



Guest Musician Coming November 9

Singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Timothy Brinkman will be a guest music leader at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship on Sunday, November 9. This is a great Sunday to invite a friend to worship with you.

Brinkman fuses radiant melodies with bittersweet harmonies and deeply personal lyrics that deal with life's heartbreaks while always coming back to the hope and glory of God.

Born in the Twin Cities, Timothy got his musical start on drums at five years old, then later taught himself percussion, guitar, keys, bass, mandolin, banjo, vibraphone, harmonica, and many other instruments.

A freewill offering at the door will support Brinkman's music ministry, and his recordings will be available for purchase in the lobby.

Advent Conspiracy Sermon Series

Can Christmas still change the world?

The Christmas story is a story of love, hope, redemption, and relationship. So, what happened? How did it turn into stuff, stress, and debt? Somehow, we've traded the best story in the world for the story of what's on sale.

In 2006 five pastors imagined a better Christmas practice for their own communities. Today, Advent Conspiracy is a global movement of people and churches resisting the cultural Christmas narrative of consumption by choosing to celebrate Christmas in ways that change the world for the better.

Weekly themes will include:

- Sunday, November 16/Wednesday, November 19: Spend Less
- Sunday, November 23/Wednesday, November 26: Give More
- Sunday, November 30/Wednesday, December 3: Love All

In addition, our congregation will gather donations to support a water well ministry within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi. Together, our contributions will help provide clean water for a community in need. Plan on being present at Trinity as we join other congregations in our nation for "Advent Conspiracy."



Home Visitation Ministry Expanding

In an effort to better serve the increasing number of Trinity members unable to attend worship at Trinity, we are seeking to expand our Home Visitation Ministry by enlisting new volunteers for this ministry.

Volunteers are asked to visit the home of a Trinity individual family once a month to distribute Holy Communion and visit with them. Visits are informal and are a means of sharing God's presence in a setting outside of Sunday worship. Pat Garber, Director of Home Visitation Ministry, invites everyone to consider being a participant in this inspiring ministry and to attend the upcoming orientation!

The Home Visitation Orientation will be held on Thursday, November 13, from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room at Trinity. Interested volunteers are encouraged to register for this orientation by contacting Pastor Jim (jim@trinity-ec.org).

Moving or Going South?

If you're moving or heading south for the winter, Trinity can change your address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Whenever you change address, please let Trinity know! Contact Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.





Dear Friends,

For 60 years, Trinity has exemplified what it means to "Serve in Christ's love and Share the Good News." If you take a moment to simply consider how Trinity's ministries have blessed you, your family, our community, and our world, I am confident that the ways would be numerous and marked with thanksgiving to God.

For example, our Food Pantry has grown to become the second largest food pantry in our area behind the St. Francis Food Pantry. Our pantry is financially supported through the generosity of individuals in our congregation as well as those within our community. That financial support, along with 80+ volunteers, makes it possible to provide food for nearly 1,000 families a month. In my opinion, what we are capable of doing within our pantry is a reflection of what God is doing, and is yet to do, through us as a congregation!

Our Food Pantry is one example of this truth: what we do in response to God's love shown in Jesus Christ changes lives! The grace, mercy, and love given to us out of God's abundance is always present, always given, and always marked by love.

The question remains: how do we respond to what God has given to us?

We will focus on this question during a two week sermon series titled: "Be Rich." The weekly themes are: November 2—"What does it mean to be rich?" and November 9—"What does it mean to be rich towards God?"

God has been rich towards us, but do we regard ourselves as being rich? What does it mean to be rich with what we've been given? What does it mean to be rich towards God?

During the week of November 9, everyone will receive a financial commitment card to complete for 2015. That commitment card will be used by your Congregation Council leaders as they cast the 2015 financial ministry plan for Trinity.

My hope is that during these first two weeks of November, a month marked by giving thanks for what we've been given, you are able to take time to consider how God has blessed your life. I am confident your answers will be numerous and marked with great joy in realizing that you are very rich!

