

Baptisms, Babies & Beautiful Photos!

Don't miss the baptism celebration in worship on Sunday, January 8, and Wednesday, January 11, when we look back at photos of the 47 people baptized at Trinity in 2011! We're going to read about Jesus' baptism and see how it has an important message for our lives today. Come to worship and hear again the news of Jesus' baptism and how it applies to your life!

Blessing for Healing

On Sunday, January 29, our worship 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 29, and bring your friends with you.

Renew! Challenge in February! Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength

The Renew! Challenge is a four week exercise in stretching ourselves. It's a star chart, and your goal is to put a star in each box each day. It's simple. Each day, maybe at dinner or bedtime, take a moment and remember back on your day. Have you used your heart? Put a star! Your soul? Put a star! Your mind and strength? Two more stars! If you commit to the four weeks, there will be a reward! The Renew! Challenge begins in late January. Be watching for more information. Mark 12 ... "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."



Annual Meeting of Trinity

Join us on Sunday, February 5, at 10:35 A.M. in the worship center for the Annual Meeting. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the staff, review 2011, and act upon the 2012 proposed budget. The Annual Report will be available Sunday, January 29.

Noah's Ark Preschool Open House

Come meet the teachers, hear about 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 8, at 10:30 A.M. and on Monday, January 9, at 6:00 P.M. We can't wait to meet YOU!

Registration dates for the 2012–2013 Noah's Ark School Year:

- Tuesday, January 24—Registration begins for currently enrolled preschool children.
- Tuesday, February 7—Registration begins for Trinity Lutheran Church member children.
- Thursday, February 9—Registration begins for siblings of currently enrolled Noah's Ark children and non-member Come & Play/Friday Friends children.
- Tuesday, February 28—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 under the GROW menu or e-mail noahsark@trinity-ec.org

Dear Friends:

The practice of making New Year's resolutions goes back over 3000 years to the ancient Babylonians. There is just something about the start of a New Year that gives us the feeling of a fresh start and a new beginning. In reality, there is no difference between December 31 and January 1. Nothing mystical occurs at midnight on December 31. The Bible does not speak for or against the concept of New Year's resolutions. As a person of faith, what kind of resolution should one make?



Common New Year's resolutions are: to lose weight, exercise more, manage money better, and spend more time with family. They are all good goals to set. But they really don't have anything to do with faith, and I wonder why we're not thinking spiritually when we make resolutions.

1 Timothy 4:8 instructs us to keep exercise in perspective: "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." The vast majority of New Year's resolutions, even among Christians, are in relation to physical things. Let's change that for 2012.

What about resolutions to pray more, to read the Bible every day, and to worship at least three times a month? These are resolutions that would bear good fruit all year long.

However, these New Year's resolutions will fail just as often because there is no power in a new year's resolution. Resolving to start or stop doing a certain activity has no value unless you have the proper motivation for stopping or starting that activity. For example, why do you want to read the Bible every day? Is it to honor God and grow spiritually, or is it because you have just heard that it is a good thing to do? Why do you want to lose weight? Is it to honor God with your body, or is it for vanity, to honor yourself?

Try this: consciously envision God at the center of your New Year's resolutions. God has the power to align your will with God's intentions for your life. But you have an accompanying power to apply here. Philippians 4:13 tells us, "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

So, what sort of New Year's resolution will you make?

Here are some suggestions:

1. Pray for wisdom as to how to fulfill the goals God gives you.
2. Find an accountability partner who will help you and encourage you.
3. Give God the glory for every accomplishment you achieve.

Psalm 37:5-6, "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

Happy New Year of blessings be upon you!
Pastor Kurt Jacobson

New Council to Meet

The Council of Trinity meets for the first time in 2012 on January 10. The 2012 Council consists of:

- Term 2012—Bill Hilgedick, Donna Kmetz, Sam Kmetz, Lisa McIntyre, Chris Lindahl, George McLeod
- Term 2013—Jan Hildebrandt, John Rush, Tom Savaloja
- Term 2014 – Peggy Casper, Dave Benning, Nathan Nybrotten, Sharon Bram, Cindy Taylor
- Appointed: John Satre, Treasurer; Jason Boon Treasurer-elect; and the Trinity Pastors

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 28 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.

