

# Trinity

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## Lent 2022 "You Are Here"

We typically talk about Lent being a journey. We write "God bless your Lenten journey!" in our newsletters, and we sing "Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make." And it's true: there is movement in Lent. Jesus moves from the mountain on Transfiguration to the desert temptation, then into Jerusalem and onto the cross and up from the grave. We hope that our Lenten journey will mirror Jesus' and help us conform our lives to Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

But what if Lent isn't only about journey? What if Lent is also about a stationary place? The scripture readings for Lent this year present a unique, sustained focus on location and place. Of all the liturgical seasons, Lent is the one that best proclaims how no matter where you are—death included—God can find you. Any location—including wherever you are right now—can become a place for resurrection. Join us on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. beginning March 2.

- March 2 • Ash Wednesday
- March 9 • You Are Here: "The Promised Land"
- March 16 • You Are Here: "Under the Sky"
- March 23 • You Are Here: "Sanctuary"
- March 30 • You Are Here: "At the Table"
- April 6 • You Are Here: "Before the Funeral"



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity on Sunday, February 6, in the Worship Center at 10:30 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the pastors, review 2021, elect a new council, and adopt the 2022 budget. The online Annual Report will be available at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) on Friday, January 28. Please print a copy and bring it to the meeting. Print copies will also be available in the Lobby and at the meeting.

## New Member Orientation

"Discover Trinity" is the one-time new member event designed to introduce new people to our congregation's mission and many ministries. If you're looking for a faith community to provide you support, guidance, and growth in faith as well as joyful fellowship and opportunities to serve with people who love God, please join us! "Discover Trinity" is available for you to learn more about our church and become a member. The next Discover Trinity will be held on Sunday, April 24, at 10:30 A.M. Please register online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or call 715.832.6601.

## Trinity Quilters

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting warmth and comfort of God's love! Join us February 8 and 22, and March 8 and 22.

## Thursday Morning Text Study

Join a group of early risers on Thursday mornings from 7:30 A.M.–8:30 A.M. in the lobby. This group comes together for a pastor led study on the upcoming Sunday morning texts.



## Save the Date!

The Ladies Retreat at Luther Bible Camp in Chetek this summer is going to be happening June 8 and 9! Come and listen to Sally Ankerfelt, a former ELCA pastor and an adoption coach! Our discussion will be "All in the Modern Family." Learn, laugh, and love as we explore Christ's framework for creating a healthy space for families. The cost is \$75 for both days; \$40 for one day. The early bird rate is until May 15. There will be plenty of activities including swimming, pontoon rides, wagon rides, foot soaks, chair yoga, card making, and more. Registration forms will be available on the Women's Ministries bulletin board. Ask questions or request a form by emailing Jacki Johnson at [jackij7@gmail.com](mailto:jackij7@gmail.com) or call Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.

## Memorials & Gifts

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Bob Manz: Bernard & Kay Poeschel, Charles & Rebecca Ihle, Chuck & Sue Nyberg, Frances Harris, James & Sharon Manz, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Loretta Young, Lorann Stien, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Sue Hesketh: Benjamin Rivard

### Endowment Trust

- In memory of William Norris: Phyllis Grohn
- In memory of Bob Manz: Chuck & Sue Nyberg

### Food Pantry

- In honor of Dan & Jacki Helgeson: Randy & Peggy Casper
- In memory of Bill Norris: Ardis Nystuen
- In memory of Bob Manz: Warren & Mavis Hermodson

### Quilters

- In memory of Tam Howie: Doris Hennig, Miriam Circle, Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

### Library

- In memory of Sue Hesketh: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Bob Manz: Sandra Jacobson

### Friends of Flynn

- In honor of Randy & Peggy Casper: Dan & Jacki Helgeson

### Bible Fund

- In memory of Grandsons: Mary Friederich

### Health Ministries

- In honor of Larry & Carol Schnack: Pat Garber

### Trinity Choir

- In memory of Bob Manz: Warren & Mavis Hermodson

## Circle Meetings

- Miriam • Wednesday, February 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, February 15, 1:30 P.M. Trinity



## Trinity Endowment Trust Awards Grants

In November 2021, the Board of the Trinity Lutheran Endowment Trust awarded over \$14,000 in grants to ministries and missions that extend the work of the congregation. Thanks to memorials, offerings, and estate bequests, the Endowment Trust now has a portfolio over \$1,500,000! Let's continue to grow the Endowment Trust. What you do now will do great things in perpetuity!