I invite you to join me and my family in completing a financial commitment card for 2015. It's exciting to dream about what our financial commitments, when taken together, can do in our building, our community, and our world to spread God's kingdom! Indeed, we are together called to Be Rich!

It is a glorious task God has called us to do. The task is grand and as simple as handing out a bag of groceries to a family in need.

Be Rich!

Pastor Jim

Did you Know?

Last Christmas season, the National Retail Federation grew 3.9% over 2012 to \$602 billion. Will you grow that this season, or will you think in new ways to express your celebration of Jesus' coming to the world through a different kind of gift giving?



Community Thanksgiving Dinner

It is the season of turkey and pumpkin pie! On Thanksgiving Day, November 27, Trinity will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. This is a dinner for Trinity families and everyone from the community. The atmosphere is uplifting, the food is great, the children's activities are fun, and the joy of giving thanks to God is on the faces of everyone!

Last year, we served 393 guests and had 93 volunteers serving in many ways; record numbers that nearly doubled the totals from 2012! We hope to serve many again this year, and volunteers are necessary across a spectrum of duties: food preparation, carving turkeys, servers, clean-up, and home delivery drivers are a few of the tasks to make this dinner a success.

Would you be available and willing to volunteer or donate food for this uplifting event? Sign-up sheets to volunteer and lists of needed food items will be at Clipboard Central as well as on our website under the "Serve" link. For more information, contact Pastor Jim (jim@trinity-ec.org). Thank you!



As Advent Approaches

Annual Advent Workshop

It's time for one of our most anticipated events of the year! The Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 30, from 2:00–5:00 p.m. in the Trinity Room.

The Advent Workshop is for people of all ages. Participants will be able to choose from more than 25 activities centered on getting ready for the birth of the Christ child. Members are encouraged to invite friends. Treats will be served throughout the afternoon.

People are needed to help lead the activities. This is a great service project for confirmation age students and their leaders or mentors. Please watch for the display and sign up beginning November 9 in the lobby. For more information, contact Kristy Casto at 715.832.6601 or kristy@trinity-ec.org

Women's Advent Tea

This afternoon event on Thursday, December 4, from 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. is a wonderful chance to pause and celebrate a joyous time of year in the company of friends of all ages. Each person attending is asked to bring either holiday cookies, breads, or finger sandwiches for 12–15 guests. The leftovers will be boxed and shared with our shut-ins for a Christmas treat and holiday visit. Please R.S.V.P. by signing up at Clipboard Central.

Volunteers to decorate a table of eight place settings with dessert plates, cups & saucers, and spoons with a Christmas theme. If you would like to volunteer or join the planning committee, please call Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055

Angel Breakfast

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Annual Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 6, from 8:30–10:00 a.m. Children and adults will participate in activities, have breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story. The cost is \$10.00 per couple along with two non-perishable food items for the Wall of Food. Registration forms are available in the Children's Ministries Office. Reservations are required.

Faith Lights: For Christmas

The Christmas season is a special time to remember Jesus, the Light of the World. It is also a special time to remember the people who have shared faith in Jesus. This Christmas, the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund Board invites you to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by dedicating Faith Lights in their name. These lights will adorn Christmas trees in Trinity Lobby this season. For a small donation, you can dedicate a white light to memorialize a loved one; or a blue light to honor a living relative or friend, or simply to express the joy of faith this Christmas. Faith Light orders will be received through December 14. Forms are available in the Lobby, office, or at trinity-ec.org. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.

Christmas Wreaths

Students attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from Baroka's Wreaths on Sundays, November 2 and 9, and on Wednesdays, November 5 and 12. A table, along with wreath samples, will be available in the lobby. Wreaths and swags will be available for pick up at Trinity on Sunday, November 30. A tithe will be giving to Friends of Flynn.



