



# Trinity

## Lutheran Church

### Money Talks

## Message Series

We have two weeks left in this popular message series "Money Talks." Money is a primary commodity that has power to influence us, direct our thoughts, and influence our decisions. Why did God give us

money? Can God help us manage money and enjoy it more? We'll answer those questions and more in this series.

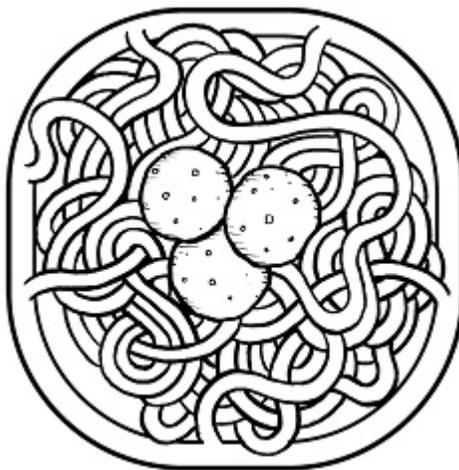
This isn't a series about giving. It's about learning what God thinks of money and how that can transform our handling and view of money to live a more satisfying life.

- October 5/8 "Money: Stressor and Stress Reliever"
- October 12/15 "Where Did My Money Go"

## Spaghetti Supper

Noah's Ark Preschool will host their Annual Spaghetti Supper Fall Harvest Bash on Tuesday, October 14, from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Come feast on a great spaghetti supper, meet new and old friends, enjoy children's activities, see the UWEC Women's Volleyball team, and participate in our annual Silent Auction. Themes for the Silent Auction baskets this year are "Family Fun Food," "Family Fun Books," "Family Fun Games," and "Family Fun Adventures." The Silent Auction begins at 4:00 P.M. and ends promptly at 7:00 P.M. with basket winners announced.

In advance, individual tickets are \$3.00—ages 2–12 years and \$6.00—age 13 and older. Advance tickets are available in the office during the week, and in the lobby on Sunday, October 5 and 12. Tickets will also be sold on Wednesday, October 8, after worship. At the door, adult ticket prices will increase to \$7.00. See you there!



## Know Your Numbers!

High blood pressure (hypertension) increases your risk of heart attack, stroke, and kidney disease. It also can damage your brain, eyes and arteries. Anyone can have high blood pressure, and many people do not have symptoms, so it's important to check and know your numbers.

October blood pressure screening will be on Sunday, October 12, in the church office at 8:55 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.



Discover Trinity is a friendly, informative, and welcoming event for people interested in becoming a part of this worshipping community. "Discover Trinity" will be held on Monday, October 27, at 6:00 P.M. The class will meet in the lobby. Registration is available at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) or Heather Day [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org)



# From Pastor Kurt Jacobson

Dear Friends,

In 2010, the people of Trinity engaged in a survey conducted by "Holy Cow Consulting" to assess the strength and vitality of our church and gain insight into future goals. The response was strong, and the results were stellar. Trinity showed strengths that put it in a place ahead of 95% of churches across the USA according to the consultant. Measures of energy, flexibility, morale, and governance were all very high.



From this survey, it was clear that people of all ages wanted to see Trinity address three goals, and the one that spanned all age demographics was this: "To help people broken by life's circumstances." The compassion of our congregation revealed through this survey mirrors the mission of our church: *"Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News."*

We worship and follow a God who in Christ heals and offers the good news of hope, forgiveness and abundant life. This is also a God who calls each of us to serve others in the same way we love ourselves and God.

Affirming the goal defined in the 2010 survey and investing in continuing to address ways our church helps those broken by life's circumstances, I want to highlight our Health Ministry as I make an important announcement.

Since 2002, Trinity has had an active ministry of health that has striven to: "to serve God's people in Christ's name by ministering holistically to physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness."