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!

Mission Jamaica News!

This month Trinity men travel to Jamaica to build two classroom buildings at Jabneh Christian Academy in Savanna La Mar. Last year the men built one classroom. To accomplish this project, your financial support is needed. Look for Jamaica tags in the lobby on Sundays and Wednesdays this month, or give directly online at trinity-ec.org under the GIVE menu.

ELCA Young Adults Global Experiences

Young Adults in Global Mission offered by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America provides adults younger than age 30 a year in global service. Designed to provide the ELCA's young adults with a transformative international mission experience, the goal is to further develop them as servant-leaders in the church.

In 2010 44 volunteers served in nine countries and, in August, 50 YAGMs began service. Since its inception in 1999, 419 volunteers have served.

Placements of young adults include everything from homeless shelters to HIV/AIDS ministries. Applications are due soon. If you're under 30 or if you know someone you think God might use in this way, tell them to become a Young Adult in Global Mission.

- Application Deadline: March 1, 2012, to start August 2012.
- Age Range: 19–29 (at least one year post-high school).
- Education: College graduates or equivalent life experience (except United Kingdom).
- Commitment: 11 to 12 months.
- Language Requirement: Conversational Spanish for Argentina, Uruguay, and Mexico; basic language training is provided elsewhere when applicable.
- Finances: The average direct cost per YAGM volunteer is \$10,000. YAGMs must each raise at least \$4,000 of that support. They receive full room and board, a monthly stipend, health insurance, and round-trip travel to and from the country of service.

To apply or learn more, go to elca.org/globalmission

Travel to China "The Missionary Trail"

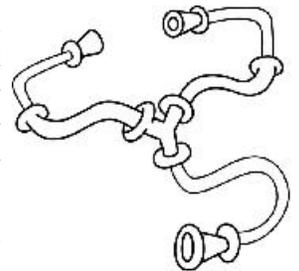
You're invited to a great travel experience with Creative Charters from St. Paul, MN. This China tour highlights the path of the Lutheran missionaries from the late 19th century into the early 20th century. Dates are April 12–30, 2012. Participants will travel the path that the early missionaries followed to get to their destination in Xinyang, China in the Henan Province. Paul and Ida Martinson (who are fluent in Chinese) will guide this tour. Details of this historical tour can be found at www.creativecharter.com For more information, please email dorothy@creativecharter.com

After-Hours Pastoral Care

The Trinity pastors work in cooperation with the Parish Nurse, the Director of Visitation Ministries, and area chaplains at hospitals and other care facilities to provide for Trinity members when an unexpected health event happens. In the rare occasion that this comes into your life during the night time or weekend, please know the Trinity pastors are ready to respond when you phone them directly using the numbers listed on the back cover of this newsletter. Please keep it handy or mark it in a permanent place in your home. When such events happen and you or your family member is being treated in a hospital or care facility, the staff there will respond to your request to contact a pastor. Don't hesitate to ask.

Medical Personnel

Please note that the Parish Nurse would appreciate your assistance every second Sunday of the month to run our Health Ministries blood pressure



screening. Use your skills, enjoy visiting with some members, and serve in Christ's love! Sign up on the bulletin board across from the nursery, or contact Marti Hofer at marti@trinity-ec.org

Friendship Group

On Wednesday, January 11, at 10:00 A.M., Linda McClelland, member of Trinity, will share a program about Laura Ingalls Wilder. After the program, we will have lunch at Old Country Buffet. Everyone is welcome.

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!



Usher in 2012

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 2012, and we'll contact you with additional information.

Giving Online

Enjoy the easy access of charitable giving with our online method at trinity-ec.org. Automatic contributions are available from your checking or savings account or from your credit or debit card. You may also set up online your 2012 pledge to pay automatically. For assistance, please contact Amber at 715.832.6601 or amber@trinity-ec.org



Family Volunteer Opportunities

Wondering what to do with the kids when school is out? Come volunteer at Feed My People! Children in grades K-12 and their families are invited to volunteer an hour or two at the food bank. Families will work in the warehouse repackaging bulk foods, labeling cans, and sorting food collected from area food drives.