Family Camp 2015 at Luther Park

As you look ahead to next summer, consider Family Camp at Luther Park as an uplifting vacation experience for you and your family! Pastor Jim and his family invite you to join them for Family Camp from August 3–7. Located 45 minutes north of Eau Claire with a shoreline on Prairie Lake, Luther Park provides a beautiful, quiet, north woods camping atmosphere.

Camp fees for the week: \$285 (age 13+), \$200 (age 6–12), \$130 (age 2–5). Free (Under 2). Max per family is \$995. Contact Pastor Jim for more information.

Japan Missionaries

Trinity sponsors missionaries in Japan, and the offerings you make to the Missionary Fund provide the financial support they need. Read about the Benecke family on the Global Mission page of trinity-ec.org and see their latest newsletter. Thanks for your offerings to the Missionary Fund.



Worship Notes

- Wednesdays:** Join in worship each Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. whenever you've missed Sunday. The message is the same, but the spirit and music have a youthful flavor thanks to the leadership of Crossword and many youth leaders. This worship offers the Lord's Supper the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- November 2 All Saints Sunday:** All services the week of November 2 give honor to God for the faithful people who have gone before us. In generous love, God has provided us with the saints, and in worship we'll include a visual remembrance of our family and friends who have died in the past year. All Saints is a wonderful festival to recall the people who have died in faith and passed along to us a legacy to continue into the future. The Community Connections Series topic will be "Eau Claire Public Schools: Issues and Challenges" presented by Dr. Mary Ann Hardebeck, Superintendent of the Eau Claire Public Schools.
- November 26 Thanksgiving Eve:** Come and worship at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 26. This festive worship includes the Trinity Brass and all choirs. The Lord's Supper is offered, and many children will make their first communion.

Christmas Worship

Join us on Christmas Eve for worship: 2:00 P.M. with Children's Choirs, 4:00 P.M. with Harmony In Spirit, and 10:00 P.M. with the Trinity Orchestra, Choir, and Trollers. An extended time of music before this evening service begins at 9:30 P.M.



Then we will celebrate the Festival of Christmas and Closing of the Year on Sunday, December 28, with one service at 9:45 A.M. Worship will include the Trinity Brass, lots of great Christmas music, and a blessing for healing as the year closes.

Prayer: Join the Team

Prayer is conversation with God that can take place anytime and anywhere. It is a matter of conversing with a very good friend. Typically, the conversation of prayer is about one's own concerns. Hopefully it always includes thanks and praise to God. Then often, prayer is for the benefit of someone else. To pray for the needs of another is to lift that person into the caring, healing hands of God.

We have a prayer group called "Prayer Link" that is open to receive your prayer requests (they can be anonymous) so that others are praying along with you. You can submit your request at trinity-ec.org, by contacting a Prayer Link volunteer listed in the weekly bulletin, or by calling the church office at 715.832.6601. Then consider becoming a part of Trinity's Prayer Link.

Seniors Meet The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group's November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, at 10:00 A.M. with a Thanksgiving Service and communion in the Chapel at 10:30 A.M. Lunch will follow at Yankee Jacks at noon. The cost for lunch is \$16 and includes a turkey dinner, dessert, beverage, tax, and tip. Make your reservation by Friday, November 7. Send your check to Pat Cliff, 6681 Talmage Rd. Eau Claire WI 54701



The Quilt Ladies

This year the Quilt Ladies sent 193 quilts and 100 Personal Care Kits to Lutheran World Relief. We would like to thank the following people!

- To everyone who donated time, money, or materials for the quilts and the Personal Care Kits.
- To Don Peterson for setting up our tables and making our coffee.
- To Lorraine Hanson for sewing our quilt tops.
- To all those people who helped load the semi on October 11 and October 13. And to Bob Jacobson for coming Monday, October 13 morning to unlock the semi.

