



Inviting You To Worship As Times Expand

Start the fall right with regular worship. Join us on Wednesdays when you're away on Sunday. Here are the 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 in the Lord's Supper on the first and third Sundays each month.

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

Beginning September 7

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

Wednesdays

Beginning September 10

6:30 P.M. • Worship God on Wednesday evenings when Sundays just don't work for you. The message will be the same as the previous Sunday. 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 each month. On September 10, our kick-off to Wednesday worship and the Confirmation program will feature special guest band *100 White Flags*.



2015 Family Mission Trip

Plans are underway for a mission trip to Jabneh Christian Academy, Grange Hill, Jamaica for the last week of March, during the Eau Claire School District spring break. This trip is open to men, women, teens, and children grade 3 and older. During the trip, the team will refresh with new paint the classroom built by Trinity men in recent years and do light construction. Participants will interact with the students of Jabneh and also enjoy some beach time in Negril.

Please come to a Family Mission Trip informational meeting on Sunday, September 7, at 10:40 A.M. in the Fireside Room. This trip is guaranteed to run when 10 registrants apply a deposit. Registration will close October 1.

For more information, please contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org

Before You Move

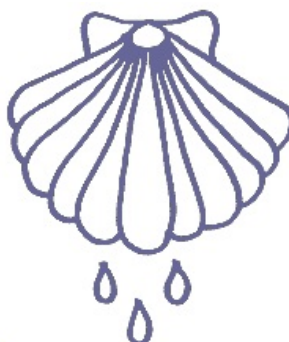
Whenever you are moving or going "temporarily away" and changing delivery status with the postal service, please let Trinity know. When your mail is returned to Trinity, a cost per item is incurred. Email new information to Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org, send Trinity a USPS change of address card, or call the Trinity office at 715.832.6601. Thank you.



A First Message from the Church

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I write this, today is our daughter's second "baptism birthday." Tonight at dinner, we will get out her baptismal candle, pictures of her baptismal day, and perhaps even sing "Jesus Loves Me" as a reminder of that special claim God has upon her life. I hope that as she grows, Meta remembers this date as a day that is as special as her actual birthday. I hope that Meta is one in her confirmation class who is able to fill out the date of her baptism herself because it is a date she has always associated with love and God's grace.



I confess, however, that last year this date totally slipped my mind. Granted, Meta was only one year old and most likely would not have remembered that day either. Still, Meta's baptismal birthday has gotten me to thinking how easy it is to forget our primary identity as Christians; that is, as children of God, beloved.

According to a beautiful Muslim practice, as soon as a baby is born, the adhan – the call to prayer – is whispered into the baby's right ear. It begins "Allahu Akbar," which means "Allah is great" or "God is great." So the word "God" is the first word a baby hears. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the gospel accounts tell of a voice from heaven saying, "You are my son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased." (Luke 3:22, Mark 1:11). My prayer is that the children of Trinity – whether in Confirmation, High School Youth, Noah's Ark Preschool, Sunday School, or any Day Camp – would hear that as the first and primary message of the church: that they are beloved children of God. First, they must know grace here. Then, we will go about the life-long journey (together with their parents) to teach them to be disciples of Jesus.

And for you "older" children of God, who are maybe even over 80 now, that's my prayer for you, too . . . to wake up each morning and hear a whisper in your own ear of how blessed and beloved you are by God. Then, let's get about being disciples; growing, worshiping, and serving in Christ's name.

In Christ,
Pastor Sarah

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 27, 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.

Baptizing Your Babies

Lutherans love children, and our understanding of God's grace in baptism is made available to the tiniest children. So we unashamedly baptize babies! We baptize people of all ages, too!

Trinity will offer a new Baptism Class, starting in September, for parents planning on having a child baptized. The goal of this one session class is threefold:

- To answer practical questions about the baptism day.
- To provide a basic Lutheran understanding of baptism along with resources for fostering faith in the home.
- To help build relationships among parents within the Trinity community.

