



January Message Series

Life Aligned With God

God has a plan for your life. God has placed within you abilities and skill, passions and motivations. God has called you into particular roles and stations to bless this world with the love of Christ. You have a place in God's creative work in the world. This month the message series "Life Aligned with God" begins January 9 (Sunday and Wednesday) and aims to help you discover where, how, and why it's important to align your life with God. Come and grow in seeing the intersection of faith and your life. You are important to God!

Global Missions:

Building Benefits Children

Trinity is dedicated to global missions that make tangible God's love in Christ. This month a team of men will be in Jamaica January 27–February 1 beginning the first phase of a new building for Jabneh Christian Academy in Savanna La Mar. Last winter we built restrooms and playground equipment for this school that enrolls 80 children ages 3–14. It's part of the ministry of Marantha Church, and Trinity has a long relationship with Maranatha in Jamaica.

Will you help us build phase one? We need to raise \$2,000 before the team leaves January 27. Consider sponsoring a room in this 20' x 60' building which will serve as a Reading Center. Pick up a sponsorship slip in the Lobby of Trinity on Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings. Your donation will purchase building materials. The men pay their own expenses and also contribute toward materials. **For more information about Trinity's Global Missions visit www.trinity-ec.org or email kurt@trinity-ec.org**

Visitation

Pastor Retires

Pastor John Mikkelson who has served as Visitation Pastor on a part-time basis since 2006, has retired. Pastor John blessed many Trinity members confined to home or living in care facilities through his periodic visits and sharing communion. We are grateful for his service and will miss his partnership in pastoral care.

Starting this month we will commission new home communion visitors and introduce you to our new Director of Visitation Ministry, Pat Garber. This is a great time to consider how God might be calling you to be a home communion visitor to touch the life of someone who would love to be in worship, but cannot due to physical limitations. If you'd like to learn more, please contact Parish Nurse Marti Hofer, marti@trinity-ec.org

Baptisms, Babies & Beautiful Photos!

Don't miss the baptism celebration in worship, Sunday, on January 9, and Wednesday, January 12, when we look back at photos of the 42 people baptized at Trinity in 2010! We're going to read about Jesus' baptism and begin a message series "Life Aligned With God." Come to worship and hear again of the news of Jesus' baptism and how it applies to your life!



From Pastor Kurt

Dear Friends,

Time magazine's Person of the Year, founder of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg, is large in the news as I write this new year greeting to you. Even before this naming, I have been thinking about the ways in which some of our interpersonal relationships are being affected by the use of online social media such as Facebook, Twitter, blogs, and a host of other such means of connecting with people.

These tools add venues of communication, reconnect old friends, help new friendships form, and offer a way of keeping in touch. The flipside is as computer-based connectivity increases, time spent in the actual presence of others is decreasing. There simply is nothing like personal presence, of being face-to-face and eye-to-eye with people.

We read about the importance and longing for personal presence in the New Testament letter of John. John wrote to Christians friends: "I have much to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to visit you and talk with you face-to-face, so that our joy may be complete." 2 John 1:12. John knew the power of face-to-face friendship.

As you begin a new year, resolve to spend face time with friends and people you love. Every time you text someone or type an email, realize that you cannot convey the nuances of your voice, the beauty of facial expressions, or capture the sheer power of the experience of being with another person. Make 2011 a year of reconnecting with the benefits of face to face encounters with Christian community, too. While you can access spiritual resources for faith development online, in nature, or via daily devotions, the connection with God is multiplied enormously when worshipping together with each other. Don't let weekly worship pass you by. Prioritize your week to include worship on Sundays or Wednesday evenings.

I hope you'll "friend" me on my Facebook page. Pastors Jim and Heather do as well. We want to be connected to you using these handy means. But we hope most to see you in worship.

In closing, I share words of Jesus which tell me that his hope is for face to face time with him. While Jesus might have a Facebook page if he still lived on earth, I'm certain he still would have assured us before his ascension to heaven with this promise: "I go and prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:3

See you in worship and happy new year!
Pastor Kurt Jacobson



Face to Face

Annual Meeting of Trinity

Join us on Sunday, February 7, following the 9:45 A.M. worship service in the worship center for the Annual Meeting. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the staff, review 2010, and act upon the 2011 proposed budget. The 2010 Annual Report will be available Sunday, January 30.