Youth Make Affirmation of Faith

Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the Church that is designed to help baptized children identify with the life and mission of the adult Christian community. It is celebrated in a public rite. On October 26, the following high school youth publicly affirmed their baptism in worship: Elizabeth Brandenburg, Kailee Adelaide Brown, Mason Steven Craker, Elizabeth Rose Eilen, Mia Emberson, Holly Lynn Geurts, Carter Goodwin, Ryan Gynnild, Emma Lauren Hesse, Alison Marie Holmstrom, Charles Hower, Logan Irvine, Bethany Karker, Carrie Kemmet, Emma Grace Lauer, Molli McNulty, Makayla Shu Bao Moen, Lauren Nielsen, Emily Kathleen Pepperl, Alyssa Phippen, Caden Potapenko, Kaja Carolyn Rizzo, Sydney McKenna Tape, Elliot Michael Voelker, Kieran J. Walsh, Courtney Webster, and Tyler Zainhofsky.



Have a Feast with Our Bountiful Books

Look for these new books on the A Frame Display in the Trinity Library.

Fiction

- *The Ocean at the End of the Lane* by Neil Gaiman. "When a middle-aged man returns to his childhood home, a pond behind a farmhouse brings strange, frightening memories that couldn't possibly be his own." BookPage (FIC GAI)
- *Dollbaby* by Laura Lane McNeal. "McNeal's witty prose and expertise on all things New Orleans will enrapture readers of *The Help* and *Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood*." BookPage (FIC MCN)
- *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult. "Picoult's latest centers on an elephant sanctuary where a lonely young woman attempts to track down the mother who left her a decade before." BookPage (FIC PIC)
- *Thief of Glory* by Sigmund Brouwer. The author based this novel partly on his father's own experiences in Indonesia during WWII. It is a story of faith, redemption, and forgiveness. (FIC BRO)
- *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley. Each chapter, in this historical fiction about the Langdon family, covers a single year beginning in 1920 and concluding in the early 1950's. (FIC SMI)
- *The Way Life Should Be* by Christina Baker Kline. The author of the bestselling novel *Orphan Train*, has written this charming story—full of great cooking tips, love, risk, and self-discovery. (FIC KLI)
- *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. *Brooklyn* is a classic coming-of-age story—quietly profound. It is the story of Eilis Lacey who accepts the sponsorship of an Irish priest from Brooklyn and leaves her small Irish town for better work during the hard years following WWII. (FIC TOI)
- *The Family of Jesus* by Karen Kingsbury. "America's favorite inspirational novelist offers a moving, fictional view of six of the family members of Jesus." BookPage (FIC KIN)

Non Fiction and Biographies

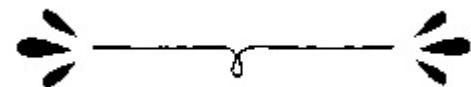
- *Section 60: Arlington National Cemetery: Where War Comes Home* by Robert M. Poole. Section 60 is a moving tribute to those who have fought and died for our country, and to those who love them.
- *In the Kingdom of Ice, The Grand and Terrible Polar Voyage of the USS Jeannette*, by Hampton Sides. "Kingdom" recounts the long-lost story of the USS Jeannette, which left San Francisco in July 1879 for the North Pole. This is a true story that reads like a thriller.



- *Enough* by Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly. Former US Representative Gabrielle Giffords and her husband, astronaut Mark Kelly, share their impassioned argument for responsible gun ownership and offer an intimate portrait of their lives since the 2011 shooting in Tucson.
- *Enough, 10 Things We Should Be Telling Teenage Girls* by Kate Conner. This book is a must for all people who have teenage girls in their lives.
- *Neil Patrick Harris: Choose your Own Autobiography* by Neil Patrick Harris. In this autobiography, Neil Patrick Harris lets the reader live his life — check it out!
- *Cosby* by Mark Whitaker. This is an essential read about comedian Bill Cosby, an American icon.