It is hoped that parents will take this class, offered multiple times throughout the year, before their child's baptism. You are even welcome to attend a baptism class before your child is born. The first opportunity for this class is Monday, September 29, from 6:00–7:30 P.M. Contact the church office at 715.832.6601 or sign up for the class and/or baptismal date via Trinity's website: <http://www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml>

If you have a child to be baptized, the upcoming Sundays available for baptism are: September 14 & 28; October 12; November 9 & 23; December 14 & 28.





Adult Education & Opportunities

Financial Peace University

The popular Dave Ramsey class "Financial Peace University" will be offered at Trinity this fall. Financial Peace University (FPU) presents Biblical, practical steps to get rid of debt; manage your money; share, spend, and save wisely; and much more. FPU will meet on Thursdays from 6:30–8:00 P.M. (nursery available) for nine weeks starting October 2. Sign-up in the Lobby or in the church office. The fee for the FPU kit is \$99. A \$40 off coupon is available if registration and payment is made by September 22. A grant from the "Rev Kurt Jacobson Fund" of the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund makes this discount available to you. Hurry so you get a spot and this promotional price for Financial Peace University at Trinity this fall.

The Legacy Journey

The Legacy Journey Teaching Team on video, coordinated by Trinity Member Steve Craker, will show you how to live a legacy now while preparing to leave a legacy for your children and future generations. The Legacy Journey will lead you through a deeper look at what the Bible has to say about wealth while giving you practical tools for managing your resources and living a generous life. This six session course will be offered at Trinity beginning on Sunday, October 12, from 6:30–8:00 P.M. The cost is \$99, but if you register and pay by September 28, you'll receive a \$40 off coupon compliments of the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. Sign-up in the Lobby or call the church office at 715.832.6601. For more information about The Legacy Journey, visit <http://www.daveramsey.com/legacy/>

Four Weeks, Four Hours: Working Moms Centered in Christ

Mondays, October 6 – November 3, at 6:30 P.M.

Last spring this class was a blessing to over 25 women, so we're bringing it back: same basic format and amazing fellowship, new topic/focus! After getting the kids' schedules off and running for the fall, Pastor Sarah and Amy Rantala invite busy mom's to take time for themselves and the care of their own faith life this October. *Four Weeks, Four Hours* will be a time set aside to reconnect with other women, reconnect with one's own spiritual needs, and reconnect to the God who gives us life.

On airplanes, passengers are instructed to put on their own oxygen masks before assisting others. This class seeks to help busy moms set aside just four hours for their own self-care and spiritual nourishment. Gatherings will be one hour, once a week, for five weeks. But because life is busy, participants are encouraged to shoot for participation in four out of the five sessions. Topical materials will be coming soon, and childcare is available upon request. Contact Pastor Sarah at sarah@trinity-ec.org to sign up or for more information.

Join the Women's Fall Study

"To Live Is Christ:

The Life and Ministry of Paul"

by Beth Moore

"To Live Is Christ" is a ten week video-based study of Paul who served faithfully, loved heartily, and demonstrated what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ. Join Beth Moore in a journey to discover a greater appreciation for Paul's unflagging faith and undying devotion to servanthood. This study will meet on Tuesdays, September 16–November 18, from 1:00–3:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room and will be co-facilitated by Helen Mateski and Diane Burdt.

For more information or to register for the class, please contact Diane Burdt at 715.834.6120 or burdt47@sbcglobal.net. Please purchase your own workbook through Amazon or the Family Christian Store in Eau Claire.



Join Prayer Link

Pastor Kurt invites you to become a part of Prayer Link and join in praying for others who ask for our prayers. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and Prayer Link members who have agreed to pray for others. Will you join this effort? It's simple. When you join Trinity's Prayer Link, you will begin to receive the requests via email or phone message. Then, you pray wherever and whenever you can! To volunteer, email Pastor Kurt at kurt@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org.