This ministry is rooted in Christ who spoke about the healing of body, mind, and spirit. To accomplish this, Trinity has included a Parish Nurse on staff since 2002. I'm happy to announce that Vicki Dueringer has been named our Parish Nurse, succeeding Marti Hofer who served 12 years and retired last spring. Vicki will work one day a week starting September 22. Vicki has been a long-time member of Trinity and along with her husband Jeff, they have two grown sons and four grandchildren. She earned a Bachelors of Science in Nursing from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and has worked in a variety of clinical areas including pediatrics, women's health, and family practice. While she assumes the part-time Parish Nurse position, Vicki will continue working with Mayo providing education and coaching for diabetic patients.

Vicki is excited about bringing her vast nursing experience to the faith-based, congregational context. She loves working with people of all ages and advocating for patients in addressing their health needs.

The Parish Nurse works in collaboration with the pastors and Director of Visitation Ministries, in addition to community resources to enhance health care delivery for the people of Trinity.

Join me in welcoming Vicki to our mission of serving God's people and sharing the good news through caring for people in all stages of life.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Kurt

## When Your Address or Phone Number 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 inform the church office when your address changes or you're going away and having your mail held.

Also, if you are eliminating a land line and going exclusively to cell, please share your phone number with your church. Email new information to [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org)

## Recycle Cameras

Your old digital camera might sit in a closet now that it's been upstaged by a new one, but it could still have a vital future. Trinity would like to put your no-longer-needed cameras into the hands of our Ministry Directors, teachers, and volunteers! Cameras, with their cords and memory cards, can be dropped off in the church office. Please call Cindy Beck at 715.832.6601 for more information about making your donation!

## 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](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org) or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)



A new series of Adult Forums after Sunday worship will offer an opportunity to become aware of efforts to better our community and to grow in faith. The series will be held in the Fireside Room after 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services.

**October 5 • Dr. Connie Biedron, Superintendent of Altoona Schools**

"Doing School Differently." Join Dr. Biedron to learn about the fast growing school district and how Altoona schools are dedicated to offering large-school opportunities with a small school approach. The vision of the Altoona School District, in partnership with students, their families, and the community, is to build a foundation for life-long learning and the emotional well-being of all students.

Dr. Biedron has served the district since July 1, 2012 and the Blair-Taylor district prior. She holds degrees from National Louis University in Chicago, Winona State University, and University of Wisconsin LaCrosse.

**October 12 • Detective Mike Voelker of the Eau Claire Police Department**

"Financial Scams and How You Can Avoid Them." More than ever, financial scams are as close as your e-mail in-box or your telephone. It would be easy to presume that only the elderly are "at risk" of being scammed, but that's not true. Find out if you, or someone you know, may be "at risk" of being the victim of a scam in this overview presentation on "Scams targeting at risk and elderly persons."

Detective Mike Voelker is a 26 year veteran of the Eau Claire Police Department. For over 11 years Mike has been assigned to the white collar crimes section where he has investigated over 600 financial crimes.

**October 19 • Dave Malone of "Fierce Freedom"**

"Human Trafficking—The Hidden Crime: Is it local?" Human trafficking is a growing issue in our country, and it's impacting our community. Come and learn about Fierce Freedom formed to combat human trafficking in west-central Wisconsin. The non-profit organization, based in Eau Claire, aims to educate people, organizations, and communities about trafficking-related issues and works with law enforcement members, state legislators, and others regarding human trafficking in the Chippewa Valley.

Dave Malone is a retired Eau Claire Chief of Police and Vice President of Fierce Freedom.

**October 26 • Lance Gurney, Director of Planning and Development of Eau Claire County**

"Issues and Options for Life in Eau Claire County." We live in a great county with good quality of life and challenges to further develop and safeguard it. This installment by Lance Gurney will be developed by group interest expressed in earlier weeks. Topic options include County Recycling (yard waste, clean sweep program, prescription medication disposal), County transportation system and funding, County-wide Bike and Pedestrian planning efforts, Frac Sand Mining, and more!