Children's Books for Halloween and Thanksgiving

- *Froggy's Halloween* by Jonathan London. (++FIC LON)
- *Trick or Treat Marley!* by John Grogan. (++FIC GRO)
- *The Great Thanksgiving Escape* by Mark Fearing. (++FIC FEA)



Trinity Page Turners Book Club

The book club meets on Tuesday, November 18, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd. 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 or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



Received in September Memorials & Gifts

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Joan Planert: Lawrence & Deyon Ziehme
- In memory of David Counsell: Helen Counsell
- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf, Allan & Patricia Hanson, Jon & Maureen Homstad

Shoe Project Fund

- In honor of Dan Helgeson: Pamela Berg

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Margie Johnson: Charles & Sue Nyberg
- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Lori Juneau, Ann Ayres, David & Joyce Anderson

St. John's Bible Fund

- In memory of Dorothy Norby: Dick Cable, Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud, Jack & Lois Olson, Morris & Audrey Brumberg, Helen Leipnitz, Tim & Amy Benedict, David & Carol Anderson

2015 Tour to the Holy Land

Trinity members, relatives, and friends are invited to be part of a fascinating autumn 2015 tour to the places of Jesus' life! We'll visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Bethany, Jerusalem, the Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, and more. We'll feel the Biblical stories we've heard for years come alive, and we'll never read the Bible in the same way again!

This tour combines history and today's realities as we see how Lutherans are improving life in the West Bank through education and health care, visit a Palestinian refugee camp, and learn from people of all faiths who are working at reconciliation in this complex land. An experienced, highly-trained local guide will lead us and provide for our well-being in all aspects of this amazing tour.

Dates of the tour are October 20—November 2, 2015. Next month the tour brochure will be available and an information meeting announced. If you would like to receive advance notice, please contact Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org This tour is created especially for Trinity with arrangements through Higgins Travel Leaders, Eau Claire.



How to Understand Events in the Middle East?

First Congregational Church of Eau Claire invites you to a presentation on November 4 at, 7:00 P.M. by Cathy Sultan and Cecilie Surasky on events in the Middle East and what they mean today. Cathy is a local author and vice chair of Interfaith Peace Builders, and Cecilie is deputy director of Jewish Voice for Peace.

IPC organizes delegations to Israel/Palestine to educate people on the history of conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. JVP is inspired by Jewish tradition to work together for peace, social justice, and human rights to support security for Israelis and Palestinians. For more information call 715.834.2668.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, November 20, 9:30 A.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Nancee Burbank
Leader: Barb Johnson

Dorcas

Wednesday, November 19, 1:00
P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Dorothy Miller
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 P.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Johnson
Leader: Group

Miriam

Wednesday, November 19, 9:30
A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Gloria Crossman
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, November 18, 1:30 P.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Marge Oleson
Leader: Shirley Freeberg

Sarah

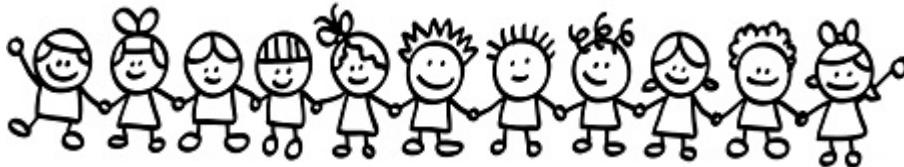
Wednesday, November 19, 9:30
A.M. at Trinity
Leader: Barb Vorhes



Children's Ministries

Welcome New Nursery Attendants

We officially welcome our two new nursery attendants who will be sharing their gifts and their love of Christ with the little children of Trinity: Malissa Dahlstrom and Samantha Poeske. Malissa has been with us in the nursery since September. She and her family are Trinity members and her husband, Jim, is teaching Sunday School this year. Malissa is also a licensed in-home family childcare provider and cares for young children during the week. Samantha will join us on November 2. She is a freshman at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire majoring in psychology. She served as an assistant teacher at Trinity Lutheran Daycare in Wausau during high school. You will see Malissa and Samantha in the nursery on Sunday mornings and during special services or at other times when a staffed nursery is available. Please stop in to the nursery and say "hello!"



