



Inviting You To Worship As Times Expand

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

Sundays

8:15 A.M. Worship God in a more traditional style with the beloved hymns, liturgy, and leadership of the pipe organ and Trinity Choir. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays of the month.

9:45 A.M. Worship God in a more relaxed style with music by current composers led by Harmony In Spirit. Join the Lord's Supper the first and third Sundays of the month.

Beginning September 15

10:30 A.M. Worship God in the Chapel (located between the office and preschool). This service is designed to be simple and for parents who choose to have their kids in Sunday School at the same time they worship or for anyone who desires a later worship time. Join in the Lord's Supper each Sunday.

Wednesdays

Beginning September 11

6:30 P.M. Worship God on Wednesday evening when Sundays just don't work for you. The message will be the same from the previous Sunday, but on September 11 we kick off with guest musician/teacher/speaker James Hersch. The CrossWord Youth Band offers music leadership, and many youth serve as ushers and communion servers. Join in the Lord's Supper the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



Trinity Hosts Bishop Installation

The installation of the new NW Synod of Wisconsin ELCA Bishop, Rev. Rick Hoyme, is set for Sunday, September 8, beginning at 3:00 P.M. in the Worship Center. A capacity crowd is anticipated, so plan to arrive early!

Bishop Hoyme was elected at the Synod Assembly at UWEC in June and began serving on July 1. He previously served as pastor of Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

First Female Bishop of the ELCA

In August at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was elected the new presiding bishop of the ELCA. Bishop Eaton succeeds Rev. Mark Hanson who has served for the past 12 years. Bishop Eaton is 58 years old and was serving as synod bishop in NE Ohio. Her husband is an Episcopal priest in Gates Mill, Ohio, and they have two daughters. She holds a Bachelors of Music from the College of Wooster, Ohio and a Masters of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School. Bishop Eaton will be installed on October 5 in Chicago where the ELCA offices are located and will begin her duties on November 1. For additional information, consult elca.org



Spiritual But Not Religious: God's Presence Prevails



Dear Friends:

A worthy spiritual quest for all who consider themselves spiritual or religious is to consider God's presence in the course of daily life. The Word tells us that God has promised to be with us always, but that's sometimes hard to grasp.

In the faith community of Trinity, there are always participants who are challenged by life's circumstances. Each week we pastors are in conversation with people who are facing major health crises – a time when large questions arise. In recent weeks we've been with people diagnosed with late stage cancer, facing major surgery, or accepting the end of life process and entering the care of hospice. In times such as these, we hear "What's going on here?" In other words, "Where's God in all of this?"

The answer is God is in the world God has created. It was the ancient faithful guy named Jacob in the Old Testament who said "Surely the Lord is present in this place, and I did not know it!" In her book, "An Altar in the World," Barbara Brown Taylor writes, *People encounter God under shady oak trees, on river banks, at the tops of mountains, and in long stretches of barren wilderness. God shows up in whirlwinds, starry skies, burning bushes, and perfect strangers. When people want to know more about God, the Son of God tells them to pay attention to the lilies of the field and the birds of the air, to women kneading bread and workers lining up for their pay.*

In our lives as spiritual people and in our spiritual community of Trinity, we are called to practice the presence of Christ here and now. We are called by the Good News that Jesus proclaimed to go beyond rules and teachings, creeds and moral obligations that our theology has identified as marks of the presence of God with us. So we take whatever our life circumstances, our financial status, our health or illness, our position on societal issues, and we go forth to extend the presence of God with us and in this world.

Taylor continues, *I do not choose between the Sermon on the Mount and the magnolia trees. God can come to me by a still pool on the big island of Hawaii as well as at the altar of the Washington National Cathedral. The House of God stretches from one corner of the universe to another. I am not in charge of this House and never will be. I have no say about who is in and who is out. I do not get to make the rules. I am a guest here, charged with serving other guests – even those who present themselves as my enemies. I am allowed to resist them, but as long as I trust in one God who made us all, I cannot act as if they are no kin to me. There is only one House.*

It is my hope and prayer that as God's people of the community of Trinity, we exercise our spiritual selves to practice the presence of God. Together in our welcoming, worshiping, service, and learning, we touch the presence of God in many ways, and then we become the hands of God who gathers, leads, and sends people into the world to carry the extraordinary and inexhaustible mercies of God. I hope you will join the community of faith called Trinity in worship this fall.

