



Trinity

Lutheran Church

2013 Vacation Bible School Amazing Love in God's Word

Join us for Vacation Bible School and see how great and amazing are God's deeds! We will explore five Bible stories about our amazing God: Creation, The Battle of Jericho, Queen Esther, Four Friends, and The Wedding at Cana. VBS runs July 22–26 from 8:45 A.M.–Noon. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child, and VBS is free for children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 6. Our Kick Off Event is Sunday, July 21, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service.



Serving Chinese with Christ's Love

Serving in Christ's love is our mission. On Sunday, July 14, you'll see how this mission changes lives in China when we welcome Rev. Paul and Isa Martinson to Trinity. The Martinsons hold a passionate view for bringing Christianity and the mercies of God to China. They were instrumental in forming China Service Ventures in 2001. CSV focuses on education for impoverished children in rural Henan province, health care efforts, English language training, and development ventures. Service and Christian witness are at the heart of its commitment. In recent years, Trinity member Dan Rambo has worked with CSV.

In 2009 CSV began summer camps enabling impoverished youth to attend high school. Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp near Amery, WI plays a key role in the camps, too.

Bring your friends to worship on July 14 to see how God is at work in China. For more information: chinaserviceventures.org

"Gospel Jubilee"

Enjoy a delightful musical event at Trinity on Sunday, July 14, at 3:00 P.M. when Country Gospel duo Tex & Mary (seen often on RFD-TV's Midwest Country series) will celebrate their special style of gospel music. Don't miss the spirited songs, fellowship, praise, and fun for the entire family. Tex & Mary will share a mix of old familiar gospel songs and fresh, new selections with strong messages. Trinity's own Warren Hermodson will guest with them.

No ticket needed; just come and bring your friends! A free-will offering will be received to support the ministry of Tex and Mary. CDs and other products will be available, too.

Summer

Summer is a great time to bring new neighbors, co-workers, or friends without a church home to worship with you. You'll bring God's grace to your guests and advance through your invitation and hospitality the mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News."

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



Dear Friends

This past June 1 and 2, the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the ELCA gathered together here in Eau Claire for our synod assembly. The theme for the assembly this year was "All Things New," taken from Revelation 21:5: "And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

As we gathered as a synod to conduct the business of the church and elect a new bishop, it was good to hear these words, and also a few verses earlier in 21:3: "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; and they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them." In the midst of our transitions, in our times of endings and renewal, of death and new life, God promises to be firmly planted in our lives and that our identity as God's people has nothing to do with our stability, our successes, or our understanding, but comes through God's promises to claim us as God's own. This is the promise we all receive at our baptisms through Christ. This is the promise we repeat at our deaths. This is the promise that is central to our faith. We are God's.

Sarah, Meta, and I have experienced lots of new things these past weeks as we arrived here in Eau Claire and began as pastors at Trinity. New city, new house, new jobs, new church, new grocery stores, new walking routes with the dog. I cannot keep track of all the newness around us. But I take comfort in knowing that in the midst of all this newness, we are God's, and that God is with us.

God makes all things new. God promises to provide us renewal in our lives, in the lives of the church, and in the life of the world. We are excited to be here at Trinity and to see how this promise of renewal plays out in our lives and in the life of this congregation of Christ followers. I look forward to being partners in Christ and sharing this life-giving message of renewal and identity we receive through the one who promises to be with us through all we experience.

Peace,
Pastor Brahm

Walsh Family Benefit

In the fall of 2011, Trinity member Jim (Kieran) Walsh was diagnosed with a Meningioma tumor of the brain. Jim has had the tumor removed twice, and the cancer has spread. His friends are hosting a benefit fundraiser in his honor on August 4, at Hickory Hills Golf Course with golf starting at Noon and dinner starting at 1:00 P.M. Tickets will be on sale in the church office soon. Other events include multiple prize auctions, a Jail-n-Bail with local officials, and other entertainment. For more information, see the Kieran Walsh Family Benefit Facebook page.