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



The Five Love Languages for Children

The #1 New York Times best-selling *The Five Love Languages* has helped millions of couples learn the secret to building a love that lasts. Now discover how to speak your child's love language and make them feel loved in a way they understand. Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Ross Campbell will help you discover and understand the link between successful learning and your child's love languages through *The Five Love Languages for Children*.

You are invited to join this parent small group, led by Trinity members Nicole & Brent Amble, which will meet on Sundays after the 9:45 A.M. Service, September 28–October 26, in the Trinity Choir Room from 10:50–11:50 A.M. Registration will be available online at trinity-ec.org from September 7–24. The cost is \$10 per book, and child care is available. For additional information, please contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

Men of Faith "Seven Questions"

The Men of Faith small group provides a setting where men can talk about and nurture matters of faith and life while learning among other men. This group gathers on Saturday mornings from 8:00–9:00 A.M. in Trinity's Fireside Room, and all men are invited to join the discussion. Pastor Jim will begin a new video-based series on Saturday, September 13, titled "Seven Questions" which will explore God's design for manhood. The introduction to this series says: *Being a male is easy. Being a man is daunting. Sometimes it seems as though everyone wants something from you—your wife, your kids, your boss, and maybe even God. The pressures of manhood can be enormous, and they're only intensified by the mixed messages you receive from culture.* Each week's topic is different, and it is not imperative to attend every week.

For more information about this group, please contact Joel Higgins (715.832.0498) or Peter Hanson (715.552.8586).

Wanted: Adults to Pray 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.



Women's Circle Meetings

Deborah

Thursday, September 18, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Helen Mateski
Leader: Vicki Fields

Dorcas

Wednesday, September 17, 1:00 P.M. Trinity
Hostess: Pat Hanson
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 P.M. Trinity
Hostess:
Leader:

Miriam

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Sonia Becker
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, September 16, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmage Road, Eau Claire
Leader: Joanne Stange

Sarah

Wednesday, September 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Bollinger
Leader: Barb Vorhes

Adopt a Child

Over the years, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan has placed many children through the gift of adoption, and currently they are in the rare position of having more children than families for placement. If you or someone you know is interested in adopting a child, contact Lisa Hassenstab at lisa.hassenstab@lsswis.org or 414-745-0684.



"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has designated September 7 as "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. It is a day of service in which nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA take seriously Christ's call to action to serve neighbors and share God's love. While congregations work to make their communities a better place every day, "God's work. Our hands." Sunday offers ELCA members a dedicated day to do this work together. ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton shares: *"When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God's vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together."*

Here at Trinity, we are designating Sunday, September 28, as "God's work. Our hands." Sunday. You are invited to join others at Trinity to serve at the Feed My People Food Bank. We will work on landscaping and package weekend meals. Additional volunteer projects may be scheduled. Volunteers will gather in the Trinity Lobby at 11:00 A.M. for final details, and then we will disburse to serve for approximately one hour. Volunteers are encouraged to register on Trinity's website under the "Gods' Work. Our Hands." link.

For more information, contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

Money Talks Begin

Because money is a primary commodity that has the power to direct our thoughts and influence our decisions, we're launching a three week message series entitled "Money Talks" beginning Sunday, September 28. This isn't a series about giving money. It's about bringing the best of our faith in God to how we view, value, and handle money.