November grants will support:

- CYF Staff Retreat
- Caregiver Ministry
- Quilters
- Feed My People
- Praise in the Park
- Scholarship Singers Program

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought in spices and food seasonings for the Trinity Food Pantry as part of the Children's Ministries Spice Drive this past January. These donations will further enhance the variety of items available to food pantry visitors.



# CARE & CONCERN

## Dear Trinity,

How many of you have been caregivers or know someone who is a caregiver? It may be caring for an aging parent; caring for a spouse with dementia, cancer, or chronic illness; or caring for a child with special needs. Caregivers come in all age groups, relationships, and gender. And caregivers are often overlooked. We focus on the person being cared for; how are they feeling or what are the latest test results. We may remind the caregiver to “take care of yourself; if you get sick there won't be anyone to care for...” As a friend told me, “that is one more thing that I have to worry about doing right in the midst of everything else.”

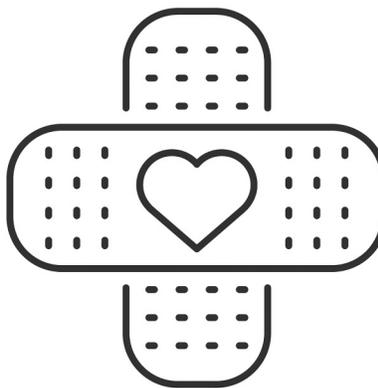
This year Trinity will focus on building a caregiver ministry for members of our congregation. We began the process by working with Allison Breininger, a caregiver for her husband who has the rare disease Fanconi Anemia. I intended to summarize some of her writings, but she is so talented and insightful that I felt I would be doing her a disservice. So, please visit her website at [thenegativespace.life](http://thenegativespace.life) to read entries from caregivers, listen to Allison's podcasts, and access other resources. This website is for both caregivers and those who support caregivers.

Each month, I will share a “tip” for those of us who are supporters for the caregivers in our lives. This month's tip: Listen without judgement. Whether it is a conversation or a text message, let the caregiver know you are there for them. Listen without trying to “fix things.” Provide the emotional support they need by being a trusted friend, allowing them to safely express their feelings.

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be on February 17 from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. We'll hold blood drives every other month during 2022 to maximize donations. Last year we collected 221 units of blood. Thank you to all who donated or helped at the drives. You can register to donate at [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer at 715.832.6601 ext 214, and she will register for you.



## Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

One in three American adults has high blood pressure. High blood pressure increases your risk for serious health problems including stroke and heart attack. Get your blood pressure checked regularly starting at age 18—and do your best to keep track of your blood pressure numbers. Trinity's Health Ministry offers free blood pressure screenings in the Parish Nurse's office on the second Sunday of every month.

## Save the Date

The Academy of Lifelong Learning (Formerly Senior American's Day) is Tuesday, June 7, at UW-EC. The keynote speaker is Dr. Zorba Paster, a family practice doctor who has a program every Saturday called “Zorba Paster On Your Health” on Wisconsin Public Radio. Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, started attending this event four years ago and found it to be wonderful and informative. A large variety of topics are offered.

## Friends of Flynn

The Friends of Flynn Committee is a community mission project of Trinity that serves and supports the children and staff of Flynn Elementary School on Lee Street. The committee members meet regularly with the Partnership Coordinator from Flynn to identify unmet needs of the students that this mission can address with the help of our generous congregation. During this current school year, we have already able to give school supplies, snacks for the classrooms and afterschool program, books for each student to keep forever, clothing (including socks for kids with wet feet from playing outside on the playground), and weekend meals for those families who request them. Most recently, a member of our committee worked with two laundromats in the school area to purchase laundry vouchers for families, a request through the Partnership Coordinator.