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New Door Numbers

Have you noticed the numbers by the entrances to Trinity? The numbering of doors is one decision by the council authorized Safety Task Force aimed to begin directing people to certain entrances to facilitate better safety and coordination of facility usage. Watch for entrance # assignments for events starting this fall. The Southwest corner entrance by the Offices is #1 which is always open during business hours. Other entrances may be locked during some business hours.

St. John's Bible Society

The Saint John's Bible is the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. A library edition is located inside Trinity, and a page turning society has been established. Watch for more information about how you might be a part of it coming this month!

Before You Move

Whenever you're moving or going to be temporarily away and changing delivery status with the postal service, please let Trinity know. When your mail is returned to Trinity, a cost per item is incurred.

Please let Trinity know when your address is changing or you are suspending delivery. Email new information to email Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org, send Trinity a USPS change of address card, or call the Trinity office at 715.832.6601. Thank you.



Vacation with a Purpose 2014

We're planning two mission trips to Jamaica this winter. So before you make warm weather winter plans, please consider joining a mission team. A men's trip will take place in January, and an intergenerational trip (including kids from grade six and up) will be in March during the Eau Claire Area School District break. Watch for upcoming plans to be revealed, and plan to take a vacation with a purpose this winter. For more information, please contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson kurt@trinity-ec.org

Luther Park for Summer Fun!

Our Bible camp Luther Park, is into its new summer season with two sessions already complete! There are still openings for kids and youth to enjoy camp this summer. Register online at LutherPark.org, or call 715.859.2215 for program availability. Camp is not just for kids. Luther Park also has Family Camp the week of August 4–9. Other cross-generational programs include: Grandparent /Kids Camp, July 7–9; Parent Child Overnight, August 4–5; and Cross Generational Day Camp, August 6 and 7. Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to come to camp for relaxation, faith formation, and fun! Learn more at lutherpark.org

Friendship Group Socializing for Seniors

The Friendship Group will hold its annual picnic on July 10 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Braun's Bay in Carson Park (First left turn by Half Moon Lake past the Dairy Queen). Please bring a dish to pass and a wrapped mystery gift for traveling bingo. Also, please bring some travel size items such as shampoo, conditioner, deoderant, etc. for the church's Christmas in July project to benefit the Sojourner House. If you are unable to bring a dish to pass, come anyway and join us for lunch and fellowship.

Plan ahead and join us at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 11, for a short meeting. Then we are off to Fanny Hill Dinner Theater for a complete roast pork dinner with dessert. The play is the Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park." To reserve your spot, please send a check to Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmage Road, Eau Claire WI 54701. The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 9.

Church Night at the Eau Claire Express

Join us for a fun family night at Carson Park on Saturday, July 27. Beginning at 4:30 P.M., a local church will provide a hot dog meal for a free will offering. There will be inflatables for the kids, face painting, and music on the plaza prior to the game. The ball game begins at 6:35 P.M. BRING a school supply donation (one per person) and receive a FREE ticket into the ball game. School supplies will be donated to B-Side Community. This event is sponsored and funded by the Peace Lutheran Thrivent Community.

The Chippewa Valley Women's Retreat

Mark your 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. Registration is from Noon–1:30 P.M. on August 14 in Luther Park's Fireside Room. This year's presenter is Ruth Lundblad who will consider the question "What does the Lord require of you?" The cost is: Wednesday only with program and dinner is \$35, Thursday only with breakfast and lunch is \$35, and both days with three meals and lodging \$45. Registration forms are available on the Women's Ministry bulletin board in the Nursery hallway. Registration deadline is August 1. Trinity's Pastor Sarah will lead the Thursday afternoon worship service. Come, renew, refresh, and relax in God's creation.

Circle Listings

Deborah & Miriam

Wednesday, July 17 at 9:30 A.M. at Mary Schoenknecht home, 1808 Pine Park Drive
Hostess: Group
Leader: Group

Dorcas • No meeting

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 P.M. Trinity
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfeld
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 P.M.
Hostess: Char Finseth, 1825 Conifer Court

Sarah • No meeting



ELCA Churchwide News

New Bishop Elected at Synod Assembly

Pastor Rick Hoyme was elected on the fifth ballot at the recent synod assembly at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. Pastor Hoyme received 239 votes of 428 votes cast. The Rev. Amy Odgren, Director of Rvangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, received 189 votes.