The theme for each week will be:

September 28/October 1	"Money is ..."
October 5/8	"Money: I Want More of You"
October 12/15	"Where Did My Money Go"

Friendship Group Socializing for Seniors

On September 10, the Friendship Group will leave on a bus trip to view sites constructed by the WPA (Works Progress Administration) during the 1930s. We will meet at the Eau Claire Perkins parking lot at 10:00 A.M. Please park in the back facing the bank. Lunch will be on our own at Perkins after the tour. Cost of the guided tour will be \$35. Please make checks payable to Trinity Friendship Group and mail to Linda McClelland, 3107 Garner Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Plan Ahead and Bless your Family

More people are preparing a blessing for family members by doing the faithful task of making and recording decisions and desires to be enacted upon death. Planning for the end of life is a journey that calls forth faith and trust in the God of new life. To guide the hundreds of decisions that surround the end of life, including the rites of the church and burial, Trinity has developed a planning guide, and it's available on our website under the "Worship" tab. Some print copies are also available on the table in the Lobby. The plans you make now can be a reassuring gift to others in the future. Check out this guide today.

Custodian Position Available



Trinity has an immediate opening for a Part-time Custodian to work 30 hours per week Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The successful candidate will be self-motivated, efficient, and flexible in order to provide a welcoming facility. Duties include general cleaning, room set-up, and grounds maintenance, and the candidate must be physically able to lift/carry/move heavy items on a regular basis.

For more information, please contact Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601 or amber@trinity-ec.org



Sharing Our Gifts

Your Giving Blesses Many

Thank you for every offering you share for Regular Ministries. 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. God continues to do many great things through our church because you give back to God a portion of what God has entrusted to you. Thank you!

In addition, your Mortgage Payment offerings make possible the monthly payment of \$8,413 on the loan from our building expansion and improvement ten years ago. We also regularly make direct principal payments because you've been generous. Thank you! If you're not already helping on this effort, please join us yet this year.

Please be generous with your offerings in September, and come and see the great things being done on Trinity's campus as we "Serve in Christ's Love and Share the Good News."

January – July	2014	2013
Income	\$594,469	\$567,376
Expenses	\$611,054	\$546,618
Difference	–\$16,585	+\$20,758

Making Offerings Easy

You can make consistent offerings to Regular Ministry and Mortgage Payment when you opt for automatic transactions through your checking account, savings account, or credit card. Set it up online by selecting the "Give Now" button at www.trinity-ec.org or by contacting Amber Moltzau, Office Administrator, at amber@trinity-ec.org or 715-832-6601. Be sure your love for God and Christ's church is always first in your charitable giving by using this easy option for offerings. Thank you for every gift you share.

Entrusting A Gift from Your Estate

Trinity has a permanent (endowed) fund to receive contributions that come from your estate or current giving. The endowed principal generates income which is extremely beneficial for current ministry support. In 2014, grants from the Trust Fund have provided in many ways for ministries locally and globally. This year, a new recipient is the family literacy program called "Faith Partners" in downtown Eau Claire. Please remember the Trust Fund when you wish to give a memorial to Trinity or to honor someone upon a birthday or anniversary. Then remember the Trust Fund as you're updating your will. A simple designation in your estate plan can live on forever through the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund.

For more information, go to www.trinity-ec.org under Trust Fund or Giving.



Trinity Page Turners Book Club

Join Trinity's Book Club on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 P.M. as they discuss "The Goldfinch," the New York Times List Best Seller and Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Donna Tartt. There are no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Global Mission Fund

In August we were blessed with the presence of the Bencke family who are ELCA missionaries at a Lutheran College in Japan. If you'd like to send them a note, please use this address: c/o Robert Linder, 1757 Carleton Drive, Hastings, MN 55033.

Your offerings to the Missionary Fund support global missions through our church including our companion church in Blantyre, Malawi; Maranatha Ministries in Jamaica; and the Benckes.

Our 2014 Missionary Fund goal is \$15,000 and offerings so far have reached 45% of the goal. Please consider the Missionary Fund in your charitable giving. Thank you.



Children's Ministries

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 begin September 14. *My Church* for two year olds begins October 12.

For Children on Wednesdays • Beginning September 17

Sign up for 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 3**, from 5:00–6:15 P.M. Directors of the children's choirs and Children's Ministries Leaders will be on hand for conversation and information.
- Rally Sunday on **Sunday, September 7**, throughout the morning. Look for registration materials in the lobby, and enjoy ice cream sundaes in the Trinity Room.