New Council to Meet

The Council of Trinity meets for the first time in 2011 on January 11. The 2011 Council consists of:

- Term 2011— Curt Fawcett, Kirk Myhre, Kevin Monson, Sarah Pedersen, Cathie Woita
- Term 2012—Bill Hilgedick, Donna Kmetz, Sam Kmetz, Lisa McIntyre, Chris Lindahl, George McLeod
- Term 2013— Emily Banwell, Jan Hildebrand, John Rush, Tom Savaloja
- Appointed: (Treasurer) John Satre and the Trinity pastors

Visa/MC Giving Online

Enjoy the easy access of charitable giving with our online method at www.trinity-ec.org Automatic contributions are available from your checking or savings account or from your credit or debit card. For assistance, please contact Amber at 715.832.6601 or amber@trinity-ec.org

Blessing for Healing

Sunday, January 31, our worship at 8:15 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. will include a blessing for healing. We offer this acknowledging that God's Spirit has the power to bring wholeness. Jesus performed many different acts of healing, and the Church has continued these practices as a part of its ministry in Christ's name. In the praying for healing we offer to God what is burdensome to us, believing that God accepts us and that we are embraced in God's goodness, care, and concern. Come and worship on January 30 and bring your friends with you.

Summer Fun in the Rockies

Senior high youth and adults are invited to join Pastor Kurt at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp near Whitefish, MT. July 15–23. We'll spend four days backpacking, whitewater rafting, and enjoying the camp on beautiful Flathead Lake. We're riding Amtrak, and the cost is about \$700. A \$300 deposit is due now to reserve a spot. Information and registration sheets are available today at the Youth Tool Bench. For more information, contact Pastor Kurt at kurt@trinity-ec.org

Open House at Noah's Ark Preschool

Come meet the teachers, hear about the our wonderful faith based curriculum, and see the classroom where children explore, discover, and meet friends! The Open House will be held on Sunday, January 9, at 11:00 A.M. and on Monday, January 10, at 6:00 P.M. We can't wait to meet YOU!

Registration dates for 2011–2012 Noah's Ark School Year:

- Tuesday, January 18—Registration begins for currently enrolled M-W-F and T-Th children.
- Tuesday, February 1—Registration begins for Trinity Lutheran Church member children.
- Thursday, February 3—Registration begins for siblings of currently enrolled Noah's Ark children and non-member Come & Play/Friday Friend children.
- Tuesday, February 15—Registration opens to the public.

All registrations are accepted on a call-in basis only (715.832.6601) beginning at 8:00 A.M. For more information, visit our website at trinity-ec.org and click on the Noah's Ark page or e-mail noahsark@trinity-ec.org

Usher in 2011

If you worship at 8:15 A.M., we really need YOU to join an usher team! Teams consist of 8–12 people and serve for a month of Sundays alternating throughout the year. No experience is necessary. Excellent team captains will orient you, and you'll help provide hospitality and service to your church. Sign-up at Clipboard Central to be on an 8:15 A.M. usher team for 2011, and we'll contact you with additional information.



Worried about Taxes?

The US Congress continues to wrestle with taxation, and the return of an estate tax raises the attention of many looking to the future. *Estate Planning Smarts* author Deborah Jacobs says "Giving is the simplest estate-planning technique. Every dollar you give away to charity now saves on estate taxes, and you'll get a break on your income tax while getting a sense of satisfaction."

New Year Resolution Ideas

While you're making new year resolutions, do two more things! Pick up a free devotional booklet on the table in the lobby near the Fireside Room and resolve to make devotions part of every day next year. Then, be sure you've made a financial commitment to God, too. Offerings to Trinity are really offerings to God! Commitment cards are available in the information rack. You may also do this online at www.trinity-ec.org Giving page.

Parking around Trinity

Neighbors along Lexington Blvd. ask us not to park on the street now with snowbanks high and passing width diminished. Please, do not park on the street but use the lots. Thanks to Ron Farmer, the large snowpiles in our lots have been removed so there is more room for you to park. Please be thoughtful when parking around Trinity's busy campus. Thank you

Senior Citizens Friendship Group

The Friendship Group meets on Wednesday, January 12 at 10:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. We will have coffee and cookies, then a short business meeting including the installation of officers for 2011. After the meeting we will be entertained by playing Bingo! We will have lunch at the Ole Country Buffet. No reservations are needed.