Serving God and neighbor with you,
Pastor Kurt Jacobson

Celebrate Our 25th Anniversary as the ELCA

During 2013, congregations, synods, and the churchwide organization will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ELCA under the theme *Always Being Made New. 25 Years Together in Christ.*

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we read: *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!* You can participate in the anniversary year through your prayers, activities, and gifts to support the work of this church. For more information, visit ELCA.org/25years.

Discover Trinity A Place for You

If you are looking for a faith community to provide you support, guidance, and growth in faith, as well as a joyful fellowship and opportunities to serve with people who love God, please join us. *Discover Trinity* is a friendly, informative, and welcoming event for people interested in becoming a part of this worshipping community.

The fall Discover Trinity class is scheduled for **Monday, October 28, from 6:00–7:30 P.M.** If you'd like to be part of this event or if you have a friend who's interested in membership, please use the online registration at trinity-ec.org. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith at sarah@trinity-ec.org or Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.





Wanted: Adults to Pray

One goal of our ministry with youth is to provide them AAA adults in their lives. AAA adults are authentic, affirming, and available to young people as they grow in faith and love for God and God's people. One way to provide them AAA adults is through prayer. Trinity provides each of our 80 students in grades 7 and 8 a Prayer Friend who is a Trinity adult who commits to praying each day for a particular student.

Could you do this beginning this fall? We'll provide you the name of the student, and you just pray! Then in the spring, we'll invite you to an event where you and your student will meet, and he or she will learn of your goodness in being a AAA adult.

Learn more about this opportunity at trinity-ec.org and then sign up on the chart in the Lobby on Sunday morning or contact Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or youthministry@trinity-ec.org with any questions.



Join Prayer Link

Pastor Kurt invites you to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and become part of Trinity's Prayer Link. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and the people who've agreed to pray for others. Will you join this effort? It's simple. Email Pastor Kurt at kurt@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Ministry page under the GROW menu at trinity-ec.org. You will then begin to receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Pray wherever and whenever you can!

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ~ Romans 12:12

Grow as a Lutheran

The NW Synod of Wisconsin offers a school of ministry which provides in-depth learning of Lutheran theology and Biblical understanding. This two-year course of study meets one weekend each month on a Friday evening and Saturday morning, and a new session starts this month in Chippewa Falls. To register or get more information, go to www.layschoolofministry.org or call 715.833.1153

Take The Plunge to Geneva and Taize in 2014

The Plunge is a spring pilgrimage for young adults, ages 18-35, to deepen spirituality through an experience with the global church. The group will spend the first part of the trip in Geneva, Switzerland, visiting The Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches offices and learning about the ways in which our congregations are part of the global church. The group will then spend a week at the ecumenical Taize monastery in southern France worshipping and living in community with the global church. For more information, go to ELCA.org/Plunge2014.

Life Events Planning Guides

We plan for many life events including baptisms, graduations, weddings, and retirement. But often we fail to plan well for the reality of the end of our lives. Yet, this is one of life's transitions that often provides the greatest challenges for others when we fail to plan. Faith and trust in a God who brings new life out of death should be cause to consider the end of life in a light that is hopeful. To plan wisely is a gift for your loved ones. To assist you, there are three documents Trinity makes available to you:

- ***Funeral Planning Guide***

This easy to use guide helps you through a myriad of options and decisions that can be made well in advance. Complete the worksheet, give a copy to your family, and share it with a pastor. You will have provided a valuable gift to many people! This guide is under the "Worship" tab of trinity-ec.org. Print copies are available in the Trinity Office and at the information rack in the Lobby.

- ***Important Notes About My Estate: A Helpful Guide for My Family and Friends***

This guide is designed to help you capture the details of your estate plan, assets, and location of important documents. This guide will assist you in organizing critical pieces of your affairs so that your family will be able to carry out your wishes at an important time. Copies are available in the office and Lobby or at elca.org/foundation.

- ***Will and Trust Workbook: A Helpful Guide for Planning Your Estate***

This workbook is designed to be a planning resource for you as you prepare for a meeting with your legal advisor. While not a legal document, it is a tool to help you prepare and plan for the distribution of your assets. Copies of this workbook are available in the Trinity Office or the Lobby.