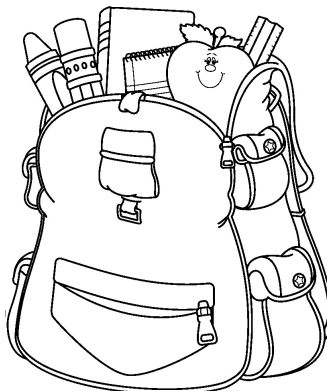
For more information about the programs and for registration forms, check out the Children's Ministries Registration Booklet. Copies are available in the church office, lobby, or on the website www.trinity-ec.org. You may also contact Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or kristy@trinity-ec.org.

Bible Sunday, September 7

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 Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or kristy@trinity-ec.org.

Blessing of the Backpacks September 14

Kids, bring your backpack to Children's Time during the 9:45 A.M. worship service to receive a special blessing for the start of the school year. Kids will also receive a charm to attach to their backpacks to remind them of God's presence in their lives each day.



Calling Adult and High School Volunteers

**Sunday School & Camp T.G.I.F.
Class Leaders and Assistants
Needed!**

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

Orientations for Class Leaders

Camp T.G.I.F. Teachers • Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 P.M.

Sunday School Teachers • Thursday, September 11, at 7:00 P.M.

During each orientation workshop, class leaders 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 Julie Lutteke at 715.832.6601 for availability and registration information.

Music and Movement • Children move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. The class starts on Monday, September 8, and runs for 13 weeks. This class meets from 9:15–10:00 A.M. and is intended for children ages 18 months–3 years. There must be a parent or caregiver present. Cost is \$80.



Great Pretenders • This class combines dynamic drama and awesome art to enhance children's literature and Bible stories. This class is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It meets from 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays, beginning September 9, for 15 weeks. The cost is \$200 which includes snacks and supplies and can be paid in installments.

Come and Play • Come and play with other young children through stories, free time, and art projects. This class is for children with birth dates between 9.1.2011 and 5.31.2012. It meets from 9:15–11:15 A.M. on Wednesdays, beginning September 3, for 15 weeks. The class is limited to 12 children. The cost is \$200 which includes snacks and supplies and can be paid in installments.

Thrilling Thursdays • Cook, read, paint, experiment, sing, and dance with a small group of friends. This class is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It meets from 9:00–11:00 A.M. or 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays, beginning September 11, for 15 weeks. The cost is \$200 which includes snacks and supplies and can be paid in installments.

Friday Friends • Spend Friday mornings engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities. This class is for children who turn 3 by 12.31.14. The class will meet from 9:00–11:15 A.M. on Fridays, beginning January 9, for 18 weeks. The cost is \$255. \$125 is due at the time of registration; the remaining \$130 will be due in December.

Kids Helping Kids Vacation Bible School Service Projects

The children participating in Vacation Bible School this past summer contributed to five service projects. Thank you for your contributions.

- *VBS Quilts* • Students decorated and tied 31 quilts to be distributed at Christmas to area families. Members of Trinity's quilting group assisted in the set up and sewing.
- *Food Collection* • Over 700 pounds of food were collected by students and delivered to the Feed My People Food Bank by the 6th grade students.
- *ELCA Good Gifts* • Our students jumped on board this fun service project which raised money for animals to help families. The kids collected over \$2,400 in barn-shaped banks.
- *Toiletry Items* • Students and families brought bars of soap, toothpaste, shampoo, and toothbrushes to be distributed with the quilts at Christmas.
- *Birthday Boxes* – 25 Birthday boxes were filled with small gifts, cake mixes and frosting, noise makers, party hats, balloons, and candles and were given to the Trinity Food Pantry for distribution.