**November 2 • Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck, Superintendent of the Eau Claire Public Schools**

The Eau Claire Area School District, with an enrollment of approximately 11,000 students, is the eighth largest school district in Wisconsin. With dynamic programs for students, there are many facets to leading a respected district. Come and learn about key issues and challenges facing this important player in the community and our kids' lives!

Dr. Hardebeck has been a leader in education in Virginia, North Carolina, and since 2012 in the Eau Claire district. She holds degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Syracuse University, and Marshall University.



## Education Opportunities for Adults

### 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 to come. 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 meets on Sundays, beginning October 12, from 6:30–8:00 P.M. at Trinity. The cost is \$99. If you register and pay by September 28, you'll receive a \$40 discount compliments of the Rev. Kurt Jacobson Fund in Trinity's Endowment Trust Fund. Child care is available.

Sign up at Clipboard Central or call the church office 715.832.6601. For more information about The Legacy Journey, visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com)

### 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. for nine weeks beginning October 2. Sign-up at Clipboard Central. The fee for the FPU kit is \$99.. Child care is available.

### The Greatest Story

How do we make sense of the Old Testament? Is it confusing? Relevant to today? If you've had questions about the Old Testament, plan on attending Pastor Jim's six week series titled "The Greatest Story." Meeting on Mondays from 10:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. from October 6–November 10, participants will learn about the intricacies of the Old Testament and the story of God's work that is as relevant today as it was years ago. Participant guides are \$15 and can be paid for at the first session. Registration can be done via our church website or by contacting Pastor Jim.

### For Busy Moms

"Four Weeks Four Hours" seeks to be a time set aside for busy moms to connect with other women, reconnect with one's own spiritual needs, and reconnect to God. The group will meet on Monday evenings, October 6–November 3, from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room.

This fall, we will gather around Glennon Doyle Melton's *Carry On, Warrior: The Power of Embracing your Messy, Beautiful Life*. It's OK to just show up. Reading the book is not required to participate. If you want to purchase a book, they have been reserved for individual purchase at BAM Bookstore. Ask for a copy at their Information Desk.

Sign up for this class at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or Clipboard Central. Contact Pastor Sarah with questions at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org)

## Friendship Group

The Friendship Group (senior citizens) meets the second Wednesday every month for either programs or local travel, and always lunch. Anyone is welcome to join them.

There next meeting is Wednesday, October 8, at 10:00 A.M. The program will be by Kathy Herfel from L.E. Phillips Library. She will talk about home delivery of books and other library services. Lunch will be on your own at Dooley's Pub.

## Circle Listings

### Deborah

Thursday, October 16, 9:30 A.M.,  
Trinity

Hostess: Ann Felton

Leader: Joyce Davis

### Dorcas

Wednesday, October 15, 1:00 P.M.,  
Trinity

Hostess: Rose Sippel

Leader: Group

### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, October 21, 7:00 P.M.,  
Trinity

Hostess: Phyllis Grohn

Leader: Kathy Gjesfjeld

### Miriam

Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 A.M.,  
Trinity

Hostess: Avis Drung

Leader: Group

### Ruth

Wednesday, October 21, 1:30 P.M.

Hostess: Shirley Freeberg, 314 Fifth  
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Leader: Pat Cliff

### Sarah

Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 A.M.,  
Trinity

Hostess: Phyllis Burrows

Leader: Barb Vorhes



## See What's Headlining Our New Books for October

### Fiction for Young People & Adults

- *Remember Tuesday Morning* by Karen Kingsbury. This is the third book in Kingsbury's 9/11 Series. The other two novels are also available in the Trinity Library, *One Tuesday Morning* and *Beyond Tuesday Morning*. (FIC KIN)
- *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. This is a work of historical fiction and is written through the eyes of Anne Marrow Lindbergh. (FIC BEN)
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the Receiver of Memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. (YP FIC LOW)
- *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good* by Jan Karon. After a five-year absence, Jan Karon brings back Father Tim and Cynthia from the Mitford Series. (FIC KAR)
- *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan. "A judge must balance religion and law to make a ruling that could save a child's life in McEwan's timely new novel." BookPage (FIC MCE)