Green the World

Be a good steward of God's creation and tend to the land by not throwing electronics in the trash. Take them for recycling. Best Buy will take your TV or computer monitor for \$10 and give you a \$10 gift card. Other items not allowed in the trash are cell phones, cameras, all computer hardware, printers, fax machines, and VCRs.

Men of Integrity

Attention men! Start the new year with a worthy new goal to come to Men of Integrity on Saturday mornings from 8:00–9:00 A.M. led by Pastor Jim. Men of Integrity spans the generations to grow faith and friendship for guys.

Recently formed, this group is reading and discussing "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secrets of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. You can jump in any Saturday as each discussion is based on a single chapter. The January meeting dates and topics are as follows:

- January 8 "The Wound" • Reading about Adam in Genesis connects to every man's story as we face the challenges in our lives.
- January 15 "The Battle for a Man's Heart" • A man's heart is influenced and guided by many variables throughout life. Where is God in our hearts and how does a heart of faith guide us?
- January 22 "The Father's Voice" • The history of a man's relationship with God is the story of how God calls him out and takes him on a journey.
- January 29 "Healing the Wound" • Messages of "real men" like John Wayne or James Bond conveys strength and confidence. They are also loners. Jesus leads us to a different recognition for "real men" based on a committed relationship with God.

For additional information, please contact Pastor Jim at jim@trinity-ec.org

Christmas Thank You

The staff extends sincere thanks to all who remembered us during the celebration of Christmas. Your cards and delicious goodies were appreciated. Most of all your thoughtfulness and support touched us richly. We are grateful to God for calling us to serve this congregation and to experience your friendship and goodwill in so many ways throughout the year. God's blessings to you!

Faithbooking Group

You are invited to join the Faithbooking Group on Monday, January 31 at 6:30 P.M. in room 306 for a special project (supplies will be furnished) and to continue work on your faithbook projects. If you haven't started a faithbook, come to find out how to do it. For more information, contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org

Get The Newsletter Online

Help your church save money and spare the environment by getting this newsletter via email. Tell us today that you want this option by emailing suzanne@trinity-ec.org. Thank you!

Joy Day Volunteers Are Needed

Trinity will host Joy Day on January 6 at Sacred Heart Hospital. We have been asked to donate 10 dozen treats including cookies, bars, nut breads, and sandwiches. They would also like one angel food cake. We will provide four helpers for the event to setup the refreshments, help with games, and assist guests as needed.

Helpers need to arrive at 12:45 P.M. to Sacred Heart Hospital's Rotunda. The event will be finished by 3:00 P.M. If you would like to donate food and/or your time for this event, please sign up on the sheet at Clipboard Center. If you have any questions, please call Ellen Dovre at 715.831.6030.

Evangelism Ministry Providing Five Star Service

Evangelism is the practice of relaying information about a particular set of beliefs to those who do not hold those beliefs. It takes place in many forms and many ways. We're aspiring to become a "Five Star" church at the Information Center in Trinity's Lobby on Sunday mornings, and we want you to help. Each week two people will host the Information Center to provide information about our congregation and current events and while pour coffee for you. Will you sign on? Do you have the gifts of hospitality and evangelism? For more information, contact Evangelism Team member George McLeod (715.832.2263) geomcleod@aol.com Or, you can also sign up at the Information Center since a member of the Evangelism Team will be there to greet you!

Mission Jamaica News!

This month Trinity men travel to Jamaica to build a Reading Center at Jabneh Christian Academy in Savanna La Mar. Then, in March, the intergenerational team will be in Kingston at Maranatha Church teaching in their basic school, conducting a food distribution project, and building a house. Both teams will be asking you for support to purchase materials,. All team members pay their own way and provide their own funds for materials. Watch for opportunities to be a part of both mission trips by providing funds for materials and gifts in kind.

On Sunday, January 30, the Silent Auction in the lobby is an event which supports the March team. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Kathy Rau at raukamara@aol.com.

Read more about Trinity's Global Missions at www.trinity-ec.org Direct questions about the January trip to Pastor Kurt Jacobson at kurt@trinity-ec.org and the March trip to Pastor Jim Page at jim@trinity-ec.org

Don't Let a Fall Get You Down!

Each year one in every three adults age 65 and older falls. Falls can lead to moderate to severe injuries such as hip fractures and head traumas. Early prevention and assessment is the key to maintaining your balance and health.