Sharing Our Gifts

Your Giving Blesses Many

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

Your Regular Ministries offering does awesome things to improve lives and shape people for faithful living. Your Mortgage Payment offerings make possible the monthly payment of \$8,413 on the loan from our building expansion and improvement in 2005. In addition, we regularly make direct principal payments because you've been generous. Thank you again! If you're not already helping with this effort, please join us yet this year.

Please continue to give regularly. To be sure your love for God and Christ's church is always first in your charitable giving, consider using electronic fund transfer for your offerings toward Regular Ministry and Mortgage Payment. Set it up online at www.trinity-ec.org Give page or phone Amber Moltzau, Office Administrator, at 715.832.6601 for assistance.

January – July

	2013	2012
Offering Income for Regular Ministries	\$ 567,376	\$ 581,710
Expenses	\$ 546,618	\$ 570,171
Difference	\$ 20,758	\$ 11,539

Keeping Up Our House

Several improvements have been made to the building of Trinity which serves thousands of people every year! Thanks to your regular offerings and specific gifts, we can keep God's house in good order. Thank you!

This year we have:

- Installed new exterior doors at the Door #1 entrance.
- Replaced the deteriorating sidewalk approach to the Door #1 entrance.
- Installed interior hallway doors near the Food Pantry to decrease heat loss due to extreme use of door #4.
- Replaced 15 year old hallway carpeting and installed tile at the entrances of Doors #4 and #5 (east side).
- Remodeled the 25 year old main offices; installed new workstations to expand capacity for current and future staff members.

Your regular offerings, as well as special offerings to "Building Fund" (for maintenance, not mortgage payments) help make it possible for our facility to do what supports the mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." Thank you for your offerings!

For where your
Treasure is,
there will your
Heart
be also.
~Matthew 6:21

Estate Gift to Trinity

Our congregation was a blessing to Eleanor and Arland Larson. After Arland died, Eleanor prepared a new estate plan and provided a percentage gift to benefit the mission of Trinity Lutheran Church. Last September 29 Eleanor died, and that plan to bless the ministries of Jesus Christ through Trinity has come to bear fruit. We are grateful to God for Eleanor and Arland and their love shown in remembering the Church in their will.

If you'd like your faith to live on through your estate, please consider a charitable contribution (either a percentage or specific amount) to pass on to Trinity or the Endowment Trust Fund in your plan. Contact your attorney or financial planner for wise and faithful options available to you.

Entrusting A Gift From Your Estate

Trinity has an endowed fund to receive contributions from your estate or current giving. The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund principal generates income which is extremely beneficial for current ministry support. In 2012, grants from the Trust Fund have provided:

- Tuition assistance for needy preschoolers to attend Noah's Ark.
- Tuition assistance for a Trinity member attending Luther Seminary.
- Salary assistance to employ youth and develop their leadership skills in our summer Day Camp Ministries.
- Support for the men's mission at Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica.

Please remember the Trust Fund when you wish to give a memorial gift or honorarium to Trinity and when you're updating your will. A simple designation in your estate plan can live on forever. For additional information, please consult the Trust Fund or Giving menus at trinity-ec.org.



Global Adventures in 2014

The world belongs to God, and all its people are reminders of the amazing diversity of God's design for the worldwide family! There are cultures, faith perspectives, vistas, and an amazing creation to enjoy and marvel over when one ventures forth from the familiar territory of Wisconsin! Faith, too, is expanded and enriched when one's view of what God has created is broadened.

In 2014, Trinity offers you several opportunities to get out into the world with friends where you can experience its beauty and its challenges. Consider these options:

Men's Mission in Jamaica

January 23-28, 2014

This sixth annual trip for men finds us building again at Jabneh Christian Academy in Grange Hill. Registration for this trip opens October 1 and is limited to 8 participants. Learn more at trinity-ec.org Serve page.

Family Mission in Jamaica

During the ECASD Spring break in mid March (specific dates TBD)

This trip is open to men, women, and children (Grade 4 and older and accompanied by a parent). Participants will join in a building project and with school activities at Jabneh Christian Academy. More information about this trip will be presented on Sunday, September 29, in the Fireside Room during Sunday School times.