### Biographies

- *Prince Harry* by Penny Junor. "With unprecedented access to the most important figures in Prince Harry's life, Junor gets to the truth about who this mercurial and fascinating royal son really is." BookPage (B Jun)
- *Against Medical Advice* by James Patterson & Hal Friedman. "*Against Medical Advice* is the true story of one family's decades-long battle for survival in the face of extraordinary difficulties and a rigid medical establishment." Amazon (B PAT)
- *Called to Coach* by Bobby Bowden. "Coach Bobby Bowden is an icon of college football who ran his legendary, top-ranking program with a trademark southern charm. With his recent retirement, Bowden is ready to give fans and readers the behind-the-scenes story of his 55-year career and the path that helped him become one of college football's most successful coaches and patriarch of the sport's most famous coaching family." Amazon (796.322 BOW)

### Non Fiction

- *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan. "The incredible story of the young women of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who unwittingly played a crucial role in one of the most significant moments in US history." Google Books (940.53 KIE)

### Children's Books for Fall and Halloween

- *Ladybug Girl and the Dress-up Dilemma* by David Soman. (++)FIC SOM)
- *My Happy Pumpkin* by Crystal Bowman. (++)FIC BOW)
- *Otis and the Scarecrow* by Loren Long. (++)FIC LON)
- Also in our collection: local author Michael Perry's new book for tweens, *The Scavengers* is a wholly original tween novel that combines an action-packed adventure, a heartfelt family story, and a triumphant journey of self-discovery. It achieves the perfect balance of humor and heart in a world where one person's junk is another person's key to survival.

## Trinity Page Turners Book Club

*Shotgun Lovesongs* by Nickolas Butler

Join the book club on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 P.M. in the Trinity Library when they review the book "Shotgun Lovesongs" by Trinity member and author Nick Butler! Nick will join us to discuss his book.

It's a place like hundreds of others, nothing special, really. But for four friends—all born and raised in this small Wisconsin town—it is home. And now they are men, coming into their own, or struggling to do so.

There are no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. You can RSVP online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org)



## Noah's Ark News

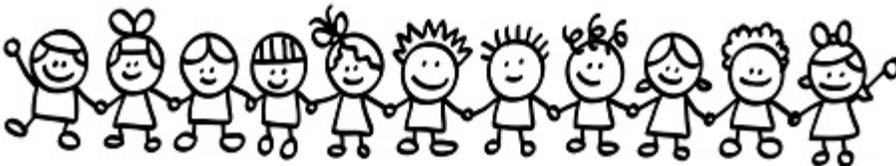
October is here already! WOW, this first month has flown by. We give thanks for the beautiful children who have "filled up the ark." They are all blessings.

In September, we had class photos taken by Buckley Photo, tie dyed our own t-shirts, ate delicious "rainbow fruit," and had lots of fun in school. Our school day included children's choices, art creations, music and movement, large muscle fun in the gym and on the playground, great literature, fun finger plays, and much more. We have a few openings left aboard the ark. Let your friends know to contact Ms "C" today at [noahsark@trinity-ec.org](mailto:noahsark@trinity-ec.org) for more information.



Put the Annual Noah's Ark Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, October 14, from 4:00–7:00 P.M. on your calendar. It will be a fun night with great food, children's activities, UWEC Women's Volleyball team, and lots of fellowship. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays, October 5 and 12, between services and on Wednesday, October 8, after worship. The Preschool Committee has designated the benefit account for Mady Odegard, an alumni Noah's Ark child with pediatric cancer, as our 10% tithe for this event. We hope to see you there!

