



St. John's Bible Page Turner Society

The amazing St. John's Bible is the first handwritten and illuminated Bible of the modern era. A goal for making this Bible was to ignite the spiritual imagination of people across the world. We have a Library copy of this Bible at Trinity, and now a Society of Page Turners has formed. People in the St. John's Page Turners Society take turns turning a page of the Bible each Sunday. You're invited to learn about and become part of this society. There are no meetings, no fees, no experience necessary except for an amazing appreciation of God's Word!

Sign-up at Clipboard Central in the Lobby, and a Society member will contact you with information. Learn more about the St. John's Page Turners Society online at trinity-ec.org

Check out our St. John's Bible near the guest book in the Lobby today. It's filled with illuminations that will inspire and amaze you with God's global message of hope for all time, for all peoples, and for all generations.

A Exciting VBS!

Trinity's recent Vacation Bible School engaged 313 children in God's Word under the theme "Amazing Love in God's Word." This annual summer ministry taught children the love of God in Christ through active, creative, and fun ways. Thanks to all who supported this amazing week.

The fruits of VBS each summer result in newcomers to our congregation and a marvelous experience of God's Spirit. Mark your calendars for next year's VBS July 21–25, 2014. Check out the VBS

photos at: www.trinity-ec.org Photo Album.



Be a Trinity Ambassador

We want to intentionally grow our church this fall, and your help is needed. Please think of people to invite to join Trinity, and tell them about "Discover Trinity." This fun and informative event is the simple step we ask newcomers to take to affiliate with our congregation.

Discover Trinity will be offered on Monday, October 28, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. For more information about Trinity, or about Discover Trinity and the process of becoming a member, please contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith at sarah@trinity-ec.org

You are the best ambassador for our church. Invite friends and family to check out the "I'm New" page under the ABOUT menu on our website at: www.trinity-ec.org or pick up a Visitor Bag at the Information Center in the Lobby and give it to someone.

When Your Address Changes

Whenever you're moving or changing to "temporarily away" with the USPS, any mail Trinity sends to you is returned at a cost per item. Please let Trinity know when your address is changing. Email new information, send Trinity a USPS address change card, or phone Heather at 715.832.6601. Thank you.



Holy Play

"In God we live and move and have our being..." —Acts 17:28

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was going into ninth grade, my home church—Peace Lutheran of New London, MN—needed volunteers to help staff our Vacation Bible School. At that point in my early teens, doing workouts for my sports “career” and shopping for latest trends were higher priorities than spending hours with younger kids. Fortunately, a wise youth leader pinned me to the wall with the call from Genesis 12 reminding me that I was blessed to be a blessing. So I said yes to helping with Vacation Bible School, and I have looked forward to being a part of one (or more) every summer since.

Trinity's Vacation Bible School is a special event. I have only experienced one full day of it as I type, but there is no doubt that the Spirit's light bounces and dances around this building like a disco ball during VBS week. In writing this, I was forced to stop and ponder: What is it that makes such a week so meaningful not only in this congregation, but in churches throughout the country?

Maybe this is part of my personality coming through, but I have to think it has something to do with the idea of Holy Play. “Holy Play” is getting to know God in a way that is not serious, or rote memorization, or imposed upon you, but delights in curiosity and exploration of who God is through the Word. All of us learn differently, and at VBS we get to know God using every sense and mode you can imagine. At VBS, we learn that it is ok to laugh in a church and that sometimes “getting messy is next to godliness” instead of its opposite.

And maybe that's one lesson we can all take into the rest of the year, learned from this one week at Trinity, God encompasses every part of our lives: the serious times (and there are plenty) as well as the times in which we delight in relationships, let our guards down, and play. Thanks be to God that “in God we live and move and have our being.” May we have the eyes to see and the presence of mind to thank God for that great gift.

Blessed be the journey,
Pastor Sarah



Families to Bible Camp

This month Family Camp at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI will be the place where some Trinity families will spend a week. Family Camp engages all ages in faith, fun, and community. Before you make 2014 summer vacation plans, consider family camp. Watch for information this fall about plans being made for next summer!