Join us on Sunday, January 23, in the Fireside Room to learn about preventing falls as we deal with our winter wonderland and issues of aging. Darrin Schober, Physical Therapist and Owner of Optimum Therapies, LLC, will share tips on evaluating your balance and maintaining strength to reduce your risk of falls.



Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, January 20, 9:30 A.M.

Trinity

Hostess:

Leader:

Dorcas

Wednesday, January 19, 1:00 P.M.

Trinity

Hostess: Ruth Wolfram

Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, January 18, 7:00 P.M.

Trinity

Hostess:

Leader:

Miriam

Wednesday, January 19, 9:30 A.M.

Trinity

Hostess: Leatrice Solberg

Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, January 18, 1:30 P.M.

Hostess: Mary Hoepner, 524 E.

MacArthur

Leader: Jeanette Suchla

Sarah

Wednesday, January 19, 9:30 A.M.

Hostess: Phyllis Burrows, 3397

Westhaven

Leader: Barbara Vorhes

Moving or Going South?

If you're heading south for the winter, please inform us of your new 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. Sign-up to receive a paperless copy of the Tidings and get it even faster! Whenever you change address, please contact Suzanne Becker at suzanne@trinity-ec.org or 832.6601.

Food Pantry Update

As we reflect on the incredible year the Food Pantry has had, we would like to thank our volunteers for the amazing work they do every week. Their smiles and positive words have made a difference in many lives in our community.

We'd also like to thank the businesses and organizations that have financially blessed us allowing us to maintain and improve the operations of the pantry:

- Eau Claire Women's Giving Circle
- Eau Claire Kmart
- Feed My People Food Bank
- Festival Foods
- Green Bay Packer Foundation
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Finally, we would like to thank you—members of Trinity Lutheran Church for your time, your donations, and your prayers. Together we have touched many lives and hope to bring our hunger ministry into 2011 continuing to serve those in need.

Take Small Steps Today

There are many ways that you can take small steps toward better health, and you can do to it—today! This site provides over 100 tips on taking small steps to a healthier lifestyle for you and your family. Steps that are simple and free! Remember, for adults, getting physically active at least five times a week, for thirty minutes or more, will help lead you toward a happier and healthier lifestyle. For kids, being active an hour a day is a small step towards good health! Eat a healthy diet, avoid harmful substances, integrate small steps into your life, and soon you will see the positive effects taking place—one day at a time. Check it out at www.smallstep.gov

Singing and Giving Opportunity "Feed My People"

The Chippewa Valley Community Chorus CVASING (Chippewa Valley Association Singers Involved With Neighborhood Giving) once again invites singers and audience members to participate in a fundraising concert to benefit the "Feed My People" organization on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church. The choral concert will feature "Requiem" by John Rutter accompanied by an instrumental ensemble and pipe organ, along with additional works by local composers. It will be directed by Gary Rambo and will also have a guest artist performer. Rehearsals are scheduled on Sunday evenings at Trinity Lutheran from January 16 through February 20, from 7:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M. with optional sectional rehearsals from 6:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. each evening (except Super Bowl Sunday rehearsal which will be at 2:00 P.M.). The final rehearsal on Sunday, February 27, and the dress rehearsal on Saturday, March 6, will be at First Lutheran Church in order to rehearse with the organ and instrumentalists. Interested singers may call Warren Hermodson 715.832.5173 or Gary Rambo 715.832.4429 to register, or register at the first rehearsal.

We Shared Abundantly this Christmas

Thanks to all who shared the spirit of generosity and love this Christmas. Because of your generosity we were able to distribute toys, jackets, snowpants, clothing, household products, and food to 29 families in the community. This annual project addresses needs of families with school-age children who have been identified by local school counselors as well as the county jail chaplain. Thank you to all who helped by purchasing gifts and food, donating money, and by sorting and delivering the items to the families. The quantity of care and the expression of love that goes out into our community and the lives of families by this sharing is unbounded. Trinity makes a difference in people's lives, and you have a part in that mission. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you for your amazing generosity to our many ministries in December including the Heifer Project, Fair Trade products, and the Food Pantry. Your giving enables us to affect the lives of many in need, both in our community and internationally. Thank you!

Staff Wellness Interviews In the Spotlight...Pastor Heather!