## Children's Ministries



### Tie Dye Saturday

Join us on Saturday, October 4, at 10:00 A.M. at Trinity in Room 208. Please enter the building through Door 2. No reservations are needed; just come and join the fun! This is for anyone who likes to tie dye or wants to learn how to do it! Bring your own items to dye, i.e., white t-shirts, socks, onesies, shirts, etc. If it is a new item, please wash at home before you come. The dye, rubber bands, and soaking agent will be furnished. Ginny Lien will be on hand to help and teach. There is no cost; however, please bring one extra kids' t-shirt to dye for mission projects.

### Wednesday Camp T.G.I.F. and Sunday School

Registration remains open for Wednesday Camp T.G.I.F. classes (Grades 3–6), choirs (Pre Kindergarten–Grade Six), and Sunday School classes (two years old–grade Six). For more information, contact Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601, [kristy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:kristy@trinity-ec.org) or the website [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

Children should bring their Spark Bibles to each Sunday School class and Wednesday T.G.I.F. class.

### "My Church" for 2 Year Olds

This class is designed for two year olds (two by 9.1.14). Guardians/parents and child will create together a personalized book of pictures. By using a digital camera, the child is photographed in various settings throughout the church. These pictures are then placed in a binder that the child keeps and uses at home and brings to worship. Class will begin on October 12, 2014. Registration forms are available by calling Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or on Trinity's website [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

### First Communion Instruction

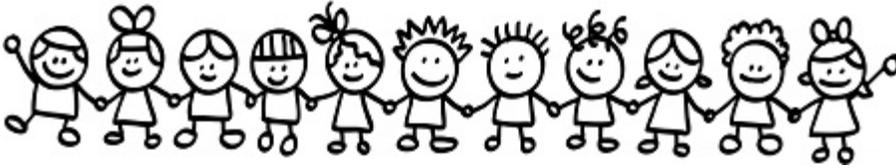
Children in second grade and above who have not participated in Communion instruction and their parents/guardians have an opportunity to meet for instruction on Saturday, November 1, from 9:00–11:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. (Note: children in first grade will receive their instruction in March 2015) Their First Communion celebration will be at the 6:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship service on Wednesday, November 26. To register, call Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or e-mail [kristy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:kristy@trinity-ec.org)

### Job Opening for Nursery Attendant

Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for an individual to job share our nursery attendant position. The hours are 8:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. on Sundays with the opportunity to provide nursery care in the evening during special events and holiday services throughout the year. Qualified applicants must have completed high school, preferably in or have completed an early childhood program, and have had experience taking care of young children. For more information, please contact Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or [kristy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:kristy@trinity-ec.org)



# Day Camps



Another cold Wisconsin winter is on its way. Trinity Lutheran Church has unique and age appropriate programming available for children age 18 months to Pre-K. Registration for Winter/Spring Day Camps opens on Wednesday, October 15, at 10:00 A.M. You can register by calling 715.832.6601. Please note: registration is phone-in only! Register early because enrollment is limited in every class.

- ☐ **Music and Movement Mondays** \* Children move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. The class starts on Monday, January 5, and runs for 17 weeks.

  - Session One: 9:15 A.M.–10:00 A.M. is for children ages 18 months-three years. There must be a parent or caregiver present. This class is limited to 10 children. The cost is \$105.
  - Session Two: 10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M. is for children who are three by 8.31.14 or have completed a semester of Come and Play and are potty trained. This is drop off class and a parent does not need to attend. The cost is \$125.
- ☐ **Tuesday Great Pretenders** \* This class combines dynamic drama and awesome art to enhance children's literature and Bible stories. This camp is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It meets from 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays beginning January 6 for 19 weeks. The cost is \$255 and can be paid in installments.
- ☐ **Open Gym Tuesdays** \* This free play time allows children to experience an active environment and explore things on their own or play with their parent or caregiver. This time is geared for children of walking age through preschool and begins on Tuesday, January 6, and runs for 11 weeks, ending on March 17. Cost is \$3 per session or you may purchase a five pass punch card for \$12.50 or a 10 pass punch card for \$25. *No registration is necessary for Open Gym Tuesdays.*
- ☐ **Camp Come & Play Wednesday** \* Come and play with other young children through stories, free time, and art projects. This class is for children with a birthday between 9.1.2011–8.31.2012 and has two sessions, 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. on Wednesdays and is limited to 12 children per session. It meets for 19 weeks beginning on January 7. The cost is \$255 and can be paid in installments.
- ☐ **Thrilling Thursdays** \* Cook, read, paint, experiment, sing, and dance with a small group of friends. This camp is for children who turn four by 12.31.14. It meets from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. or 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays beginning January 8 for 19 weeks. The cost is \$255 and can be paid in installments.
- ☐ **Friday Friends** \* Spend Friday mornings engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities. This camp is for children who turn three by 2.28.2015. The class will meet from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. on Fridays starting January 9 for 18 weeks. The cost is \$245 and can be paid in installments.