The bishop-elect is senior pastor at Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls. He has served that congregation since 2000. Prior to that, he was senior pastor at Paynesville Lutheran Church, Paynesville, Minnesota (1986–2000); associate pastor of youth and education, House of Hope Lutheran Church, New Hope, Minn. (1982–86); and pastor at American Lutheran Parish, Harlem, Hogeland and Turner, Montana (1979–1982).

Hoyme earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. and a Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. He and his wife, Diane, have two grown daughters, Laura and Katie Helmink (Brandon), and one grandchild, Evie. His installation as bishop will be September 8, 2013, at Trinity Lutheran, Eau Claire.



The ELCA in Action

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is a church that is deeply rooted—and always being made new. Next month the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly will gather August 12–17 in Pittsburgh to elect a bishop and provide direction for our church for the next two years. Follow the events on the ELCA Facebook page or at elca.org

Aging and Disability Resource Center

Program materials and refreshments for the programs listed below are provided at no charge. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. To register please call 715.839.4735 or 1.888.338.4636. Tty: use Relay (711)

- **Living Well With Chronic Conditions** • Tuesdays, July 9 and August 13, from 5:30–8:00 P.M. • Grace Barstow Apartments, 1105 S. Barstow Street, Eau Claire
- **Stepping On—Building Confidence & Reducing Falls** • Thursdays, July 11–August 22, from 9:30–11:30 A.M. • Augusta Senior Center, 601 W. Main Street, Augusta
- **Stepping On—Building Confidence & Reducing Falls** • Tuesdays, September 17–October 29, from 8:30–10:30 A.M. • St. Frances Apartments, 851 University Drive, Eau Claire

Memorials & Gifts Received May

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Willard Johnson: Shirley Freeberg
- In memory of Laurence Cook: Hazel Cook
- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Barbara Vorhes

Quilting Fund

- In memory of Cheryl Thomas: Family & Friends
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Avis & Harold Drung

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Carol Johnson: Kermit & June Walker
- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Ken & Gloria Anderson, Carroll & Sandra Vowels

Children's Bible Fund

- In honor of Lincoln Alexander Troutman's baptism: Lawrence & Sandra Troutman
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Orville & Shirley Anderson, Josie Pace, Clifford & Jean Christenson, Patricia Cliff, Mary Friederich, Margaret Nelson, Vila Nygaard, Jack & Lois Olson, Marvin & Leatrice Solberg, Arnold Talford, James Thompson, Betty & Jacob Vitek

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Alice Anderson: Evelyn Carlson
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Ronald & Yvonne Nixdorf, Kathy Rau

Library Fund

- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Don & Barb Lee
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Family & Friends, Jerold & Joanne Dow

Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Beverly Hill

Trinity Choir Fund

- In memory of Marion Hoesly: Ann Ayres
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Ann Ayres



Children's Ministries

Summer Story Time for Young Children

Join the fun at 10:25 A.M. in Trinity's Library on Sunday mornings July 7 & 14!

- Story Time: The Library Committee members will read to children.
- Time for checking out books.
- Prizes! Kids pick from a treasure box!



Summer Day Camp Opportunities

We have a few openings still available for Camp Veggie Tales. Contact Mary Schoenknecht to register or for more information at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

- Dates: July 8–12 • Time: 9:00 A.M.–Noon • Cost: \$65 • For: Children who were three by 9.1.12 through those who have completed grade 5.

Help Us Complete Our Staff List for VBS!

Teachers in Preschool 1 (4), PreK (1), Grade 1 (1), Grade 2 (1).

Please help us as we look for teachers and student helpers (must have completed 7th or 8th grade) for classrooms and the nursery. To volunteer, please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 for more information.



VBS Staff Orientation

Join us on Thursday, July 11, from 6:30–8:00 P.M. OR Sunday, July 14, from 10:30–11:30 A.M. Staff will receive copies of the materials, guides, and procedures—all items to help you get ready!