Heart for Luther Park

Please join Luther Park staff and counselors for the “Heart for Luther Park” Summer Celebration & Benefit at Luther Park Bible Camp on Sunday, August 11, beginning at 10:00 A.M. with outdoor worship followed by a brick oven pizza lunch and the quilt, craft, and silent auction. For more information, visit www.lutherpark.org

Lutheran College Fair

Trinity will host a Lutheran College Fair on Wednesday, August 28. Event registration begins at 6:00 P.M. in the lobby. You and your parents are invited to attend our College Fair and Workshops. Events include workshops on College and Career Planning, Financial Aid, and opportunities to meet with representatives from individual colleges. For more information, visit www.lutherancolleges.org/events





Friendship Group ♡ Socializing for Seniors

Join us for a tour of two of Eau Claire's historic churches on Wednesday, August 14. We will meet in the Trinity parking lot at 10:00 A.M. for those of us who want to car pool. We will meet at First Congregational Church at 10:30 A.M. for a tour and an organ recital. After lunch on our own at Dooley's Pub at 12:00 P.M., we will meet again at Christ Church Cathedral at 2:00 P.M. for a tour.

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 for \$37 to Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmage Road, Eau Claire WI 54701. The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 9.

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. 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 Bible Study

All women are invited to a combined Circle Bible Study, "All Ate and Were Filled," on Wednesday, August 21, starting at 9:30 A.M. in the Trinity Lobby. This is the third part of the series "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" from the Gather magazine. Pastor Sarah will lead us through the study. Copies of the magazine are available in the library. Coffee and treats will be served. Hostesses Sheila Running & Bev Tamke are from Miriam Circle. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601.

Trinity Quilters

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in the lobby. The quilters are meeting on August 13 & 27.

Donate Old Cell Phones

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

Support the Free Clinic

Be watching for information in September when Trinity will partner with the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic by financially sponsoring a week of their operation costs. Please consider a donation as a way to celebrate God's love through the work of the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic.

Car Seat Checks

Trinity's Health Ministries hosted a car seat check administered by Safe Kids of the Chippewa Valley on Thursday, June 27. Twenty seven families attended, and 30 car seats were installed by their trained technicians. Check www.safekidscv.com for their schedule of car seat checks, and attend the next one to make sure your car seat is properly fitted for your child and appropriately secured in your vehicle. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Hospital, Center for Healthy Living.





Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed

Prayer Friends

Being a Prayer Friend is a powerful way to connect with God, and it is an extra-ordinary blessing to have other people praying for you. The Youth Leadership Team once again invites adults to be Prayer Friends with our seventh and eighth grade confirmation students. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed in a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to use email (myprayerfriend@trinity-ec.org) to direct prayer requests to their adult partner. The Prayer Friend administrator will relay requests to the prayer friend. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. You'll be providing a great ministry to our youth. Sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or youthministry@trinity-ec.org with any questions.



Group Guides Needed!

This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while leading a small group of enthusiastic students. Confirmation Club 78 Group Guides are responsible for leading a small group of 8–10 students. Group Guides participate with their group in the large group lesson taught by the Pastors, and then they lead a small group follow-up lesson. We meet during the school year on Wednesday evenings, following worship, from 7:15–8:30 P.M. It is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! A sign up form is located at Clipboard Central. Please contact Anne Josephson at 715.832.6601 with any questions.

Volunteer to be a Mentor!

Youth Ministry is looking for "Triple A Adults" (Authentic, Affirming, and Available) to mentor high school students in our Club 9 confirmation program. Mentors are responsible for attending large group lessons, led by a pastor, with their student and then participating in a follow up discussion with their student. Club 9 meets every other Wednesday, September through April from 7:15–8:30 P.M. following worship.

This is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Lisa or Cassie at youthministry@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 with any questions.

Thrivent Goes Wide

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a 111-year-old fraternal benefit society, announced in June that it would make gradual changes to offer its financial services to Christians, not just Lutherans.

In May 2012, Thrivent's board voted unanimously to make the change, subject to approval by the organization's members. That approval came after a voting window from March 1 to April 30, during which 72 percent of the members approved revising Thrivent's articles of incorporation.

Brad Hewitt, president and CEO of Thrivent, said the vote allows the organization "to strengthen our mission of helping more Christians be wise with money and live generously. Working together, we'll be able to serve more people, meet more needs, and strengthen more Christian communities."