Winter/Spring Day Camps

Trinity Lutheran Church has unique and age appropriate programming available for children age 18 months to Pre-K. You can register by calling 715.832.6601. Register now because enrollment is limited in every class.

- **Music and Movement Mondays** * 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 a drop off class, and a parent does not need to attend. The cost is \$125.
- **Great Pretenders Tuesdays** * 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 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 Wednesdays** * 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 January 7. The cost is \$255 and can be paid in installments.
- **Thrilling Thursdays** * 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** * 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 beginning January 9 for 18 weeks. The cost is \$245 and can be paid in installments.

Noah's Ark NEWS!

Looking back at October, it was a spectacular month at Noah's Ark. We had great outside play days, wonderful activities together in our classroom, and lots of fun family experiences. The Eau Claire Public Library visited this past month, bringing us a special kit of woodland animal fun for our special themes in October. We are so thankful for this partnership. A fun field trip to Beaver Creek, along with fun costume parties, were also part of our monthly celebrations!

Noah's Ark thanks Trinity for your wonderful participation in the 20th Annual Noah's Ark Spaghetti Supper on October 14. Almost 400 people attended! Special thanks to our Preschool Committee Chairs, Kristy Casto and Anne Lindahl, for their great organization. Thanks also to committee members: Valerie Fedie, Heather Day, Heather Kapanke, Beth Borsheim, Emily Kreiner, Jacqueline Strayer, Kirsten Rubenzer, Ginny Lien, Jill Kasmarek, Marlee Knickerbocker, and Sara Scovil. Noah's Ark thanks these youth, Jaxon, Alex, Sam, JR, Alec, Zini, Kayla, Leanna, Ryan, Callie, Taya, Elizabeth, Tommy, Will, Teddy, Claudia, Hannah, and Sadie; for manning activity tables and bussing dishes. We thank Chase and Aja for their live music during the supper!

Our sponsors for the Spaghetti Supper included: Boxx Sanitation, Fryzski's Country Market, Sarah Stokes-Herzog/Queen of the Castle, Buckley Photos, Mega Foods, Andy Cooper Edward Jones Investments, Texas Roadhouse, Chippewa Valley Endodontics LLC, The Coffee Grounds, and two anonymous donors.

It's hard to believe that November is here with Thanksgiving, field trips to Fire Station Number 5, and food fun. We give thanks!!



Youth Ministries

Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

On Wednesday, November 5, from 4:00–5:15 P.M. Trinity Youth will pack weekend meals for Flynn Elementary School students and other Eau Claire Elementary students. We will meet at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, on Eau Claire's west side. Check the Tool Bench for additional dates.

Cookie Bake

The annual Cookie Bake is scheduled for Sunday, November 23, from 12:30–2:30 P.M. in the kitchen and Trinity Room. Youth will decorate bags and bake cookies. The festive bags of cookies will then be delivered to shut-in Trinity members during pastoral or Parish Nurse visits and included with the Christmas Sharing Project.



Student Fundraising Accounts

All students in grades 7–12 at Trinity have the opportunity to fundraiser for their own Student 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 burden of financial cost. If a student does not use the money by the time they graduate high school, then this money is either given to a younger sibling's account or to the Scholarship Fund for all students.

Scholarship Money For You!

A scholarship program is available to all students of Trinity Lutheran Church. It is our hope that all students have the privilege of participating in any event that will nurture their growth in Christ. Every student in grades 7–12 is eligible for a 25% reimbursement of registration costs for all events at Trinity. If further assistance is needed, arrangements can be made with the Youth Ministry Team. Scholarship forms are located next to the Tool Bench in the blue side bins. We hope this will continue to encourage students to participate in the life changing opportunities here at Trinity!