Vacation Bible School Lost and Found

There are still items that were left behind or lost during VBS. Please stop by Room 408 to see if anything is yours. This room will need to be cleaned out soon for Sunday School. Thank you!



Noah's News

It's hard to believe that Noah's Ark is about to "set sail" for its 34th year. As we look to a great school year, we still have a few openings for those of you who haven't gotten around to enrolling yet. The openings are available in the T–Th P.M. and M–W–F P.M. classes. For more information or to enroll, please call 715.832.6601 or e-mail noahsark@trinity-ec.org. We are hoping for a FULL boat!

This year promises to be lots of fun with rainbow surprises, Bible story fun, lots of great literature and drama, movement in our gym and on our playground, dancing and singing, and peacemaker opportunities. God surely is at work in each of us, and especially in these beautiful children. We are eager to get going with our Visit Week. Parents are reminded of the special schedule for their children.

We give thanks to Don and Matt, along with our Preschool Committee: Heather Day, Heather Kapanke, Kristy Casto, Valerie Fedie, Emily Kreiner, Beth Borsheim, Jackie Strayer, Marlee Knickerbocker, Jill Kasmarek, Ginny Lien, and myself for the cleaning and organizing that will make the classroom ready for beautiful children.

Hugs to everyone for a great September as God's rainbow of colors begins its display!

See you out and about the "ark,"
Jeanne Cooper
Preschool Director



Youth Ministries

Confirmation Kick-Off with 100 White Flags

We invite everyone to celebrate the kick off to fall ministries on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:30 P.M. in the Worship Center. Special guests, *100 White Flags*, will perform their music and lead the worship service. *100 White Flags* is a Minneapolis based group combining one part folk rock and three parts southern rock blues. Fellowship in the Lobby will follow worship. This evening marks the first night of class for Club 78 and Club 9 confirmation students.

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 the 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 or Lisa 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 from 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!

Donut Fundraiser

Sign up at the Tool Bench to participate in the Donut Fundraiser on Sunday mornings. There are two shifts available each Sunday beginning September 14. This fundraiser allows youth to earn money for their student account. These funds are then available to put towards Trinity sponsored events, retreats, and summer camps/trips. A tithe will be given to Faith Partners in Literacy.

It's the BBQ Express Chicken Dinner!

Sunday, September 28

10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Enjoy ½ charcoal chicken, baked beans, baked potato, roll and butter for \$8.25. Tickets can be purchased in the office during the week or in the lobby on Sundays, September 14 and September 21. The meal will be packaged for walk up or drive through in the back parking lot. BBQ Express is a fundraiser for our youth to put towards their student accounts for future camps and retreats. A tithe will be given to the Trinity Food Pantry.

2015 ELCA Youth Gathering

Youth and families are invited to gather at Trinity for one of two informational meetings about the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering which will be held July 13–19, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan. The informational meetings will be offered on Sunday, September 28, at 7:00 P.M. and on Sunday, October 5, at 9:00 A.M. All students entering high school the fall of 2015 and 2015 graduates are eligible to attend the Youth Gathering. Contact Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or cassie@trinity-ec.org with questions.



Adopt-A-Highway

All youth are invited to participate in the fall Adopt-A-Highway service event on Saturday, October 4, at 9:00 A.M. Trinity has a designated two-mile stretch of Highway 37, by Little Red School, to keep clean. Adults are also needed to help with this event. A sign-up sheet is at the Tool Bench.

Join a Music Team



You Have Been Blessed!

"Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy." Join one of Trinity's Music Teams this fall to shout your praises! 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 Preschool Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 17

Registration: Wednesday, September 3, 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.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 17

Registration: Wednesday, September 3, Pizza Party at 5:00 P.M.

Totally Joyous Christians, Grades 3-6

Director: Liz Drayton (608.514.4143; earasmus@gmail.com)

Rehearsal: Wednesday, 4:15-4:55 P.M.

