summer 2013 Day Camps

Registration: Sunday, April 7, beginning at 8:00 A.M. in Trinity's Lobby/library area.

- Camp Discovery: June 12–14 (3 days)
- Trinity Sports Camp: June 17–19
- Camp Come & Play: June 17–20
- Camp Cooking & Booking: June 24–28
- Camp Veggie Tales: July 8–12
- Camp Tell The Good News: July 8–11



High School Counselors Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for current high school students (completing grades 9–12) to work as paid counselors during sessions in June and July. Information and application forms are available through Mary Schoenknecht, 715.832.6601 or at the Youth Tool Bench. Please be aware of the May 1 deadline for application.

Sunday School Classes

There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter morning, March 31. Classes resume on April 7.



Camp T.G.I.F

Our final Wednesday session of Camp T.G.I.F. for this school year is on April 24. We will have a picnic followed by games for T.G.I.F. kids, TJC choir, the Children’s Choir, and GLS. There will be a commissioning service for the sixth grade students during the 6:30 P.M. Wednesday service in the worship center. Parents of sixth graders are encouraged to attend the service.

Luther Park Bible Camp

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

Student Volunteers Needed For Summer Day Camps

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for middle school students (completing grades 6, 7 & 8) to work as volunteers during our sessions in June and July. Information and application forms are available through Mary Schoenknecht, 715.832.6601, or at the Youth Tool Bench. Please be aware of the May 1 deadline for application.

Contact Mary Schoenknecht for more information about Children’s Ministry Programming at 715.832.6601 or by email at marys@trinity-ec.org

Youth Ministries

Youth Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 3

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

Sunday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 10

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

Sunday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 17

- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 24



- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.
- Club 9 End of the Year Party at Wagner's from 7:30–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, April 28

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

Wednesday, May 1

- Club 78 end of the Year Party at Action City from 5:30–7:00 P.M.

Summer Stretch

GATHER together to learn from the Bible and one another; SERVE our community with our time and presence, PLAY together with activities and fellowship. Summer Stretch is a Faith centered approach to connecting community service learning and youth. Summer Stretch gives incoming 6, 7, 8, and 9 grade youth a safe, healthy place to belong where they can contribute to the community along with socializing with their peers. Participants will meet five days during the summer including a day at Valley Fair. Brochures and registration materials are available at the Tool Bench. Registration deadline is May 1. Summer Stretch counts as a camp experience for confirmation students. Contact Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org for more information.

The Amazing Eau Claire Clean Up

Celebrate Earth Day and volunteer to help clean up our Eau Claire community on Saturday, April 20, from 8:30 A.M. to Noon. Dennis Kessenich will lead a group of Trinity Youth. Parents and mentors are also encouraged to volunteer. A sign up sheet is posted at the Tool Bench.

Prayer Friend Event

Meet your Prayer Friend on Wednesday, April 10, at 8:00 P.M. We will meet in the Trinity Room after the large group lesson. Club 78 students and prayer friends meet for the first time. Come and see who has been praying for you!



Registration Is Open for Luther Park Summer Camp!

Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek, is pleased to announce that summer camp registration for all the 2013 summer camp programs is now available. You can go to www.LutherPark.org to learn about all of the programs that are available for children and youth completing Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Secure online registration is available on the camp website using a credit card. You also have the option to print out a registration form from the website and register by mail. 2013 summer camp brochures are available at church. To get your first choice of weeks and programs, register today! Take advantage of the \$20 Early Bird Discount if you register online (or postmark) by April 4! Trinity offers 25% of the registration fee as a partial grant. Let the Youth Leadership Team (715.832.6601) know if you attend camp at Luther Park.

Health Ministries

Dangers of Conversation

Cell phone use has grown dramatically in recent years. In 1995, cell phone subscriptions covered only 11% of the United States population; in 2010, that number grew to 93%. This has led to a substantial increase in cell phone use while driving and resulted in distracted driving-related deaths. At any one time, 9% of drivers are talking on cell phones, making them 4 times as likely to crash.



Talking on a cell phone while driving requires the brain to multitask a process it cannot do safely while driving. While a growing number of drivers are turning to hands-free devices, studies show hands-free devices provide no safety benefit. The area of the brain responsible for processing moving visual information a vital part of driving has 37% less capacity to gather and process critical driving data and instead focuses on the cell phone conversation.

It's the conversation, not the device, that creates the danger.

Almost 70% of the respondents to the 2010 AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety survey reported talking on a cell phone while driving in the previous 30 days, yet nearly 2 in 3 drivers say that drivers talking on cell phones are a threat to their personal safety. People realize that talking on a cell phone while driving is a dangerous behavior, but they continue to engage in this behavior.

Texting has increasingly become the way many people communicate. American teens send and receive an average of 3,300 text messages per month more than 6 texts every hour they are awake. Sending text or email messages while driving is extremely dangerous, as it draws a driver's eyes, mind, and hands away from the road. On average, texting causes drivers to look away from the road for 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, the vehicle travels the length of an entire football field including both end zones, while the driver isn't looking.

Drivers using cell phones behind the wheel miss half of the information in their driving environment. Texting while driving increases your chances of a crash by 8 to 23 times.

Drivers who type or read text messages contribute to at least 100,000 crashes each year, leading to thousands of preventable deaths. No text is worth a life.

We can all help put an end to this deadly problem by not driving while using a cell phone and encouraging others to do the same. This simple commitment will save lives and create a safer environment for us all.

Focus Driven, Advocates for Cell-free driving. www.focusdriven.org

Additional Resources: U.S. Department of Transportation

National Safety Council "Understanding the Distracted Brain" White Paper: National Safety Council Cell Phone Policy Kit: NHTSA 2009 Distracted Driving Facts

Memorials & Gifts Received February

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Clara Thom: Shirley Freeberg
- In memory of Jeanette Fehr: Shirley Freeberg
- In memory of Mickey Schumacher: Gordon & Sandy Holzhueter

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Clara Thom: Roger & Phyllis Burrows, Avis Grambo, Glen & Bev Tamke
- In memory of Lenore Rood: Family & Friends, Vila Nygaard
- In memory of Emma Radcliffe: Virginia Prochnow, Charles & Grace Prochnow
- In memory of Tim Voigts: Dick Cable

Library Fund

- In memory of Curtis Waller: Willard & Ann Johnson

Habitat for Humanity

- In memory of Tim Voigts: Tom & Sheila Zahorik

Quilter's Fund

- In memory of Clara Thom: Tom & Sheila Zahorik

Mission Jamaica Fund

- In memory of Tim Voigts: Mark & Suzanne Becker

Mission Fund

- In memory of Tim Voigts: Kathy Rau

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