Health Ministries

This is my first newsletter article as the new Parish Nurse. Before I begin, I want to say "Thank You" to Marti Hofer for her years of dedication to this position as Parish Nurse. I am finding that it is much more than a job. It is faith, hope, heart, and compassion for the well-being of the members of Trinity, their families, and friends. Marti certainly exemplified all of those.

As I thought about what topic I wanted to focus on for the November Newsletter, it became apparent that the choices were unlimited! When I Googled November Awareness month, there were 14 topics listed covering everything from Prematurity to Alzheimers and Caregivers. This is also the start of the Holiday Season with increased stressors for all of us from finances to family dynamics. What would be a good topic that includes young and old, health, wellness and illness?

The topic I chose for November is: Peace.....of mind, heart, body, and soul. John 13:27 says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." So during the next two months, take time for yourself. Learn to say no. Do not expect perfection. Do not spread yourself too thin. Forgive yourself and others.

- Pray: God is listening and knows your needs.
- Be still, listen for God's whispers.
- Be thankful, focus on the blessings you have.
- Look for joy in the little moments, but it is OK to be sad also.

The result will be lower blood pressure, lower blood sugars, less anxiety, less stress, improved immune system...in other words, better health!

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse



Social Concerns

A Dollar for a Pound of Food

November is Hunger Awareness Month with a goal of raising \$10,000 to support our Food Pantry. If we receive half of the goal (\$5000) by November 12, Feed My People Food Bank will match it with 5000 pounds of food!

The Pantry serves nearly 1000 families a month with 30,000 pounds of food purchased from Feed My People. This 5000 pound match will mean we can serve more and make our spending go further! Will you help? Make checks payable to Trinity, and note on memo line: "FMP challenge." Thank you for giving even a dollar toward this \$5000 match and \$10,000 goal. Your gift will bless many lives in tangible ways.

Trinity Food Pantry Volunteers

As a congregation, our Food Pantry served 821 families in September totaling 2,640 individuals. The number of children served: 1,112; adults aged 18-65: 1,388; and adults over the age of 65: 140. We purchased 32,732 pounds of food from Feed My People Food Bank. Nine Kwik-Trip stores donated 1,090 pounds of food. We have been blessed by 52 volunteers serving in our pantry in the busy month of September!

In this season of Fall, we are seeking to expand the number of volunteers available to share their time within our pantry. Our pantry is open on Mondays from 1:30–3:00 P.M., Tuesday from 1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M., and Thursday from 1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M. Consider giving an hour or two of your time to assist in our pantry as we enter into the colder months ahead. You will meet wonderful people and be a part of a ministry that blesses many in tangible ways! If you would like to volunteer, contact Sharry Hebert (sharry@trinity-ec.org) or Pastor Jim (jim@trinity-ec.org). Thank you!



Sojourner House

Join us for an evening serving at Sojourner House, homeless shelter, in downtown Eau Claire. Trinity serves on the third Friday of the month, and we will be at Sojourner on Fridays, November 17, and December 19.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with serving a meal, checking in guests, assigning a bed, storing guests' belongings, and visiting with guests. We are also looking for individuals willing to make two salads. If you have not joined us before, we would love to have you come and experience serving with us, and if you have helped in the past, we would love to have you join us again. Sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the co-leaders, Phyllis at 715.836.7055 or Sheila at 715.831.8982.

Blood Drive

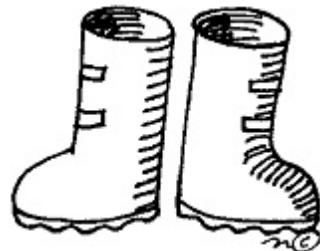
Trinity will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, November 17, from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Donors need to be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental consent), be in general good health, and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. You are eligible to donate blood at this drive if your last donation was on or before September 22. Sign up at Clipboard Central or make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter zip code 54701. Give a gift of life!