# YOUTH Ministries

## Highway Clean Up

All youth are invited to participate in the fall Highway Clean Up service event on Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Volunteers will meet at Little Red School on Highway 37. Trinity has a designated two-mile stretch of the highway to keep clean. We will be outside the entire hour, so please dress appropriately for the weather. Adult volunteers are also needed for this service event. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Tool Bench.

## Lutheran World Relief

Trucks will be ready to be loaded on Saturday, October 11, from 8:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. right here in Trinity's main parking lot. Various churches from around the region, including Trinity, will bring their donations to be transported to Minnesota, then shipped around the world. Lutheran World Relief works to improve the lives of millions of small farmers and people experiencing poverty in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East both in times of emergencies and for the long term. A sign-up sheet is available at the Tool Bench.

## Teen Study for Club 78

Teen Study will begin on Sunday, October 5 from 10:35 A.M.–11:05 A.M. (same times as the second Sunday School session). Teen Study offers students an opportunity to explore the Faith Book in an interactive Bible study with their peers. Teen Study is led by a team of volunteers in the Trinity Room. Club 78 students are asked to attend 10 Teen Study classes in seventh grade and in eighth grade. No need to sign up in advance. Remember to record your attendance in the appropriate record book at the Tool Bench.



## Club 9 Book Study

Club 9 will have the opportunity to nurture their faith through a book study. This fall, we will read, "I Beat the Odds" by Michael Oher. Learn Michael Oher's story of the blind side as he reflects how far he has come from his youth to achieve his dream. Choose either Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. We will have three meeting dates beginning on Sunday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 15. More information and a sign-up sheet are at the Tool Bench.

## 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering—Rise Up Together

Youth and families are invited on Sunday, October 5, at 9:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room to attend an informational meeting about the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering scheduled for July 13–19, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan. The Youth Gathering is only held every three years, so you really have one chance (maybe two) to attend this AWESOME EVENT! All current 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> students are eligible to attend. We will cover details of the trip such as dates, costs, and fundraising at the meeting. Registration deadline is October 15!

The ELCA Youth Gathering is divided into three specific days, each with a different learning outcome.

1. Proclaim Service Day (synod) ◦ Demonstrate the capacity to articulate their unique witness as part of God's story.
2. Proclaim Community (interactive learning) Day ◦ Act in a way that reflects God's value for everybody, engaging one another's story with respect and love.
3. Proclaim Justice (service) Day ◦ Live boldly in the face of injustice, crisis, and suffering.

Contact Lisa or Cassie at 715.832.6601 or [cassie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cassie@trinity-ec.org) with questions.

## Luther Park Recharge—Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

Luther Park Recharge is scheduled for the weekend of October 17–18. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. Registration cost includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a "Road Trip" t-shirt. Register online at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of registration. Contact Cassie or Lisa with any questions.

## Students Fundraising Accounts

All students in grades 7–12 at Trinity have the opportunity to fund-raise for their own Trip Account. For every fundraising activity they participate in through Trinity, they will be given a portion of the proceeds from that fundraiser according to the time they spent at the fundraiser. The students are then able to use this money towards any Trinity sponsored event to help ease the financial cost. If a student does not use the money by the time they graduate high school, then this money may either be given to a younger sibling's account or it will be given to the Scholarship Fund for all students. Families may check their account balance by contacting Cassie or Lisa in the Youth Office.