Sign up to help during any of these days and times:

- Monday, February 20, 1:00–4:00 P.M.
- Friday, April 6, 10:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M.

Space is limited, and volunteers must sign up in advance. For more information or to sign up, contact Ashley at 715.835.9415, ext. 101 or ashley@fmpfoodbank.org

Thrivent Members Chose Trinity

Thank you to Thrivent product holders who have dedicated “Thrivent Choice” dollars to Trinity or Trinity’s Preschool Noah’s Ark in 2011. Thanks to your designation, a variety of ministries of Trinity are receiving \$11,400 and Noah’s Ark Preschool is receiving nearly \$3,900! If you’re a Thrivent member and you have Choice dollars to designate, please remember Trinity. Thank you!

Knittin' Time!

Join us on Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. You can bring any project you are knitting on. You can swap some yarn, receive some assistance on a project, and have a sweet treat. Everyone is welcome . . . new knitters who want to improve; good knitters who want to excel; excellent knitters who want to fuel their addiction! We are open to the public!

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, January 19, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Carol Bartingale
Leader: Joyce Davis

Dorcas

Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 P.M.,
Trinity
Hostess: Ruth Wolfram
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 P.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Marilyn Johnson
Leader: Group

Miriam

Wednesday, January 18, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Leatrice Solberg
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, January 17, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Jeanette Suchla, 3809
Harvard Ln.
Leader: Lori Juneau

Sarah

Wednesday, January 18, 9:30 A.M.
Hostess: Lois Olson, 3014 Putnam
Glen Place
Leader: Barb Vorhes

Health Ministries

Breathing Deeply, Staying Healthy

...as long as my breath is in me and the Spirit of God is in my nostrils...Job 27:3

The Hebrew word for Spirit “ruah” means breath. The Spirit of God is the breath of God. When we breathe in, the air that fills our lungs is the very Spirit of God taken into our bodies to sustain life. At the moment we die to this life, we are said to breathe our last breath.

The hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" captures the sense of God as breath; *"Breathe on me breath of God, Fill me with life anew, That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do."*

"Fill us with life anew." What a complete prayer! With each breath, we are asking God to be in our very beings. When we call on God to lead us, to heal us, to be with us, we are asking that we be able to breathe freely and fully. We are seeking God's presence with us in the essence of life: our breathing.

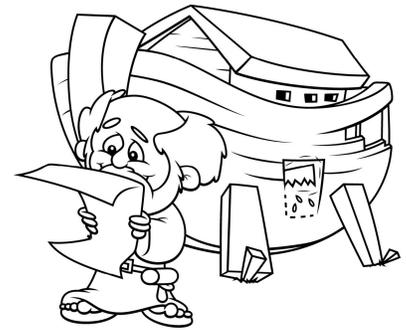
When I was learning to ride a bike, I remember my father saying to me, "Soon it will be as easy as breathing out and breathing in." In biology, we learned how some functions of our bodies are involuntary—they happen without our even thinking about them. We may only think about our breathing when it becomes labored after a brisk walk or run or an uphill climb or jog. Such exertion makes our breathing faster and shallower. We feel its accelerated rhythms in our heads and chests and may ask companions to give us a moment to catch our breath.

Returning our breathing to its normal pace brings a sense of comfort as does focusing on breathing in meditation. When my son was young and would get angry about something, I would suggest he take three deep breaths. I initially gave this direction because someone had disciplined me in a similar fashion. Soon I found this exercise worked. To encourage my son to take the three deep breaths, I would take them with him. I quickly learned that regardless of the impact on him, it was a valuable exercise for me as a stressed-out parent. Imagine. Something as simple as three deep breaths can bring calm.

The God who breathed life into the first humans, breathes life into us today. Let us ask God to breathe on us, giving us life anew to meet the challenges we face as souls housed in bodies that get sick, bodies that sometimes fail us and the ones we love. God's breath is all around us.

Try this prayer for 2012: *"Breathe on me breath of God. Fill me with life anew."* Then take three deep breaths. It actually works!

Marti Hofer, Parish Nurse
www.HopeAndHealing.org



Noah's Ark News

Happy New Year! Can it really be 2012! The days and years are flying by.