Fall Programming for Young Children

These are the midweek program opportunities designed for young children during the 2013–2014 school year. Phone-in registration is Tuesday, July 16, beginning at 8:00 A.M. and will continue until classes are full. Please share this information with your friends. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

Music & Movement Mondays

Beginning September 9

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.

Time: Session One 9:15–10:00 A.M. for children ages 1–3 years (Parent or Caregiver must attend class with child); Session Two 10:15–11:15 A.M., for children who are three by 8.31.13 (Parent or Caregiver do not need to attend class with child) on Mondays for 13 class periods

Cost: \$92

The Great Pretenders

Beginning September 10

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 4 by 12.31.13

Time: 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays for 15 class periods

Cost: \$193; fees may be paid in installments.



Camp Come and Play

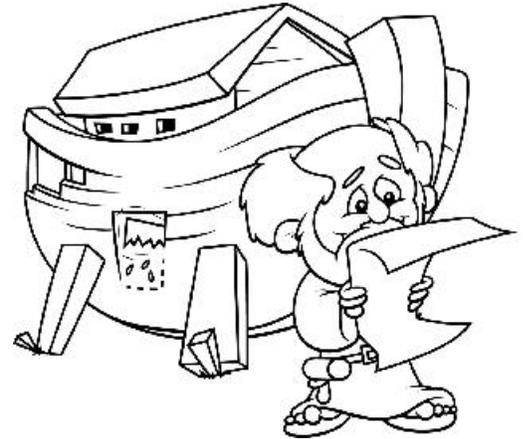
Semester 1, Beginning September 4

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

For: Children with birthdays between 8.1.2010 and 5.31.2011 (limited to 12 children in each session)

Time: Session One 9:15–11:15 A.M.; Session Two 12:15–2:15 P.M. on Wednesdays for 15 class periods

Cost: \$199; fees may be paid in installments.



Thrilling Thursdays

Beginning September 12

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

For: Children who are 4 by 12.31.13 (limited to 8 students per group)

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

Cost: \$193; fees may be paid in installments.

Friday Friends

Beginning January 3, 2014

Spend Friday morning engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities in Trinity's Nursery and Art Room. Children will cook, read, paint, experiment, sing, and dance. The class will allow children to explore and discover in the area of language, science, music, math, and art. A hands-on discovery approach will be emphasized in a Christian learning environment.

For: Children who are 3 by 12.31.13; register on July 16 to hold your place as enrollment is limited!

Time: 9:00–11:15 A.M. on Fridays for 19 class periods

Cost: \$255–\$125 deposit due at the time of registration; the remaining \$130 due in December

Noah's Ark News

Lovely July...a month God gives us to re-group, pre-plan, and rest-up for the 2013–2014 Noah's Ark school year! The summer is flying by, and there is much to do to prepare for the beautiful children entering Noah's Ark in September. Enrolled families will receive an end-of-July letter with information on class lists, Visit Week (September 3–6) special schedules, and Parent Teacher Orientation Night info for Monday, August 26, at 6:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room.

Currently we only have M/W/F openings (four before 9.1.2013) for the upcoming school year. Tell your friends about Trinity's preschool "Noah's Ark." You are our best publicity! Last year, God brought us special children through the school year to fill openings. We celebrate God's presence in it all!

See you at Camp Veggie Tales and Vacation Bible School which promises to be an amazing week reflecting God's Love in the Word! I'll be singing God's love with the other wonderful people in the VBS band!

Looking Ahead to the Fall Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

- Wednesday, September 4: Registration Event for Camp T.G.I.F., Kid's Choirs, and Sunday School beginning at 5:00 P.M. Watch for specific information in the August Children's Ministries mailing and on our website.
- Rally Sunday, September 8: Register for Sunday school and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Children who are three years old and in third grade will receive their Spark Bibles at the 9:45 A.M. service.
- Wednesday, September 18: Camp T.G.I.F. and Kid's Choir Rehearsals begin.
- Saturday, November 2: Fall Communion Instruction for children in grades 2–5 from 9:00–11:00 A.M.