Alaskan Cruise and Land Tour

July 26-August 5, 2014

This awesome adventure for all ages to Alaska will inspire your soul, delight your senses, and amaze your view of God's creative abilities. We'll sail with Princess Cruises through the pristine fjords of the Inside Passage starting in Vancouver and disembark in the Prince William Sound village of Whittier. From there, we'll go by rail to Denali for a wilderness tour at Mt. McKinley and finally to Fairbanks. The official trip brochure will be available this fall. If you'd like to receive direct notice in advance, please contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org

Trinity Supports a Mission in Hungary

Allison Carpenter, a student at UWEC who has been a leader in Trinity's youth ministry, spent the summer in Hungary. In response to a grant from the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund and funds for youth leadership development, she writes: *I would like to extend a huge thank you to the entire congregation of Trinity Lutheran. As a congregation, you have made me feel at home during my time here as a student in Eau Claire. This summer I was able to travel to Hungary to do sports ministry with young Hungarian baseball and softball players. Without your support financially and through prayers, my experience in Hungary would have never been able to happen. God is working in huge ways in Hungary, and as a congregation you have been a part of God's work. Thank you again for your support, and I encourage you to continue to pray for the country of Hungary.*

Thank you.

Allison Carpenter



Trinity Book Club

Please join us on Tuesday, September 17, at 6:30 P.M. for our first meeting of the year. We will be discussing "*The Life of Pi*" by Yann Martel.

Adrift on the wide Pacific in a 26-foot lifeboat should prove challenge enough, but to survive with a royal Bengal tiger for your sole companion stretches belief. Nonetheless, 16-year-old Pi Patel, son of a zookeeper from Pondicherry, India, manages it for 227 days by taming not only the tiger, but his own wild imagination, and whipping both into service.

Please R.S.V.P. a spot for yourself by calling 715.832.6601, emailing Cindy at cindy@trinity-ec.org or signing up at Clipboard Central.

Friendship Group ☕ Socializing for Seniors

All senior members of Trinity are invited to join the Friendship Group at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 11, for a short meeting. Then they 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. It's not too late to join us. The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 9.



Children's Ministries

Baptizing New Christians

Lutherans love children, and our understanding of God's grace in baptism is made available to the tiniest children. So we unashamedly baptize babies! But we baptize people of all ages, too. If you or your children have yet to be baptized, the following Sundays are available for baptism: September 8, 22; October 13; November 10, 24; December 8. Please email or phone one of the pastors to initiate arrangements.

Learning Opportunities for Children

For Children on Sundays • Sign up for *Spark* Sunday School Classes.

Two session times available:

Session 1: 8:55-9:30 A.M.

Session 2: 10:30-11:05 A.M.

Classes for kids Preschool–Grade 6 beginning September 15.

For Children on Wednesdays • Beginning September 18

Sign up for Bible class Camp T.G.I.F. (To Gather In Faith) for grades 3–6, and choirs for children 4K–Grade 6. Supper is included.

How to Register?

- The Family Pizza Supper on **Wednesday, September 4**, beginning at 5:00 P.M. Ministry Directors for the children's choirs and programs will be on hand for conversation and information.
- Rally Sunday on **Sunday, September 8**, throughout the morning. Look for registration materials in the lobby, and enjoy ice cream sundaes in the Trinity Room.

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

Bible Sunday, September 8

Children in the three year old classes (Preschool 1) and in Grade 3 will receive their new *Spark Bibles* during the 9:45 A.M. Rally Sunday worship service. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601.

Calling Adult & High School Volunteers

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

Share your faith, share your life, share your time with kids; it's the best job you will ever have. Openings available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org to be part of the team.



Teacher Orientations

Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers • Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30 P.M.

Sunday School Teachers • Thursday, September 12, at 7:00 P.M.

Teachers will:

- Receive teaching materials
- Learn about important procedures and schedules
- Make up class lists

Day Camp Openings

Day Camps are great faith based learning opportunities for young children. Call Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 for availability and registration information.

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.
Time: Session One 9:15–10:00 A.M. for children ages 1–3 years (Parent/Caregiver must attend class with child); Session Two 10:15–11:15 A.M. for children who are three by 8.31.13 (Parent/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 • 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 now 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.