It was a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas on the “Ark.” The Noah's Ark children are still singing their 2011 Christmas Party Program songs. Maybe you were there and heard “The Story.” It was amazing! 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 special event soon after as school resumes on Tuesday, January 3. The Noah's Ark 2012–2013 Open House is on Sunday, January 8, at 11:00 A.M. and on Monday, January 9, at 6:00 P.M.

There are 2012–2013 Noah's Ark Preschool brochures in kiosks around the building. They will also be available in Sunday bulletins. Take one to a friend, and tell them about our preschool. We are a great place to be! Registration will open to the Trinity congregation on Tuesday, February 7, 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! All other registration dates are in the 2012–2013 Noah's Ark brochure. You can't miss it; it's bright yellow!

Hugs to you all...and may you find Peace in 2012!

Jeanne Cooper, Preschool Director

Children's Ministries

The Christmas Sharing Project and Wall of Food

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Christmas Sharing Project. You are very generous! Because of this, we were able to distribute toys, jackets, snowpants, clothing, household products, and food to 28 families in the community. Thank you to all who helped by purchasing gifts and food, donating money, and sorting and delivering the items to the families.

Beginning January 3

Open Gym Tuesdays

Beginning on Tuesday, January 3, from 10:00–11:30 A.M., the Trinity Room will be open for parents/grandparents 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; however, please email or call Mary Schoenknecht to indicate your interest at marys@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601. Members, friends of members, and non members are welcome to attend.

Winter/Spring Day Camps have available openings! Call Mary Schoenknecht for registration information at 715.832.6601

Music & Movement Mondays

• Beginning January 9

This Day Camp is for children ages one through three. Session One meets from 9:15–10:00 A.M., and Session Two meets from 10:30–11:15 A.M. on Mondays beginning January 9 for 16 class periods (please note we do not meet on January 23, February 20, or March 19). The cost of \$103 includes cost of supplies/equipment and may be paid in installments.

The Great Pretenders

• Beginning January 10

This Day Camp is for children who are four by 12.31.11. We meet from 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Tuesdays beginning January 10 for 17 class periods (please note we do not meet on February 21 or March 20). The cost of \$218 includes cost of supplies and snacks. Fees may be paid in installments.

Camp Come and Play

• Beginning January 4

Children with birthdays between 9.1.2008 and 8.31.2009 have an opportunity to play with other children of their age. We meet in Trinity's Nursery from 12:15–2:15 P.M. on Wednesdays and are limited to 12 children. We meet for 19 class periods beginning January 4. The cost is \$247 which includes snacks and supplies for activities and can be paid in installments.

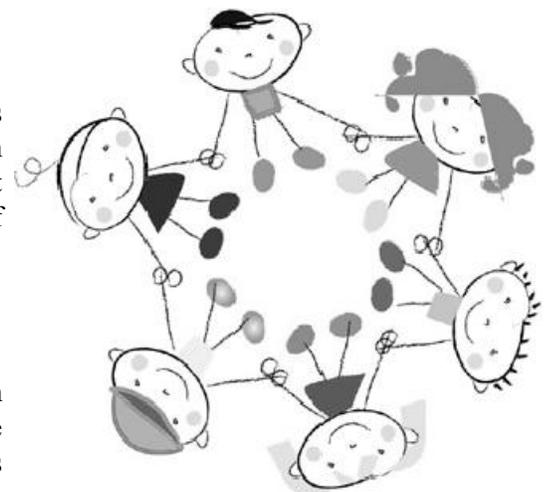
Thrilling Thursdays

• Beginning January 12

This Day Camp is for children who are four by 12.31.11. We meet from 9:00–11:00 A.M. or 1:00–3:00 P.M. on Thursdays beginning January 12 for 18 class periods (please note we do not meet on March 22). The cost is \$230 and includes cost of supplies and snacks. Fees may be paid in installments.

Please Note!

Sunday School Classes resume on January 8. Camp T.G.I.F. classes and rehearsals resume on January 4. See you then! Want to join a class? Contact Mary Schoenknecht at 715.832.6601 or marys@trinity-ec.org for more information.