Location: Choir Room

Start Date: Wednesday, September 17

Registration: Wednesday, September 3, 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 2

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 3

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 4

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 3

Invitation to Singers

Trinity Choir welcomes and invites you to join us this fall. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that "we will sing songs ... all the days of our life in the house of the Lord" ~Isaiah 38:20. We invite anyone from confirmation age and beyond to sing in our adult choir. We are in need of singers in all voice ranges. Our rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 P.M. (with some exceptions i.e. when we occasionally sing at a Wednesday worship service). Rehearsals begin the Thursday after Labor Day, September 4, 2014. We welcome "snow birds," singers with busy schedules and occasional conflicts, and offer a special invitation to new members of Trinity.

If you have any questions, please contact Trinity Choir Director Gary Rambo at 715.832.4429.



Received July 2014 Memorials and Gifts

Soles for Special Soles Fund

- In honor of Ruth Circle Friends: Joanne Stange
- In memory of Lucille Casper: Ray Casper

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Esther Wnukowski: Patricia Cliff, Jack & Lois Olson, Allan & Patricia Hanson, Barbara Tischer, Leatrice Solberg, Rose Sippel
- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Eleanor Hesse, Daniel & Carolyn Johnson, Ralph & Norma Marking, Jack & Lois Olson

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Esther Wnukowski: Barbara Vorhes, Char Finseth, Alyce Bertelson
- In memory of Arthur Petzold: Margaret Lindell, Emily Keris, Kay Nemschoff, James & Sharon Wick, John & Cleo Young, Richard & Donna Collins, Florence Sinaiko
- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Kirsten Alvarez & Dean Van Amber, Jack & Mary Dixon, Arthur & Helen Rizzi
- In memory of Laurence Cook: Hazel Cook
- In memory of Marjorie Hoepner: Dave & Jeanette Suchla

Friendship Group Fund

- In memory of Esther Wnukowski: Ann Ayres, Betty Lee, Deborah Circle

Children's Bible Fund

- In honor of Lamoine & Jeanann Stone's 60th Wedding Anniversary: Leatrice Solberg
- In honor of Brandon & Lindsey Thorsness Wedding: Kurt Jacobson

Children's Ministries Fund

- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Diane Nelson

Library Fund

- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Don & Barb Lee
- In honor of Mary Schoenknecht: Carl Higgins

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Dick Cable

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Jeff Wurtzel: Barbara Tischer, Barbara Vorhes

Mission Fund

- In memory of Esther Wnukowski: Ted & Ardis Nystuen

Letting Go When Your Child Leaves Home

It's hard to say goodbye when your young adult child leaves home, but letting go and encouraging independence are necessary steps in a healthy transition to adulthood. Your relationship with your child is still important; it's just time for it to move to the next stage.

Here's how to begin the process of letting go:

- *Butt out when possible.* Young adults feel more confident and capable when they make their own decisions and deal with challenging situations on their own. Give advice sparingly.
- *Cut back on communications.* Don't inundate your child with texts, emails, and calls. Too much contact can hamper a growing sense of independence.
- *Listen more, judge less.* When you do talk, be respectful, accept the changes, and enjoy the adult he or she is becoming.
- *Do something new for yourself.* Take up a new hobby or get back to an old one. Nurture yourself.
- *Stay positive.* It's natural to be a bit sad that your nest is empty or less full. But keep in mind your child is making a healthy transition to adulthood.

Hike for the Homeless

Saturday, September 27, 9:00 A.M.

Please join us for the 10th Annual *Hike for the Homeless* at Phoenix Park in Eau Claire benefitting the programs of the Eau Claire Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. including the Beacon House, a shelter for families with children who are homeless. Registration information will be available soon at www.beacon-house.org. Thank you for helping homeless families with children in the Eau Claire area.

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Blantyre Lutheran Parish in Malawi, Africa
Jacqueline & Patrick Bencke, Japan

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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 23.