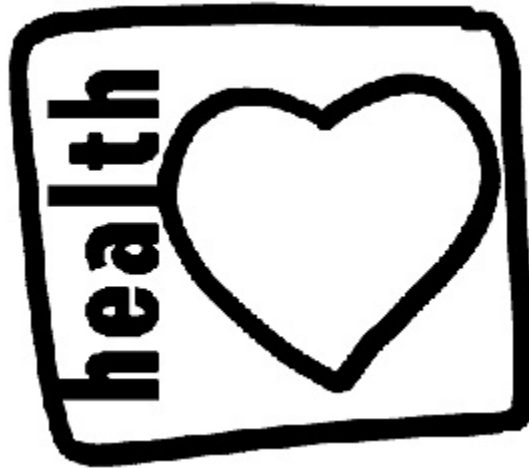
A New Year has dawned! What lies ahead for us? What choices will we make with what we are offered? How does being part of this faith family impact our decision making as we respond to God's goodness and his gifts?

Last month I shared some of my own health practices, and I hope you can relate to my challenges and successes. This month Pastor Heather shared with me some ways she addresses health and wholeness practices in her life.

- **Physical:** Pastor Heather is challenged with a sweet tooth! Can anyone relate to that? She always tries to eat in moderation and, most times of the year, does not keep sweets available. Even though she is never hungry at breakfast, she always eats breakfast. Heather is an early riser, so she tries to keep a routine sleep schedule. Exercise is an important part of her routine, and she likes to run three times per week and has been adding some weight training two times a week. Lunching at home every noon provides some quiet time for relaxation.
- **Social/Emotional:** Pastor Heather finds social outlets in time with her family, friends, and interactions at work with parishioners and staff. She manages her stress through exercise and is re-energized in quiet times.
- **Intellectual:** Favorite magazines Christian Century and Mental Floss keep Pastor Heather mentally challenged, as well as through conversations with her spouse, friends, parishioners, and staff. She makes a point of pursuing continuing education on a regular basis and is always in the middle of a book.
- **Spiritual:** When your calling is that of being a spiritual leader, carving out time for your own spiritual needs can be challenging. But worship and meditation happen in the midst of life, and Pastor Heather prays, meditates, and reflects in many ways; during her exercise time, while writing a sermon or preparing a devotion, and each evening while praying with her daughter Eleanor before bedtime. She also is privileged to serve in a church with three pastors which gives her the opportunity to worship with her family now and then. "My goal is not to have perfect balance; I don't think that's possible. But I try to live centered in the midst of life."

What wellness practices are you observing? In what areas might there be room for improvement? Be watching for the health habits of others on the Trinity staff! Let's work together and encourage one another to embrace wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.

God's Peace,
Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse



Noah's Ark News

Happy New Year! Really, it's 2011! I thought we just had the millineum? Oh well, time flies when you're having fun at Noah's Ark.

The Noah's Ark children are still singing their 2010 Christmas Party Programs. Maybe you were there...and heard The Story. They told it with such gusto! We plan on reviewing the whole story with a live Nativity in our classroom when we return to school after vacation! It's such a special memory.

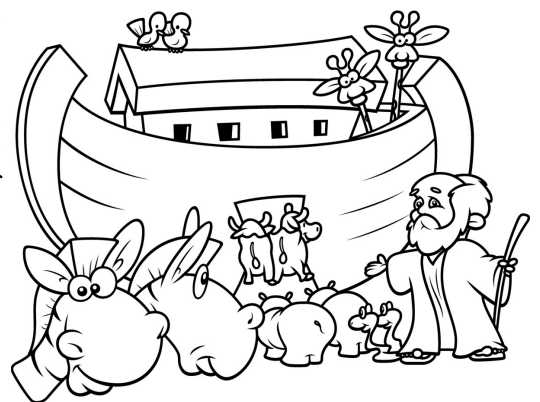
The NEW YEAR brings a couple of special events right away as we continue to celebrate our 30th year of operation:

- Noah's Ark 2011-2012 Open House on Sunday, January 9, at 11:00 A.M. and on Monday, January 10, at 6:00 P.M.
- Noah's Ark New Year Story Hour with Shelly Collins-Fuerbringer from the Eau Claire Public Library on Monday, January 17, at 6:00 P.M. in the Trinity Library.

Also, there are 2011-2012 Noah's Ark Preschool brochures are out around the building. They will also be available in Sunday bulletins and the newsletters. Take one to a friend...tell them about our preschool. We are a great place to be! Registration will open to the Trinity congregation on Tuesday, February 1 at 8:00 A.M. Call the church at 715.832.6601. I'll be answering the phone, and I can't wait to hear from you. If you have questions before that, please call or stop by our Open House!