Trinity Youth

Youth Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 1

- No Teen Study: New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 4

- CrossWord Rehearsal in the Worship Center at 5:30 P.M.
- Club 78 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.
- Club 9 in the Trinity Room from 7:15–8:30 P.M.

Sunday, January 8

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, January 11

- CrossWord Rehearsal in the Worship Center 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 15

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 22

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.

Wednesday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 29

- Teen Study: Club 78 in the Trinity Room, High School in Room 306 from 10:30–11:05 A.M.



Luther Park Recharge is coming up on the weekend of January 6 and 7! Students in grades 7 and 8 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 Matthew 17:20 "Faith as big as a mustard seed can move mountains." Registration materials and more information are available online at lutherpark.org and at the Tool Bench.



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 Friday, January 27 from 4:30–7:00 P.M. Both students and parents are needed to provide this service to the community. A sign up sheet is available at the Tool Bench.

Ping Pong Tournament and Movie Night

Join the High School Youth Council for a fun evening of fellowship. They are hosting a Ping Pong Tournament and Movie Night for youth in grades 7–12 on Friday, January 20, from 5:00–8:00 P.M. Parents and mentors are also welcome to join their student in the ping pong doubles bracket. Game tables will be set up in the Trinity Room and "Facing the Giants" will be playing in the Youth Room. Singles and doubles bracket sign ups are located at the Tool Bench. Please bring a \$2.00 donation to go towards pizza and pop. We are looking for adult volunteers to help keep score at the tables, help in the kitchen, and chaperone in the Youth Room. Please contact Cassie (cassie@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

Thank you to the Pientok Family for their generous donation of cranberries! Cranberry sales raised \$355 for the Sojourner House and \$355 for Lutheran World Relief Africa.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

As we reflect on Trinity's many outreach ministries this year, we would like to thank our volunteers for the amazing work they do. Your 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 with their gifts:

- Bethesda Lutheran Church
- Buckets for Hunger
- Eau Claire Women's Giving Circle
- Eau Claire Kmart
- Festival Foods
- Green Bay Packer Foundation
- Here We Grow Again
- Stepping Stones Food Pantry in Menomonie
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Kwik Trip
- Feed My People Food Pantry

Finally, we would like to thank you the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, for your time, your donations, and your prayers. Together we have touched many lives and hope to bring our outreach ministry into 2012 continuing to serve those in need.

thank
YOU!

Serve The Community Table

Join us on Friday, January 27, or Friday, February 24, as Trinity serves the hungry in our area at the Community Table. We are in need of people to prepare and serve the meal as well as bake bars or cookies for dessert. This is an excellent opportunity for couples, families, youth, or anyone who wants to serve! Sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Suzanne Becker at 715.832.6601 or suzanne@trinity-ec.org

Dear Friends of Flynn,

Thank you for your generous donations to children who attend Flynn School. There is an increasing need in many homes for assistance with some of the most basic needs for children including clothing, snacks, and school supplies. Your donations are helping to meet those needs for children here.

So many members and friends of Trinity have given generously. Children are already wearing the shoes that were purchased for our physical education program, and donated socks have been greatly appreciated. Snacks were provided for our students at the beginning of the year, and many children voiced their appreciation for the wonderfully healthy snacks that help with learning. We have given out socks and underwear when needed, and we have shared school supplies so all children have what they need in the classroom and at home. We also appreciate the donated pop tabs, milk lids, and cereal box labels. Those bring extra funds to our school to assist with student learning also.

Thank you for caring about the children of Flynn. We feel blessed to have such wonderful friends at Trinity!

Sincerely,
Kimberly Hill, Principal

Cracker Jacks and Smiles

Recently a woman came into the pantry for food. The single mother was facing many challenges including health concerns and the struggle of raising a son on her own. As tears came down her face, she told the volunteers how grateful she was to be able to come to Trinity's Food Pantry and how her visits affirmed her faith. When asked if there was something more that we could do for her, she asked for an additional box of Cracker Jacks for her son who rarely gets to have a treat. While we strive to help those in need with food and other items, we try to remember that sometimes something as simple as a box of Cracker Jacks or a smile is all it takes to brighten someone's day. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who brighten the days of many every week.