"Changes will be gradual," Hewitt said, but "one thing remains the same: our commitment to serving Lutherans and strengthening the Lutheran community remains as strong as ever."

Thrivent provides "Choice Dollars" for its product holders. "Choice Dollars" may be directed to Trinity or Trinity's Noah's Ark Preschool. Check your account online or ask your Thrivent representative to see if you have Choice Dollars that can benefit the ministries of Trinity.



Choice Dollars



“Reconciled in Christ” Task Force at Work

The Council of Trinity recently appointed a task force to explore “Reconciled in Christ” materials and determine whether to bring to the congregation a proposal for a public affirmation of welcome to people of sexual orientations known as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender). This task force comes from the initiate of a member of Trinity.

The task force has met twice and is looking at providing listening sessions in the near future and providing a draft of a potential welcome statement for people to review and discuss together. The task force is charged with the single focus of this potential welcome. It is comprised of Paul Karker, and Peggy Casper (co-chairpersons), Sarah Wright, Dan Alexander, Sharon Bram, Ron Retlaff, and Erik Dovre.

Good News! Thanks for Your Offerings

Thank you for your offerings to God through Trinity. Every offering you share honors God and blesses people here and across the world with the love of God in Christ.

Thank you for your offerings to Regular Ministries for the first half of the year. Please keep remembering God's work through our church in your charitable giving.

Offering for the Mortgage Payment continues to be strong and allows Trinity to make its monthly payment as well as periodic additional principal payments. Every dollar you give helps us pay off this debt from our 2004 building expansion.

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 Giving page. Your regular contributions are so helpful!

With the blessings you have received, please share them with Trinity's Regular Ministries and Mortgage Payment funds. Your generosity is appreciated as Trinity invests carefully in making a difference in people's lives. Thank you!



Financial Update January to June

Regular Ministries	Offerings	Expenses	Difference
2013	\$499,856	\$468,756	+31,100 (expenses are lower due to vacant pastor position)
2012	\$503,785	\$495,758	+8,027
Mortgage Payment Offerings		2013-\$89,727	2012-\$95,752

When You Are Hospitalized

The pastoral care team of Trinity makes frequent trips to visit hospitalized Trinity members. They depend upon the hospitals having your admission



coded into their system. When you or a family member is admitted, please inform them of your church affiliation. Better yet, share information about planned or unexpected hospitalizations directly with us by calling or emailing (trinity@trinity-ec.org) the church office in advance of or at the start of hospitalization, or ask the hospital chaplain to call Trinity's office.

Inmates Blessed

Your offerings contribute hope in so many lives here and abroad. Some of your offerings support the Christian ministry at the Eau Claire County Jail. Chaplain Tom Herro wrote to us on July 15:

Dear Rev. Jacobson and friends at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your ongoing support of our jail ministry. I have continually seen a great hunger in inmates' lives for the truth of the gospel of Christ. More and more I find myself presenting the gospel to those who have never before heard the life transforming Word of God. Continue to pray for me and each of our volunteers as we minister in our jails.

*Blessings,
Chaplain Tom*

Thank you for your offerings to the mission of Trinity. Remember, you can make contributions at any time via trinity-ec.org



Received June 2013 Memorials & Gifts

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Ilene Sunday: Family & Friends, David & Carol Anderson, St. Francis Apartments
- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Ann Ayres, Roger & Ruth Fagerland, James & Sandra Landsverk, George & Lynne McLeod, Jack & Lois Olson, Jim & Bev Page, Elizabeth Rude, Tonya Schlageter, Douglas & Joan Smith, Rodney & Linda Wieneri, Agnes Erickson, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Jack & Ruth Campbell
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Jo Ann Smith, Dee Maug, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Avis Grambo

Quilters Fund

- In memory of Ilene Sunday: Harold & Avis Drung
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Miriam Circle, Avis & Harold Drung, Sonia & Dave Becker, Orv & Shirley Anderson, Arlene Martenson, Ruth Hayden, Carla Brandrup, Drendels & Dickerts Lakeland Farms