Hugs to you all...and may you find Peace in 2011!

Jeanne



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday School Classes resume on January 2; Camp T.G.I.F. on January 5. See you then! Want to join a class? Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Day Camp Registration Procedure

Call Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 to enroll or for more information. Registration continues until classes are full. **All programs, camps, and events are open to the community.**

Open Gym Tuesdays

Beginning Tuesday, January 4, from 10:00–11:30 A.M. our gym will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. Marlee Knickerbocker will supervise the area and offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. There is a \$3 charge for each child at each session; \$5 for 2 children from the same family and \$7 for three. No registration is required. Members, friends of members, and non members are welcome to attend.

Music & Movement Mondays

Move and groove to the music with both new and old songs. We will explore music with song, dance, and instruments. This is a wonderful bonding experience for you and your child. We will explore a new theme each week, and Bible stories conclude each class. Parent or caregiver must attend class with child.

For: Children ages 1–3 years

Dates: 16 class periods beginning January 10

Time: Session 1 9:15–10:00 A.M. or Session 2 10:30–11:15 A.M. on Mondays

Cost: \$103 includes cost of supplies and equipment. Fees may be paid in installments.

Thrilling Thursdays

Spend Thursday mornings engaged in a wide variety of preschool activities. Children will cook, read, paint, experiment, sing, and dance. The class will allow children to explore and discover in the areas of language, science, music, math, and art. A hands on discovery approach will be emphasized in a Christian environment.

For: Children who are 4 by 12.31.10

Time: 9:00–11:00 A.M. or 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays

Dates: 18 class periods beginning January 13 (Does not meet March 24)

Cost: \$230 includes cost of supplies and snacks. Fees may be paid in installments.



The Great Pretenders

Come and join the fun. Dynamic drama and awesome art will be combined to enhance children's literature and Bible stories. After creating props and costumes, children will use them to act out the stories. Theater games, creative movement, story structures, and creative artistry will be explored in this high energy class.

For: Children who are 4 by 12.31.10

Time: 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays

Dates: 17 class periods beginning January 11 (Does not meet February 22 or March 22)

Cost: \$218 includes cost of supplies and snacks. Fees may be paid in installments.



New "Reads" for January

Look for These Books in our Trinity Library

- ***Stranger In The Woods*** by Carl R. Sams II & Jean Stoick. This is the 10th anniversary edition with a special 3D cover. Children will love this photographic fantasy created by two noted wildlife photographers. (++)FIC SAM)
- ***Corduroy Mansions*** by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the same author as the popular No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency and is in a new setting London, with a new cast of characters and one incredibly clever dog. (FIC SMI)
- ***The Age of Miracles, Embracing the New Midlife*** by Marianne Williamson. The purpose of this book is to psychologically and spiritually reframe life transition so it leads to a wonderful sense of joy awakening. (155.7 WIL)
- ***Chicken Soup for the Soul: Devotional Stories for Mothers*** by Susan M. Heim and Karen C. Talcott. This is a compilation of 101 daily devotions to comfort, encourage, and inspire mothers. (242.5 HEI)
- ***Beginner's Grace, Bringing Prayer to Life*** by Kate Braestrup. (248.3 GRA)
- ***The House at Riverton*** by Kate Morton. This book was the debut novel for Morton. It is the captivating story of an aristocratic family, a glorious English estate, a mysterious death, and a way of life that vanished forever. (FIC MOR)
- ***The Art of Racing in the Rain*** by Garth Stein. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope. A captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life as only a dog could tell it. (FIC STE)
- ***Plainsong*** by Kent Haruf. This is a story about people's ability to adapt and redeem themselves and to heal the wounds of isolation by moving toward community. (FIC HAR)
- ***When Everything Changed*** by Gail Collins. This book chronicles the amazing journey of American Women from 1960 to the present. (305.4 COL)
- ***Dewey's Nine Lives*** by Vicki Myron. New stories about Dewey, the library cat who inspired millions! (636 MYR)
- ***100% Official Justin Bieber First Step 2 Forever: My Story*** by Justin Bieber (YP BIO BIE)

In the Mail!

Jail Ministry Thank You

Dear Rev. Jacobson and the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your on-going support of our jail ministry.