Youth Ministries

Faith Plan and Pastor Visit

2012–2013 Club 9 students, please contact your assigned Pastor via email before July 21 to schedule your visit. If you have any questions regarding your Faith Plan or Pastor visit, contact Lisa at 715.832.6601 or lisa@trinity-ec.org



Incoming Club 9 Students!

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

August Activity Night

ALL 2013–2014 Club 78 students are invited to a GREAT night of fun, food, and fellowship on Wednesday, August 21, from 5:30–7:00 P.M. at Trinity! We will meet at the picnic tables in the back parking lot. Trinity High School Youth will lead games. Pizza, pop, and root beer floats will be provided. Sign up at the Tool Bench, and meet everyone in your new confirmation classes. Contact Lisa or Cassie with any questions at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org

Sugarcreek Bible Camp Trip

This summer three of our Trinity youth and Pastor Kurt will cruise the mighty Mississippi River during a week-long camp called Riverboaters. They will experience the enormous sand dunes, campfires on the sand bars, and worship and Bible study on the beach. Faith formation at Sugarcreek is a way of life lived out in “holy play,” caring conversations, and intentional time in God's beautiful creation. Let your prayers be with them during their adventure July 14–19.



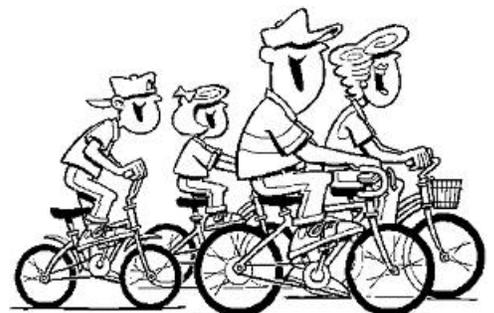
Health Ministries

Pedal Your Way to a Better Life

No matter your age or activity level, bicycling can provide you with several health benefits.

- It's good for your heart. Cycling can help improve cardiovascular fitness which may decrease your risk of coronary heart disease.
- It's good for your muscles. Riding a bicycle can tone and build muscles, especially in your lower body— your calves, thighs, and glutes.
- It's good for your bones and joints. Bicycling is low impact so it's less likely than over activities to cause joint-related injuries.
- It's good for your waistline. You burn calories while biking which can ramp up your metabolism and keep your weight under control.
- It's good for your coordination. Pedaling both feet while steering with both hands and keeping your body's weight centered may improve your overall coordination.
- It's good for your mental health. Getting outside and burning energy can improve your mood and clear your mind.

Enjoy your summer!



Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse



Missions

"Hospitality and Sunday Schedules in Japan"

Written by Jackie Bencke

Jackie and Patrick Bencke are ELCA Missionaries who teach at Kyushu Lutheran College in Kuomoto, Japan. Trinity provides financial support for their ministry.

One often overlooked role of a missionary family is that of hospitality. It isn't always written out as part of a job description, but it is often expected once we are living in our host countries.

When an opportunity presents itself for us to invite Japanese people to our home, we see it as an opportunity to offer witness to not just our physical home, but how we live out our lives as foreigners, as a family, and as missionaries. For example, every school year, teachers in the kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools will visit the home of each of their students. For us, this means opening our doors to Emilie's home room teacher and Hannah's kindergarten teacher. Visitors seem to be comforted when they take their first steps into the house and are able to step from the genkan (the entryway) up into the house. This is a familiar Japanese custom, and being able to participate in this familiar ritual is the first step toward building a relationship.

These visits to the home allow the parents and teachers to talk candidly about expectations, concerns, and special circumstances that might be helpful for the teacher to understand. In our case, for example, we were able to express that we do not endorse Emilie going to school for basketball practices or games on Sunday mornings because, as Christians, that is when we attend worship service. The teachers and coaches have always been very understanding, but we always wonder how other parents feel about this allowance as their children do not receive any form of special treatment. It is, at times, difficult to know what the cultural expectations are. This, too, we are able to express to the teachers who visit our home.