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Jack & Carol Bartingale, Clif & Doris Husberg, Elaine Lonning
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Clif & Doris Husberg, Jerry & Sharon Colburn, David & Jeanette Suchla, Tom & Sheila Zahorik, Elaine Lonning, Ralph & Norma Marking, Ann Ayres, Mike & Mary Chronquist, Joe & Kathy Sislo, Rose Sipple, John & Joan Engstrom
- In memory of Rick Moen: Karilyn Allen

Library Fund

- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Jerold & Joanne Dow
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Carl & Lorraine Higgins, Ann Johnson, Norman & Viola Berg, Harold & Ann Davis, Mary Friederich, Jeanne & Rod Anderson, Dawn Bergstrom, Carol Sue Olson, Gerald & Sandra Jacobson

Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Anna Trullinger, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In honor of Bergen Raeanne Erickson's Baptism: Mike & Faith Erickson
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Paul & Sharon Engstrom, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Lois Storlie, Jack & Sheila Running, Dale & Beverly Johnson, Roger & Jane Dale, Janet Boullion, Howard Berg, John & Patricia Kries, Arnold Talford, Viola Broberg, Elayne Peterson, Barbara Tischer, Susan Schafer, Jean & Millard Sivertson, Joann & Deane Jewett, Joel & Lenore Higgins, Leone Helstrom, Chuck & Linda Harschlip

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Marie Rudolphson: Barbara Vorhes, Dick Cable, Mark & Marti Hofer
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Ron Retzlaff, Sandra Biemeier, Shirley Brack, Alyce Bertelson, Lamoine & Jeanann Stone, Barbara Vorhes, Jeanine Helwig

Friendship Group

- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Shirley Freeberg

Property Maintenance Fund

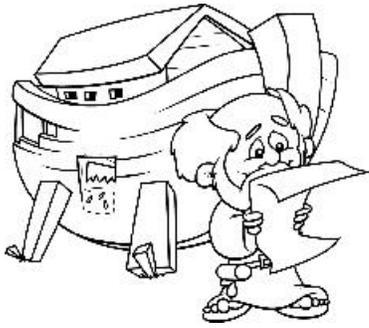
- In memory of Willard Johnson: Gordon Larson
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Family & Friends

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 Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org



Noah's News

Hello all you Noah's Ark Friends.

Vacation Bible School has come to a HIGH ending, and I'm sailing off into some summer fun before school kicks off the week of Labor Day. Noah's Ark enrollees should have received a summer mailing the last week of

July with class lists, Visit Week schedules, Parent Teacher Orientation Night information (Monday, August 26, at 6:00 p.m.), a 2013/2014 calendar, and child record info updates. If you have any questions contact, me at noahsark@trinity-ec.org or call 715.832.6601.

The 2013/2014 year promises to be a GREAT one as God leads Noah's Ark through its 33rd year. We'll celebrate God's love through God's amazing Bible messages; create through art, music, and movement; and make LOTS of new friends. We'll become God's PEACEMAKERS as we work and play together. Blessings abound!

FYI...Noah's Ark was full in June, and then summer happened. So we have a few openings in the M/W/F classes for 4 and 5 year olds. Please call for more information. We'd love to include another beautiful child for the school year! Hugs everyone!

Jeanne Cooper, Preschool Director

Children's Ministries

Be Part of the Team!

Be part of the team that shares the Good News with our children. We need volunteers to lead Sunday school and Camp T.G.I.F. classes—teaching materials, supplies, and support are provided. I am inviting you to be that person! Rally Sunday is September 8 with Rally Day Sundaes. We start our Sunday lessons on September 15 and our Wednesday lessons on September 18. Consider job sharing; find a partner or ask to be assigned one. For more information, please contact me, Mary Schoenknecht, at 715.832.6601.

Sunday Morning Teaching Positions:

- Session 1 (8:55–9:30): Two year olds—Grade 6
- Session 2 (10:30–11:05): Two year olds—Grade 6

Wednesday Evening Camp T.G.I.F. Teaching Positions:

There are teaching spots for Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Qualified People Are:



Adults and youth (youth teachers must be in high school—completed 9th grade; 7th, 8th, & 9th grade students can be helpers when they aren't participating in confirmation classes) who are committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus with our young people.

To Volunteer

- Sign up on the chart located in the hallway by the Children's Ministries office or at the display in the lobby on Sunday mornings.
- Call the church office and ask for Mary Schoenknecht (715.832.6601).
- Email Mary at marys@trinity-ec.org

Teacher Orientations

At each orientation, you will receive your teaching materials, important procedures, and schedules, and you will help generate class lists!