Blood Drive Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with reception and the canteen at our fall Blood Drive on November 17. Volunteer shifts are as follows: 12:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M., 2:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M., and 4:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Other volunteer opportunities include providing baked goods. Please sign up at Clipboard Central! Thank you!

Winter Boots for Elementary School Children

Winter boots can be expensive, especially for families who have multiple children and low incomes. Boots are necessary for children during Wisconsin winters. Having freezing cold feet while waiting for the school bus or playing outside is something no child should have to endure. During the month of October, Trinity distributed 120 boot vouchers redeemable for new winter boots at Kmart for elementary school children in the Eau Claire/Altoona area. Thank you for your donations to keep children's feet warm this winter!





Financial News

Year End Giving

Your charitable contributions do great things in Christ's name through Trinity and its mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." Thank you for every dollar you share. As we come to the last weeks of 2014, your donations are especially important. Your leaders have held expenses very close to the budget all year and plan a similar approach for 2015. We believe our church can have a strong financial finish to this year, and you are important to achieving it. Please be generous in your year-end giving. Give online at trinity-ec.org Every gift touches a life with the truth of God's love!



A Great Facility and A Mortgage Payment

Like many people who make house mortgage payments, your church also makes a monthly payment. Thus, your offerings to Mortgage Payment are very important because every gift makes it possible for Trinity to make its \$8,413 monthly payment, and often times additional principal payments. Our outstanding loan balance is \$696,615. (9/30/14). The ELCA Mission Investment Fund holds the note at 4.125%. Thank you for your offerings to Mortgage Payment.

Remember you can give to Mortgage Payment online and set up electronic fund transfers on our website.

Regular Ministries Income and Expense

January through September	2013	2014
Income	\$735,087	\$762,922
Expenses	\$727,269	\$782,573
Difference	\$+7,818	-\$19,651

Your regular offerings do great things in Trinity's mission of serving in Christ's love and sharing the Good News. They are the life-line that gives hope and healing to thousands of people every month. Please give and know that every dollar touches lives.

Creative Giving Gifts of Stock

A gift of stock or designating a minimum required distribution from an IRA can be one of the best ways to give to Trinity. Gifts of appreciated stock are particularly wise from a tax perspective since there are no capital gains paid and the giver receives a tax deduction of the full face amount. The same is true for your IRA RMD.

For example, if you bought stock for \$1,000 and now it is worth \$5,000, you receive a tax deduction for the entire \$5,000 without having a \$4,000 capital gain. You would benefit in two ways, and Trinity would benefit from the \$5,000 contribution.

Contact your financial advisor for details. Then, to donate stock call your broker or contact Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601 or amber@trinity-ec.org

Giving without Envelopes

The safe service of electronic fund transfers is available for all your charitable contributions. You can set it up at trinity-ec.org or call Amber for assistance. If you're currently using this service and still receiving envelopes that you don't use, please contact Amber Moltzau to discontinue them. Email her at amber@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601.

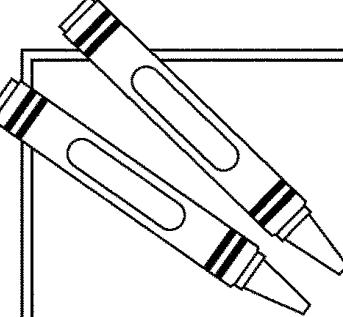
Facing Funeral Costs

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.

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Just for KIDS



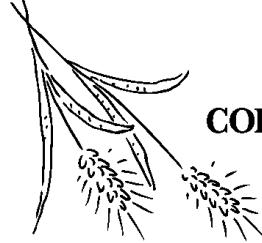


Harvest History

When we think of the harvest, most of us think of autumn. Well the Israelites had 3 different harvests! God told them, through Moses, how to celebrate feasts at the time of each harvest. Find out about them here.

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The Feast of Pentecost

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