## Received August Gifts & Memorials

### Food Pantry Fund

- In honor of Bev & Jim Page's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Margie Johnson: Lori Juneau, Leatrice Solberg, Barb Tischer, Ann Ayres, Ralph & Norma Marking, Richard Bush, Janice Reinhardt, Vonna Johnson-Porter
- In memory of Mildred Johnson: Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Avis Grambo

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Harry Thimke: Viola Berg
- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Eric & Donna Gilbertson, Warren Wangen

### Library Fund

- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Ann Johnson

### Children's Bible Fund

- In memory of Mildred Johnson: Allen & Barb Strey

### Trinity Choir Fund

- In honor of Warren & Mavis Hermodson's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary: Anonymous



# Financial News

## Financial Update

Our church is blessed by every offering that is shared to support its mission and ministries. Thank you for your offerings. If you're not already using the convenient service of electronic fund transfer, please consider doing so. You may set this up at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or receive assistance by contacting the Trinity office. If you're already using EFT for your offerings and no longer need offering envelopes mailed to you, please email [amber@trinity-ec.org](mailto:amber@trinity-ec.org)

January–August	2013	2014
Regular Offerings	\$631,298	\$668,994
Expenses	\$631,412*	\$692,550
Variance	-\$114	-\$23,556

\*Due to a five-month pastoral vacancy, expenses were lower.

## Mortgage Payment

Thank you for your offerings to Mortgage Payment. Every dollar you share goes directly to reduce the debt from our 2004 building expansion. If you're not already helping to make the mortgage payment, please join the effort this month.

The ELCA Mission Investment fund holds the note: 4.125% with monthly payments of \$8,413. Our loan balance is \$706,170.

Use your weekly envelope to contribute to Mortgage Payment or do so online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org). Thank you for your offerings to Mortgage Payment.

## Facing Funeral Costs

Did you know the average cost of a funeral is between \$7,000 and \$10,000? If not, you're not alone. A recent National Foundation for Credit Counseling online poll revealed that 83% of people either were not prepared for the financial responsibilities associated with a funeral or had no idea how much a funeral costs. From Thrivent magazine, Summer 2013

# Social Concerns

## Wanted!

Those who love to pick apples! White Oak Orchards has offered Trinity's Food Pantry Cortland apples if we have people willing to pick a bushel. If you're interested, please let White Oak Orchards know you are there to pick apples for Trinity's Food Pantry. White Oak Farms Orchards' address is: W2369 Maple Road, Eau Claire



## The Quilt Ladies

### Quilting Ministry Blesses Many

Trinity's Quilting Ministry brings together women with a passion for serving through their skill in quilting. Meeting in the lobby at 9:00 A.M. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, as many as 17 women gather for fellowship and quilting.

On Sunday, October 5, quilts will be displayed throughout the worship center. This is in recognition that this ministry group will contribute 193 quilts to Lutheran World Relief! In addition, this ministry has assembled 100 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief.

Personal care kits include one towel, two bars of soap, nail clipper, comb, and a toothbrush. These kits are made possible through memorial gifts and donations. These items will be joined with item from other congregations as they are gathered in a large semi-trailer on Saturday, October 11, in Trinity's parking lot. Thank you to our fabulous quilting ministry for blessing many throughout the world!

If you would like to participate in this ministry or would like more information, contact Anice Reiman at 715.832.2605.

## Serving at the Beacon House

Many mothers and children in need spend their nights at the Beacon House where a warm meal and a safe atmosphere are present. Trinity will fulfill an array of tasks at the Beacon House from October 12–16. We have spots available for evening and breakfast hosts, and overnight hosts and to provide dinner to guests. If you are available for a volunteer shift, you are invited to sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. Roman and Diane Fritz or Holly & Pat Hassemmer, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

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