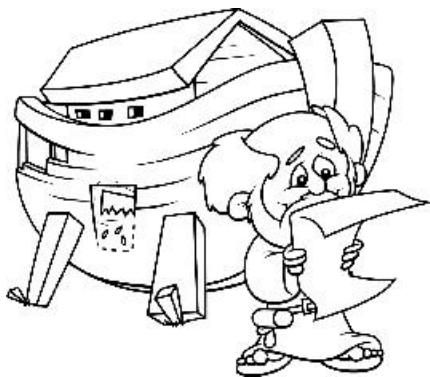


Kids Helping Kids Vacation Bible School Service Projects

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

- **VBS Quilts:** Students decorated 34 quilts to be distributed at Christmas to area families. Members of Trinity's quilting group assisted in the set up and sewing.
- **Food Collection for Feed My People Food Bank:** Over 300 lbs of non-perishable food items were collected and delivered to the food bank by the 6th grade students.
- **The Luwazi Community Day School:** Students donated money throughout the week to support this worthy mission of providing funds to purchase text books for the students at this school. Trinity member Cam Stanley is currently serving in the Peace Corp and teaching in Malawi, Africa at the Luwazi Community Day School. \$1,129 was collected.
- **Toiletry Items:** Children brought bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and toothbrushes to be distributed with the quilts at Christmas. Six boxes were filled!
- **Birthday Box Items:** Twenty birthday boxes were filled with small gifts, cake mixes and frosting, noise makers, party hats, balloons, and candles and given to Trinity's Food Pantry for distribution.

Thank you to all the children and their families who participated in these special projects. Your efforts do and will make a difference in the lives of people locally and globally.



Noah's News

September means Noah's Ark sets sail for its 33rd year. Amazing fun and celebrations are ahead! The "ark" is in great shape with just a couple of openings left in the M-W-F PM class (12:45-3:15 P.M.) for children who are 4 before December 31, 2013. We are eager to schedule a few more

passengers for the 2013-2014 year, so call 715.832.6601 or e-mail me at noahsark@trinity-ec.org.

Noah's Ark children will "get wet" with a special schedule for our annual VISIT WEEK September 3-6. Following our Parent Teacher Orientation Night on Monday, August 26, all enrolled families received Visit Week schedules for their child's start week. It promises to be filled with talk about God's creation, peacemaking fun, and activities for parents and children together to "swim boldly" through a great new school year.

During the school year, Noah's Ark families are asked to use Doors #1 or #2 when entering for preschool each day (west side of building). Door #5 will be an emergency entrance/exit when needed. Don numbered all the doors in our building for easy entry to all Trinity activities and programs. Check them out!

We'll be celebrating the RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN, BLUE, and PURPLE of the rainbow as we splash in the waters of God's love and promises daily at Noah's Ark. See you out in the "seas" of fellowship this year! Keep us in your prayers....you are in ours!

Hugs,

Jeanne Cooper, Preschool Director

Youth Dates to Remember

Wednesday, September 11

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

Wednesday, September 18

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- 7th Graders receive Bibles during the 6:30 P.M. Worship Service
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15-8:00 P.M.
- Club 78 Service Fair in the Trinity Room from 8:00-8:30 P.M.
- Club 9 Mentor Orientation in the Chapel at 7:15 P.M.

Wednesday, September 25

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15-8:00 P.M.
- Club 9 Service Fair in the Trinity Room from 8:00-8:30 P.M.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation in Room 208 at 7:15 P.M.

Youth Ministries

Confirmation Kick Off with James Hersch

We are 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 start of our fall programs, we are thrilled to welcome James Hersch as our guest musician. James has a rare mixture of musical talent, humor, and sensitivity that allows him to create songs that speak to what is common in all of us. James' performance allows his listeners to experience his music through intimate images which confront and celebrate the human condition. Learn more about James at www.reachwithme.com

Along with Trinity's CrossWord Youth Band, James will lead our worship service and perform his inspirational music. We will gather to connect and celebrate our faith. All are welcome to join us for Worship with James Hersch.



Wednesday Evening Ushers Needed

Sign up at the Tool Bench to indicate your willingness to usher for the Wednesday 6:30 P.M. Worship Service. Ushering responsibilities include handing out bulletins, collecting offering, and assisting with communion. Ushering counts as a service for confirmation students and is a fun way to participate with a friend or mentor.



Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

There are many opportunities to volunteer with Youth Ministries! Sign-ups are available at Clipboard Central. Please contact Cassie, Lisa, or Anne at youthministry@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

- **7th and 8th Grade Group Guides** • Group Guides are responsible for leading a group of 8-10 students following a large group lesson led by a pastor in the Trinity Room. We meet during the school year approximately every other Wednesday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while leading a small group of enthusiastic students.
- **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 pastors, with their student, and then participating in a follow up discussion with their student.
- **Teen Study Leaders** • Teen Study Leaders are needed to teach Club 78 Teen Study and High School Teen Study. Club 78 Teen Study meets on Sunday mornings during the second Sunday school session, 10:30–11:05 A.M. High School Teen Study consists of a three session book study. The book study will meet on Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. We are looking for a team of three to five adults to teach each group on a rotating schedule. Curriculum, materials, and support are provided. This is another great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News!