Entering a home of someone we don't know well can be nerve-wracking. Even as guests, we find this to be true. However, in the spirit of developing relationships on which we can base our testimony of faith, we recognize the importance of hospitality both as a guest and as a host.



Social Concerns

Volunteers Needed!

Trinity's Food Pantry is in need of volunteers in several areas:

- **M/T/Th Pantry** (1:30–3:00 P.M.)—helping guests, stocking shelves.
- **Tuesday Evening Pantry** (5:30–7:00 P.M.)—helping guests, stocking shelves
- **M o n d a y / T h u r s d a y Mornings**—picking up donated food from area Kwik Trip stores and delivering back to Trinity
- **Tuesday Morning**—picking up food boxes from Feed My People and delivering back to Trinity

To volunteer, please contact Sharry Hebert, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 218.349.0215 or email sharry@trinity-ec.org Thank you!

Food Pantry Numbers

Trinity's Food Pantry is a thriving mission of Trinity Lutheran Church that helps more and more families each month.

May Statistics

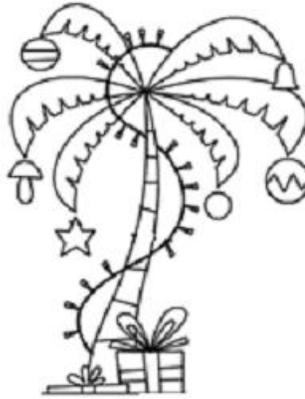
- Total family visits: 640
- Total individuals served: 1,956
- Under 18: 744
- Age 18-65: 1,123
- Over 65: 89
- Total NEW Guest Registrations: 94
- Total pounds of food purchased from Feed My People Food Bank: 20,280
- Total Pounds of food donated: 267
- Total pounds of food picked up from 8 Kwik Trip Stores: 819
- Total volunteer hours given to Trinity's Food Pantry: 247 hours donated by 48 volunteers

We extend a special thank you to all who have blessed the pantry with their time and/or their financial support this past month!



ELCA Congregations and Christmas in July!

Eau Claire ELCA congregations including: Immanuel, Good Shepherd, Grace, First, and Trinity will join together in a shared ministry of outreach called "Celebrate Christmas in July." This shared ministry effort will bring people together by donating items for the less fortunate in Eau Claire (see wish lists below). Trinity members are invited to bring donations to Trinity beginning July 7. Donations can be placed in the lobby in the marked tub on Sunday mornings or brought to the church office during the week. Items will be collected throughout the month of July. Thank you caring, and thank you for sharing!



Sojourner House

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a sojourner and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Join Trinity's ministry at the Sojourner House, the homeless shelter located in downtown Eau Claire at 618 South Barstow Street. Trinity members volunteer at the shelter on the third Friday of every month. We will work Friday, July 19, from 6:30–9:30 P.M. We need 6–8 people per shift. Volunteers must be 18 years old. Sign up at Clipboard Central.

Sojourner House Wish List

The list includes: bus tokens, gas cards, razors, deodorant, towels and washcloths, seasonal clothing, shoes, socks, sweatshirts, sweat pants, hoodies, backpacks and reusable tote bags, dish soap, high efficiency laundry detergent, assorted cereal, facial tissue, trial or travel size toiletries, and feminine products.

Wish List For Beacon House

- General items for the shelter: toilet bowl cleaner, general cleaners (pine sol, disinfectants), laundry soap, fabric sheets, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner—full sized, feminine hygiene products, garbage bags—kitchen and leaf, snow shovel, sidewalk salt, adult bus passes and tokens, bath towels, alarm clocks, toilet paper, baby wipes.
- Pantry items: pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, cereal/oatmeal/cream of wheat, hearty soups (soups cream/vegetable/chicken noodle, etc.), chili, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna and chicken, hamburger helper, canned pasta, Rice a Roni®, Pasta Roni®, canned corn, canned peas, salt, sugar, rice. For past families: cleaning kits (mops, brooms, buckets, cleaning products, etc), diapers and pull-ups, socks and underwear up to size six, digital thermometers, dish soap, razors, sleepers, onesies, car seats/boosters-new only, baby wash, gift certificates for oil changes/haircuts.