Thank you

We recently received a phone call from one of our Food Pantry guests to express to the church board, the pastors, and all the gracious volunteers how very thankful she is for the Trinity Food Pantry. She said, "The money I would need to spend for that food can be used to pay my bills and taxes. I am older, and the help from your pantry allows me to stay in my home."

Please keep this ministry and those we serve in your prayers.

Thank you!

To the Congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$7,534.47 and the beautiful quilts. Sojourner House will greatly benefit from these generous gifts. We are able to provide a warm, safe place for people to sleep because of donations like yours! Have a Merry Christmas! Thank you.

The Staff at Sojourner House



New “Reads” for January, look for these books in our Trinity Library on the “A” framed display!

FOR ADULTS

- *Fearless* by Max Lucado. Wouldn't it be great to escape fear? According to Jesus, this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was “Do not be afraid.” In this book, Max Lucado invites the reader to consider Jesus’ invitation to courage. (FIC LUC)
- *Through My Eyes: Tim Tebow* by Tim Tebow & Nathan Whitaker. Tim Tebow has been in the news almost daily this fall when he became the starting quarterback for the Denver Broncos in the NFL. Read about his inspirational story in this biography. (B TEB)
- *The Time of Our Lives* by Tom Brokaw. In his newest book, Tom Brokaw turns his attention to the challenges that face America in the new millennium and offers reflections on how we can restore America’s greatness. (973.927 BRO)
- *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, and Lynn Vincent. This is an amazing true story of a modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together. (B HALL) Also by the same authors, *What Difference Do It Make?* is their latest compilation of stories of hope and healing. (261.8 HALL)
- *A Yada Yada House of Hope Novels* by Neta Jackson. This is a new series by the author of *The Yada Yada Prayer Group* (also in Trinity’s Library). (FIC JAC)
 - Book 1 *Where Do I Go?*
 - Book 2 *Who Do I Talk To?*
 - Book 3 *Who Do I Lean On?*
 - Book 4 *Who Is My Shelter?*
- *The Girl in the Gatehouse* by Julie Klassen. Klassen is a historical fiction writer who lives with her family in St. Paul, Minnesota. This story is intriguing, mysterious, and romantic. (FIC KLA)
- *While We’re Far Apart* and *Though Waters Roar* by Lynn Austin. These two historical fiction novels are written by award-winning Christian author, Lynn Austin. (FIC AUS)

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

- *Naamah and the Ark at Night* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti. (FIC BAR)
- *The Big Red Tractor and the Little Village* by Francis Chan (FIC CHA)
- *Dear God, It’s Me!* By Lynn Hodges & Sue Buchanan (FIC HOD)
- *I Talk to God About How I Feel* by Stormie Omartian (FIC OMA)
- *One Hand, Two Hands* by Max Lucado (FIC LUC)

Received November Memorials & Gifts

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Wayne Devery: Roger & Marleen Clark
- In memory of Lucille Christian: Leland & Anna Mayer
- In memory of Glenn Anderson: Marvin & Leatrice Solberg, Lowell & Janis Joseph, David & Carol Anderson

Library Fund

- In memory of Mildred Weaver: Jerry & Joanne Dow

Youth Ministry Fund

- In memory of Lucille Christian: Mark & Marti Hofer

Organ Fund

- In memory of Dorothy Gilbertson: Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Eugene LaFave: David & Jeanette Suchla
- In memory of Millie Weaver: Norman & Viola Berg
- In memory of Pearl Michel: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Laurence Cook: Hazel Cook

Prayer Shawls

- In memory of Eric Nixdorf: Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf

Buckets for Hunger

- In memory of Glenn Anderson: Doris & Clifton Husberg

General Fund

- In honor of Charles Colburn’s 100th Birthday: Jerry & Sharon Colburn

Health Ministry Fund

- In memory of Ken Kujawa: Jim & Sherry Jones

Good Samaritan Fund

- In memory of Alice Snodgrass Huller: Jim & Sherry Jones

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Maren Grams: Sue Hesketh & Linda Gilasevitch
- In memory of Glenn Anderson: Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In memory of Lucille Christian: Kurt Jacobson
- In memory of Millie Weaver: Norma Bottenhoff, Sandra Biermeier, Marvin & Leatrice Solberg

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