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 18

Registration: September 4, Pizza Party at 5:00 P.M.

TOTALLY JOYOUS CHRISTIANS, Grades 3–6

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

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4:15–4:55 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 18

Registration: September 4, Pizza Party at 5:00 P.M.

TRINITY TOLLERS, Handbell Choir, Grade 7 and up

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

Rehearsal: Tuesday, 6:30–8:00 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Tuesday, September 3, 6:30 P.M.

Join a Music Team!

You Have Been Blessed!

God gave you a voice. Now is the time to use it to praise God! Join one of Trinity's music teams this fall. Opportunities exist for everyone, any age and any ability level, to participate in our exciting worship life at Trinity. Call the following numbers to receive more information, or just show up for a rehearsal. No auditions are required. Everyone will feel welcome in a choir.



GOD'S LITTLE SINGERS, PreK–Kindergarten

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

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.

Location: Noah's Ark Pre-School Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 18

Registration: September 4, Pizza Party at 5:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR, Grades 1–2

Director: Corinne Gransee Paral

(715.839.9173; cgranseeparal@mac.com)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:00–6:15 P.M.

HARMONY IN SPIRIT, Contemporary Worship Team, Grade 9 and up

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

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 7:15 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Wednesday, September 4

TRINITY CHOIR, Grade 9 and up

Director: Gary Rambo (715.832.4429; grambo@clearwire.net)

Rehearsal: Thursday, 7:00 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Thursday, September 5

CrossWord Youth Band, Grades 7–12

Director: Drew Brandenburg (715.833.8591; drewjill@gmail.com)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:30 P.M.

Location: Worship Center

Start Date: Wednesday, September 11



Health Ministries

Trinity Supports the Free Clinic

The Chippewa Valley Free Clinic is a safety net that provides much needed healthcare support to our community, filling a gap for the uninsured, the underinsured, the unemployed, and the underemployed. They believe that access to care is a fundamental human right.

It costs approximately \$5,700 per week to keep the clinic open. Trinity is proud to partner with the clinic by financially sponsoring the clinic during the last week of October. Our fund drive will run September 15–October 12.

Did You Know?

- ◆ The Chippewa Valley Free Clinic presently provides care for more than 250 patient visits each month through the following services: Walk-in basic health care, chronic disease management, vision care with free eyeglasses, mental health clinic, and prescription re-fill clinic.
- ◆ Almost all services are provided by volunteers (reception, acute and chronic medical care, administrative, and maintenance) who give over 102 hours of support each week to the clinic.
- ◆ Over 42% of the clinic's patients are employed. Some work seasonally or part-time; some are full-time working a low wage job; some are waiting for insurance or Badger Care. The clinic is committed to serving the most fragile and vulnerable among us.
- ◆ In 2012, 6,245 prescriptions were filled at the Free Clinic, valued at \$1,063,695 and at no cost to any patients.
- ◆ 2012 Clinic Statistics: 762 Unique Patients, 2820 Patient Visits, on average 235 patient visits per month. In February 2013, the Clinic opened a free Vision Care clinic, providing eye exams and free eyeglass vouchers when needed. Many patients were going without glasses, or with broken and scratched lenses, or were unable to take eye exam tests for employment.
- ◆ Clinic Challenges: Critical shortage of clinicians; continue to absorb an increasing number of uninsured patients with complex medical, dental, and behavioral needs; decrease in financial and other resources, primarily grants, plus fewer medical supplies and samples; as a Primary Care Facility, mental health needs are growing.

How Can I Help?

- ◆ Monetary Donations: It costs approximately \$5,700 per week to keep the clinic open. Trinity plans to sponsor the clinic during the last week of October. Your donations will make this support possible.
- ◆ Education: Maribeth Woodford, Director of the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic, and Dr. Kristin Wogahn, Trinity member, will offer more information about the clinic after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services on Sunday, September 15.
- ◆ Time: The clinic needs medical and nonmedical volunteers throughout the year. Trinity will also provide cleaning for the clinic during our sponsor week. Sign up at Clipboard Central.