Soles for Special Souls

"Soles for Special Souls" is an outreach ministry of the Trinity Social Concerns Team. In partnership with K-Mart, children who visit our food pantry receive one voucher for a new pair of shoes for the upcoming school year. This ministry is possible through financial gifts from Trinity members along with a generous contribution from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in the amount of \$1,500. Last year, 178 children received vouchers for new shoes. Take a moment and stop by the special display in the lobby where your gift can be given!" Thank you to both Thrivent Financial and you for your support!



Eau Claire Foundation Supports Trinity Food Pantry

It is with great joy to share that the Trinity Food Pantry was a recipient of a \$1,200 grant from the Eau Claire Foundation! This financial gift will provide further support of our pantry during Tuesday evenings. Sharry Hebert, Food Pantry Coordinator, received the grant during the Foundation's annual meeting on Thursday, June 6. The Foundation granted \$197,287 to local tax-exempt organizations, and we are grateful Trinity was a recipient of a grant for further ministry!



Financial Information

Giving to God Offering News

Thank you for giving to God through your offerings to Trinity. Summer is such an important time to maintain your gratitude to God for all the blessings we enjoy. As you do so, every offering you share with Trinity honors God and blesses people here and across the world with the love of God in Christ.

Remember you can set up automatic offerings from your financial institution. It's easy to set up regular electronic fund transfers on our website: trinity-ec.org

With the blessings you have received, please share them with your church. Your generosity is appreciated as Trinity invests carefully in making a difference in people's lives. Thank you!



Financial Update January to May

Regular Ministries	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
2013	\$419,997	\$384,440	+\$50,355
2012	\$436,260	\$413,624	+\$ 22,636

Please remember how important your offerings are to all the great things our church does in the community and the world. Lives are changed for the better because of what you share!

Mortgage Update

In February we refinanced our mortgage at 4.125% with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund. This lowered our monthly payment by \$2,072! This mortgage comes from the expansion in 2005 which included the new lobby, worship center, restrooms, Fireside Room, library, and nursery. Thanks to strong Mortgage Payment offerings which result in additional principal payments, our current loan balance is \$941,878.

January to May	2012	2013
Mortgage Payment Offerings	\$ 104,690	\$ 97,545
Principal Paid	\$ 87,263	\$ 83,630
Interest Paid	\$ 24,568	\$ 18,370

Thank you for making Mortgage Payment offerings. If you have yet to join this effort, please do so today.

Planning for Your Future

We plan for so many things in life: getting a degree, starting a career, buying a house, getting married, retirement. But many people are afraid to plan for the reality of life's end. However, one of the most helpful gifts you can give your family is your plan for what you want to have happen as you die and after death.

Trinity provides you two tools for both realities. The "Five Wishes" booklet

(available at the Health Ministries board across from the office) and the "Funeral Planning Guide" (available at trinity-ec.org) are easy to use and practical instruments for walking you through helpful plans. Check them out today. The Trinity pastors are happy to assist you or receive your plans when complete.

Endowment Trust Fund Awards Grants

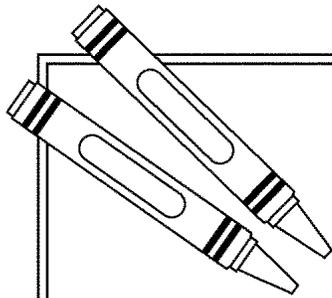
The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund exists to receive your charitable desires and legacy. Through many individual gifts and a few estate gifts the Endowment Trust Fund has a principal that generates income for granting purposes.

In May the Trust Fund Board awarded grants for:

- Seminary Student tuition to assist our student, Jamie Brieske, in her last year at Luther Seminary.
- Providing transfer of school materials to Malawi, Africa where Trinity member Cam Stanley is a Peace Corp volunteer.
- Building a kitchen at Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica.
- A summer sports program in Hungary where youth leader Allison Carpenter is volunteering this month.
- The Synod Lay School of Ministry in which Trinity member Jackie Krumenauer is studying.
- Updating technology during the Trinity office renovation.
- Assisting an ELCA media offering in the region.