- **C a m p T . G . I . F .**
Teachers—Wednesday, September 11, from 5:30–6:25 P.M.
- **S u n d a y S c h o o l**
Teachers—Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 P.M.

Important Dates

- Registration Event: Wednesday, September 4, beginning at 5:30 P.M. Come with your family for a pizza supper.
- Rally Sunday is September 8—Bibles distributed to three year olds and third grade students.
- Wednesday, September 18—Choir and T.G.I.F. schedule begins.
- Sunday, September 22—Education Staff Installation at 9:45 A.M. worship service.

Thank you for saying "YES" to teaching our children about God's love.



School Year Day Camps!

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 does 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

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.

Registration: To register or for additional information, call Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601. **Please share this information with your friends.**



Youth Ministries

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. outside at Trinity! We will meet at the picnic tables in the back parking lot. The Youth Leadership Team will lead us in games. Pizza, pop, and root beer floats will be provided. Sign up at the Tool Bench, and meet everyone in your new confirmation class. Contact Lisa or Cassie with any questions at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org.

CrossWord Youth Band

Calling all high school students who love music! Trinity's high school praise band, CrossWord, is preparing for another year of music, worship, and fun. Look in future bulletins for our first meeting date. Contact Lisa at 715.832.6601 or youthminstry@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Mark Your Calendars

- Club 78 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation Dates: Tuesday, August 27, from 5:30–6:15 P.M. in the Trinity Room or Wednesday, August 28, from 5:30–6:15 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation: Wednesday, September 25, at 7:15 P.M. in Room 208.



Mark Your Calendars

- Club 9 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation Dates: Tuesday, August 27, from 6:30–7:15 P.M. in the Trinity Room or Wednesday, August 28, from 6:30–7:15 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 9 Mentor Orientation: Wednesday, September 18, at 7:15 P.M. in the Chapel.



Confirmation Kick Off Night

We are very excited to invite you to join us for an evening with renowned musician James Hersch on Wednesday, September 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. in the Worship Center! As we celebrate the beginning of our fall programming, we are continuing our tradition of worship with a concert. We are thrilled to welcome James Hersch as our guest musician for this event. James has a rare mixture of straight forward musical talent, humor, and sensitivity that allows him to create songs that speak to what is common in all of us. James is one of those few performers who allow his listener to experience his music through intimate images which confront and celebrate today's human condition. Learn more about James at his website www.reachwithme.com

Along with Trinity's CrossWord Youth Band, James will help lead our worship service and perform his inspirational music. We will gather to connect and celebrate our faith.



Health Ministries

LifeLines: Summer and Sabbath

by Scott Morris

"Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" goes the old Nat King Cole song.

Does that sound like your summer? The description of summer as "lazy" makes us think of picnics and swimming and ball games and a lot of other recreational activities we don't get around to often enough. We want to do those things, but it's easy for the "crazy" part of summer to take us captive. After all, kids may get a break from school, but the rest of us still have jobs and obligations.

Yet there is something about summer that calls us to slow down and enjoy, and in that sense summer reminds me of the concept of Sabbath. Let me suggest four points about Sabbath to ponder this summer.

1. Rest. God created the world in six days, then rested on the seventh (Genesis 2:2-3). When we rest from our labors, we recall the drama of creation and God's gift of the world for us to enjoy. Perhaps this is one reason people like to enjoy outdoor recreation in the summer and get close to nature. Rest that connects us to nature also connects us to God.
2. Rediscover. God said to the Old Testament people, "You shall keep my sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, given in order that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13). God did not give us the Sabbath as a rule to keep, but as a sign of the relationship God offers us and the opportunity to be God's people. Sabbath is a time to rediscover that we belong to God, not to the demands of our daily lives.
3. Restore. Perhaps the most familiar Old Testament phrase about the Sabbath comes in the Ten Commandments, "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). We forget to rest. We deny our own need for restoration of body and spirit, so God reminds us to remember to set aside time for Sabbath and allow it to restore us.
4. Reclaim. The plain fact is that Jesus healed on the Sabbath (John 5:9), even though the legalistic Jewish leaders of the day regarded the "work" involved in his compassion as breaking God's law. By healing on the Sabbath, Jesus reclaimed the day for God's purpose of using it for our health and well-being. Maybe it is time for us to reclaim the Sabbath as well.