- ◆ Meals: During one week in October, we plan to provide meals for the clinic volunteers. Sign up at Clipboard Central.
- ◆ Prayers: Please keep the viability of the clinic in your prayers.

Please consider a donation as a way to celebrate God's love through the work of the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic. Direct your donation to Trinity Lutheran Church with the memo "Free Clinic." If you have any questions, please contact Marti Hofer at marti@trinity-ec.org. Thank you!

Falls Risk Prevention

- Tuesday, September 10, 3:00–5:00 P.M. at the L.E. Phillips Senior Center Upper Great Room, 1616 Bellinger Street, Eau Claire
- Wednesday, September 25, 2:30–4:30 P.M. at the Augusta Senior & Community Center, 601 Main Street, Augusta

Falls risk assessments and educational displays will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Area health care providers will offer a variety of activities including balance screening, blood pressure checks, vision screening, depression screening, osteoporosis risk assessment, medication review, proper use of assistive devices, medication take-back program information, and vision impairment information. Screening appointments will be scheduled every 10 minutes. Sign up by calling the ADRC of Eau Claire County at 715.839.4886, 1.888.338.4636, TTY: Relay (711) by September 6, 2013.



Reading Kick-Off Time

Look for these new books on the A-frame display in the Trinity Library.



- ***Roses*** by Leila Meacham. Spanning the 20th century, the story of *Roses* takes place in a small East Texas town against the backdrop of the powerful timber and cotton industries; industries controlled by the scions of the town's founding families. (FIC MEA)
- ***Tumbleweeds*** by Leila Meacham. *Tumbleweeds* is a heartrending story of three friends who forge a lifelong bond against the backdrop of a Texas town's passion for football. (FIC MEA)
- ***The Light Between Oceans*** by M. L. Stedman. "An extraordinary and heartrending book about good people, tragic decisions, and the beauty found in each of them." (FIC STE)
- ***Three Weddings and A Bar Mitzvah*** by Melody Carlson. (FIC CAR)
- ***Beyond All Measure, A Hickory Ridge Romance*** by Dorothy Love. Ada, a young Bostonian, journeys to Hickory Ridge, Tennessee, in the years following the Civil War. As the South struggles to heal in the aftermath of the war, Ada must let go of her painful past in order to embrace God's plans for her. (FIC LOV)
- ***House of Mercy*** by Erin Healy. This book is Christian suspense. (FIC HEA)
- ***The Wedding Machine*** by Beth Webb Hart. This is a story of compassion and charm. (FIC HAR)
- ***Wonders Never Cease*** by Tim Downs. When a car accident leaves a famous movie star in a coma, nurse Kemp, a medical school dropout, devises an evil plan. Manipulating her medication, he pretends to be an angel giving her messages, and then dictates a "spiritual bestseller" he believes will make them both rich. But what will he do if real angels show up? (FIC DOW)

Received July 2013 Memorials and Gifts

Piano Fund

- In memory of Arthur Vorhes: Stephen Vorhes
- In honor of Barbara Vorhes: Stephen Vorhes

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Doug & Loretta Lundholm
- In memory of David Counsell: Ron Retzlaff, Mark & Suzanne Becker, Howard & Sharry Hebert
- In memory of Monte Bluske: Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, Karen Metzgar, Warren Wangen

Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Roger Gilbertson: George Wendt, Mary Knickerbocker

Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In honor of Harold & Avis Drung's 65th Wedding Anniversary: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Steven McClelland: Linda McClelland, Gerald & Lois Grunewaldt, Ann Ayres, Janice Wnukowski, Dawn Bergstrom, Gordon Larson

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Caryl Rihn: Irene Everson, Morris & Audrey Brumberg
- In memory of Steven McClelland: Corinne Charlson
- In memory of Roy Hendrickson: Morris & Audrey Brumberg
- In memory of Janis Joseph: Joan Anderson, Char Finseth
- In memory of Monte Bluske: Char Finseth, Joel & Lenore Higgins, Robert & Maxine Cook, Jack & Lois Olson
- In memory of Janis Joseph: Ruth Circle

Malawi Bed Net Fund

- In memory of Caryl Rihn: Marjorie Satre
- In memory of Monte Bluske: Marjorie Satre

Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Margaret Hancock

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Roy Hendrickson: Roger & Phyllis Burrows, Tom Rouse
- In memory of Monte Bluske: Jim & Joyce Davis
- In memory of David Counsell: Lawrence & Deyon Ziehme
- In memory of Jim Lonning: Sue Hesketh



Social Concerns Ministries

Friends of Flynn

As the new school year begins, Trinity's Friends of Flynn Committee is re-energized and active once again. The Friends of Flynn Committee is looking for additional volunteers willing to occasionally help pack healthy snacks for the Flynn Elementary students and/or deliver the snacks to the school. If you are willing to help or would like additional information, please call the church office 715.832.6601 or email Ginny Lien at ginny@trinity-ec.org. Contributions to the Friends of Flynn Fund to purchase healthy snacks and provide for other school needs are also welcomed. Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with memo: Friends of Flynn. The Flynn Elementary students and staff are always appreciative of our help. Thank you!

Open Volunteer Day Feed My People Food Bank

Come volunteer at Feed My People and learn more about your area food bank! Volunteers are needed to help re-pack bulk food items such as pasta and cereal or help label cans from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 12, at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, Eau Claire. Most activities are kid-friendly, and children as young as five are welcome to volunteer with a parent. Volunteer for an hour or more, whatever works best for you. For more information or to sign up, contact Sara at sara@fmpfoodbank.org or 715.835.9415.

Soles for Special Souls

"Thank you for the shoes!" What a wonderful thing to hear from a child who has been forced to wear shoes that are too small or falling apart. Right here in our community, families are making hard choices and often can't afford to buy new shoes for their children. Through your generosity, we have distributed vouchers for over 200 pairs of shoes through our food pantry. The vouchers allow children to pick out new shoes for the school year. A special thank you to our local K-mart store as they continue to help coordinate these efforts and provide us a 25% discount. Thank you also to Thrivent Financial for their financial support and to all of you who help make this program happen. If you would like to support "Soles for Special Souls," please indicate "shoes" on your donation.



Sojourner House Volunteers Needed

Join the ministry at the Sojourner Homeless Shelter on Friday, September 20, from 6:30 P.M.–9:30 P.M. by signing up at Clipboard Central. We are in need of six workers and two very large fruit salads. Salads should be delivered by 6:30 P.M. The Sojourner House is located at 618 S. Barstow Street in downtown Eau Claire. If you have any questions, please call Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.



Women's Circle Meetings

Deborah

Thursday, September 19, 9:30 A.M. at Trinity
Hostess: Helen Mateski
Leader: Barb Johnson

Dorcas

Wednesday, September 18, 1:00 P.M. at Trinity
Hostess: Pat Hanson
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 P.M. at Trinity
Hostess: Vila Nygaard
Leader: Group

Miriam

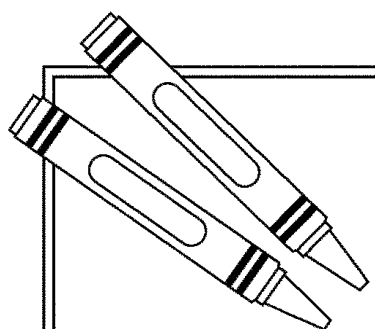
Wednesday, September 18, 9:30 A.M. at Trinity
Hostess: Barb Tischer
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmage Road, Eau Claire
Leader: Joan Siewert

Sarah

Wednesday, September 18, 9:30 A.M. at Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Bollinger
Leader: Barb Vorhes

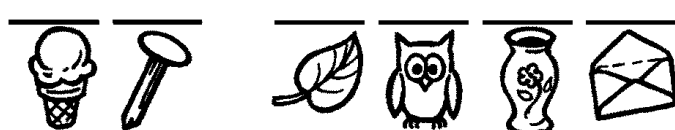
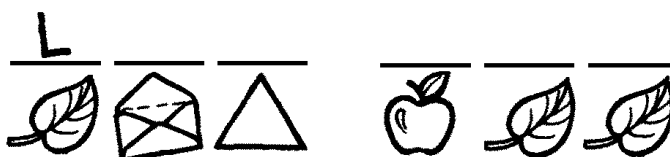


Just for KIDS

It's back to school time!

This is a time to make new friends and do new things! Below is a special Bible verse to help you every day!

To find this helpful verse, write the letter that begins the word for each picture on the line above it.



1 Corinthians 16:14

"Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News"

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 - All submissions must be your own work. Any copyrighted material (code, images, or otherwise) must include written permission from the original source.
 - Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 17.