Your estate plan, will bequest, or current gifts and memorials to the Trust Fund are welcome. With your generosity, wise investment, and the Spirit's leading, the Trinity Endowment Trust fund will do great things to extend the mercies of God for generations to come.

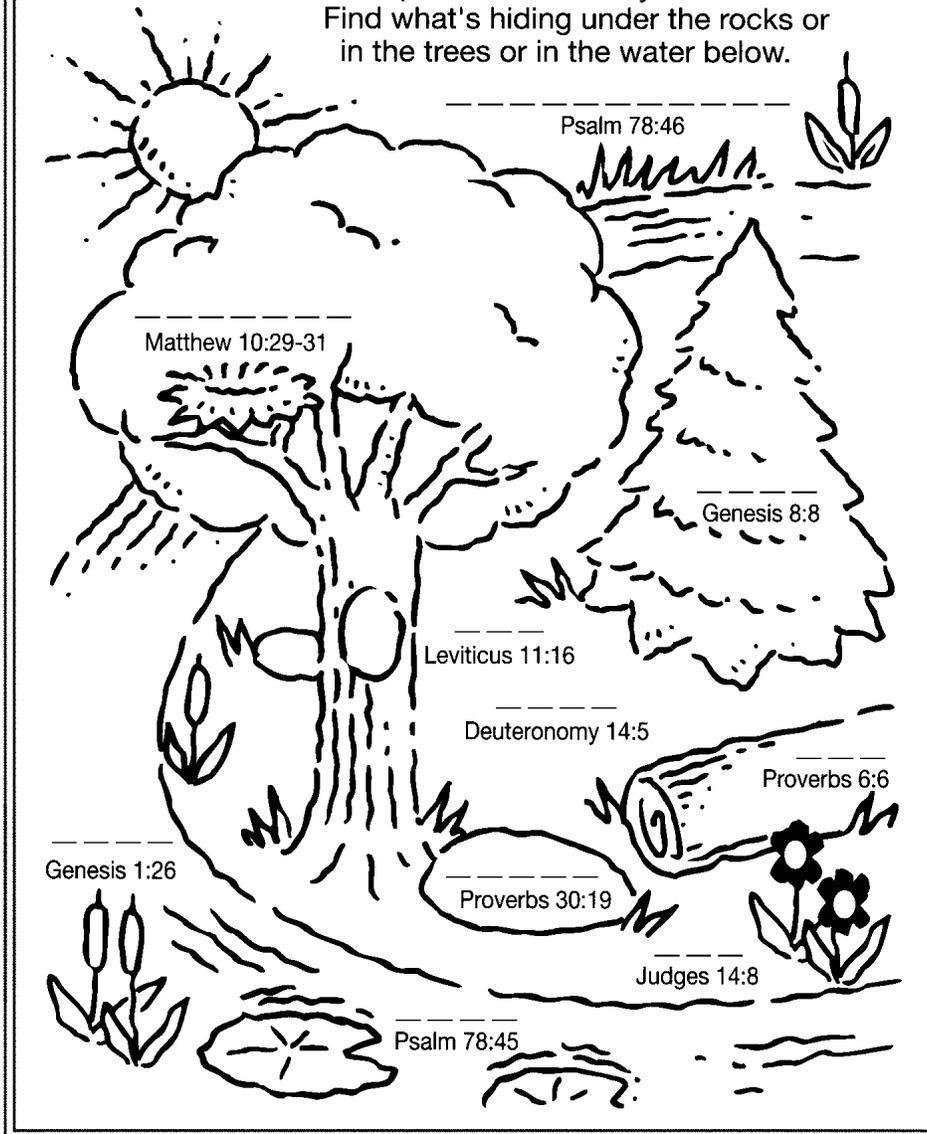
For more information about the fund, contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org or chairperson Darrin Schober at darrinschober@att.net.



Just for KIDS

Take a hike through a park, the woods or your neighborhood. See what wonderful creatures God has made.

Look up these verses in your Bible. Find what's hiding under the rocks or in the trees or in the water below.



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