Rest, rediscover, restore and reclaim, four goals for the summer season that also enrich our experience of Sabbath and improve our health by taking us closer to God.

Rev. G. Scott Morris, MD, is founder and executive director of the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee. This is the largest faith-based, not for profit primary health clinic in the United States, providing health services to over 30,000 patients who are working but uninsured. Dr. Morris is a physician and a United Methodist pastor. www.chreader.org



Summertime Still Time to Read, Relax, Read!

- *Truth Stained Lies* by Terri Blackstock. This novel is one of the latest books by popular Christian writer, Terri Blackstoc. (FIC BLA)
- *Softly and Tenderly*, by Sara Evans. This novel is a beautiful story about lost and found relationships. (FIC EVA)
- *On Mystic Lake* by Kristin Hannah. In this novel, Hannah touches the deepest, most tender corners of our hearts. (FIC HAN)
- *Friday's Daughter* by Patricia Sprinkle. The author brings the lives of four women together in a portrait of Southern gumption as they help each other face their challenges. (FIC SPR)
- *A Time to Surrender* by Sally John & Gary Smalley. This is a good Christian fiction read by two popular authors. (FIC JOH)
- *The Forgotten Castles* series by Jamie Carie. Gabriel, the Duke of St. Easton, is ordered by the king to take guardianship over Lady Alexandria Featherstone whose parents are presumed dead. But the heart-driven Alexandria ignores this royal reassignment. Believing her parents are still alive, she travels to faraway lands to follow clues that may lead to their whereabouts. It is recommended to read in this order:
 - *The Guardian Duke*
 - *The Forgiven Duke*
 - *A Duke's Promise*





Social Concerns Ministries

Back Yard Gardeners

We hope your gardens are flourishing with the warm weather and rain so far this summer. The typical back yard gardener will consume as much of their harvest as possible, and yet have more to harvest. If this is the case in your back yard, please keep Trinity's Food Pantry in mind. Think how excited our guests will be to receive fresh produce from your garden! If you have any questions, please contact Sharry Hebert at sharry@trinity-ec.org

School Supplies

Do you love to purchase school supplies? Have you seen the great prices recently on notebooks, folders, and other items? Consider purchasing supplies for either Trinity's partnership with Flynn Elementary School in Eau Claire (Friends of Flynn) or our Mission Jamaica Team. We are in need of notebooks, folders, paper, bottles of white glue, small glue sticks, boxes of Kleenex®, child size Fiskar® scissors, eight or ten count Crayola® classic markers, erasers, yellow highlighters, red pens, and colored pencils. In addition, we can use hygiene supplies including tooth brushes, tooth paste, and deodorant. The supplies can be dropped off in the office during the week or in the lobby Sunday morning. Thank you!



Beacon House Volunteers Needed!

Trinity will host the homeless in our area at the Beacon House August 4–8. Volunteers are needed to provide an evening meal, host evening activities, stay overnight, and serve breakfast in the morning. Please pick a time when you can volunteer by signing up at Clipboard Central.

To avoid a liability issue for ECIHN, all volunteers are asked to provide a legal name (married and maiden if applicable), birth date, and address for a background check. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we know that you care about the safety of our littlest guests. Please return completed forms to the office.



Donate Your Plastic Bags!

Are you looking for some way to reuse your plastic grocery bags? The food pantry wants YOUR plastic bags. Our clients use plastic bags to carry their food home. Donated bags mean the pantry doesn't have to buy more bags. Bring your plastic grocery bags in to the church office today!

Thank You!

It's difficult to imagine that hunger exists in America's Heartland, the bread basket of the world. However, thousands of our Wisconsin neighbors and community members are food insecure (meaning they don't know where or when they'll have their next meal) or hungry (meaning there is no next meal.) Through the summer months, our Food Pantry at Trinity is receiving a record number of visits from families in need. Your donations of time, money, produce, and other groceries are needed and greatly appreciated. If you would like to become involved with the Food Pantry.

Pantry please contact Sharry Hebert at sharry@trinity-ec.org 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!

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