Last month, Good News Jail and Prison Ministry hosted the local Evangelical Ministerial Association's monthly meeting at our jail. The topic was after care the importance of church and mentor involvement once an inmate is released from our jail.

Pray that we, as a Christian community, will do all we can to help inmates make a healthy transition back into society.

Blessings, Chaplain Tom Herro

Trinity Lutheran Members

I am writing this letter to thank you for the Jack & Lois Olson Scholarship in honor of Pastor Jack's retirement.

The scholarship is helping to pay my tuition at Luther Seminary. Thank you again for your generosity and may God continue to bless your ministries. Sincerely, Jami Brieske



Dates & Details

Wednesday, January 5

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 9

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.
- High School Book Study in the Youth Room from 6:00–7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 12

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 Youth Council in the Youth Room at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.
- High School Youth Council in the Youth Room at 7:15 P.M.

Sunday, January 16

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.
- High School Book Study in the Youth Room from 6:00–7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 19

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 23

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.
- High School Book Study in the Youth Room from 6:00–7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, January 26

- CrossWord practice in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 30

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.
- High School Book Study in the Youth Room from 6:00–7:00 P.M.

Community Table

Food is a basic need of humankind, and it is our privilege to serve those who go without! We will be serving a meal to those in our community at the Community Table on Sunday, January 16. There are two shifts: 1:00–3:00 P.M. to prepare the meal, and 2:45–5:00 P.M. to serve the meal. Both students and parents are needed to provide this service to the community. A sign up sheet is available at the Tool Bench.



Club 78

Movie Night

Cast your vote on Wednesday, January 12, during Club 78 large group lesson, on which movie will premiere at our first movie night of the year. Then, bring a snack to share and join Club 78 classmates on Friday, January 14, from 6:00–8:00 P.M. in the Youth Room for an evening of fellowship. Sign up at the Tool Bench.

High School

Movie Night

High School students will have an opportunity to reflect on an inspirational story about real-life challenges and hard choices. It is a story of hope and living a life of significance. On Sunday, January 30, we will watch the movie, “To Save a Life” at 5:30 P.M. in the Youth Room. Sign up at the Tool Bench and bring a snack to share!



Thirty Hour Famine High School Retreat "30HF"

By doing the 30HF, you'll TASTE hunger, help FEED kids, and GROW in your faith! Join us from 6:00 P.M. Friday, January 21, thru Saturday, January 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The cost for the 30HF Retreat is \$50.00 per person, and the registration deadline is Wednesday, January 5. This retreat is a fundraiser to help provide food for families in Haiti thru World Vision. Sponsor envelopes will be handed out as you register. Sign up at the Tool Bench. For additional information, please contact Cassie Brenden at cassie@trinity-ec.org or call 715.832.6601



- Fast begins Friday after lunch
- 6:00 P.M. check in at Trinity
- Tribe Haiti: A Six-Game Challenge
- Juice Breaks
- Overnight at Comfort Inn on Craig Rd
- Free time at the pool
- Community service project: Feed My People
- Devotions & Prayer
- Saturday Dinner at Trinity

Club 78 Retreat-Camp

Luther Park Recharge is coming up on the weekend of January 7-8! Campers are encouraged to come away to Luther Park to engage in Holy Play and RECHARGE their lives of faith. The theme verse this season comes from 1 John 4:19 "We love because God first loved us." Registration materials and more information are available online at lutherpark.org and at the Tool Bench.



High School Book Study

During the month of January, High School students have an opportunity to join a four-week long book study on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:00 P.M. We will read the novel "To Save A Life" written by Jim and Rachel Britts. This book is about a struggling friendship between two high school friends. After a tragic move from one of the friends, the other searches for answers. Through this journey, you will be challenged to answer the question—What's your life going to be about?



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Memorials & Gifts

Organ

- In memory of Bob Metzgar: Jim & Marge Oleson, Elizabeth Breden
- In memory of Myrtle Bollinger: Jim & Anne Walker

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Children's Bibles

- In memory of Kjerstie Brynn Pressler: Mike & Dori Ritland

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Myrtle Bollinger: Ron Retzlaff

Shoe Project

- In honor of Betsy Fawcett's Affirmation of Baptism: Elaine Lonning

See the Tool Bench for a sign up sheet.

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Ryan Poquette—Trinity Tollers
Jami Brieske—10:30 Worship Music Leader

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

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Jami Brieske—Luther Seminary

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- Deadline for the February Newsletter is Tuesday, January 18.