Thank you to the many people who have supported the Friends of Flynn ministry through the years. Our annual fund drive to continue this support will begin in a March. We invite you to watch for more information and how you can make a special gift that goes directly to the students and staff of Flynn School. We invite you to become a Friend of Flynn on their Facebook page where you can see all the wonderful learning and events that are happening at "Our School." Often there is a special shout out to Trinity Lutheran Church!



# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

## Noah's Ark Registration Information

While we did not hold an open house this year, you are welcome to set up an individual opportunity to visit our classroom. Please contact Marlee Knickerbocker, Noah's Ark Preschool Director, at 715.832.6601 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Three year old class options (for kids who are 3 by 9.1.22)

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 A.M. –11:30 A.M.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (multi-age class), 9:00 A.M. –11:30 A.M.
- Monday–Thursday afternoons (multi-age class), 12:45 P.M. –3:15 P.M.

Four/Five year old class options (for kids who are 4 by 9.1.22)

These are great pre-kindergarten options!

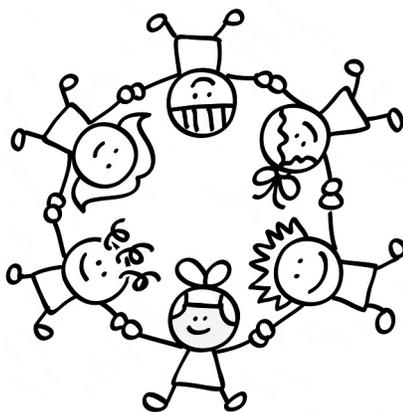
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (multi-age class), 9:00 A.M. –11:30 A.M.
- Monday–Thursday afternoons (multi-age class), 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.
- Monday and Wednesday afternoons (emphasis on science, creative arts, and early literacy activities), 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

### Cost

- Two Days Per Week: \$108/month tuition, \$140 One-time Supply and Registration Fee
- Three Days Per Week: \$162/month tuition, \$210 One-time Supply and Registration Fee
- Four Days Per Week: \$216/month tuition, \$280 One-time Supply and Registration Fee

Registration dates for call-in registration 715.832.6601

- February 1, 8:00 A.M. : Open to the public



## Early Childhood Enrichment Class Opportunities

Specific class information for Fall 2022 including times, costs, and registration dates will be available early spring.

- Music & Movement Class: A parent & child class for 1–2 year olds.
- Come & Play: A drop-off class with the option of one or two days per week for children with birthdates between 9.1.19 and 5.31.20

## Noah's News

Winter greetings! A few words about our days...comfortable routines, warm friendships, outside play dressing, fast gym running, cold snow play, a fun pet day, peacemaker conversations, Bible story reading, bodies moving, paintbrushes painting, voices singing, and so much more!

Our registration process for the 2022–2023 Noah's Ark school year has begun. We look forward to registering returning children as well as welcoming new children and families to Noah's Ark and Trinity. Invite your friends and neighbors with young children to consider our programming for preschool age children.

As we move into February, we will celebrate LOVE...God's love for us, the love of family, the love we share with friends. We will share valentines and love with each other!

In peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker, Director

## Sledding Party

It's cold and snowy, so let's enjoy it! Come to Centennial Park for an afternoon of sledding on February 20 from 2:30 P.M.–4:00 P.M. Centennial Park (3125 Spooner Ave, Altoona) has a great sledding hill that is small enough for the younger kids while still offering a bit of a thrill for the older ones. The park also has a small playground and hiking trails, so bring your snowshoes, sleds, and other winter toys. We'll provide hot chocolate, so bring your thermos!



## Frolic

Trinity's Children, Youth, and Family Team is excited to launch a new ministry for families with very young children called Frolic. As a part of Frolic, parents will receive monthly newsletters that share age-specific developmental and faith milestones. These newsletters will be provided at no cost to parents.

Later this year, as COVID allows, we hope to offer classes to develop faith with parents and children together, allowing parents to be with their little ones as they learn Bible Stories, prayers, songs, and blessings. Frolic Family classes will also be a way to build community among young parents, creating a space for parents to connect with other parents as they build faith together and with their children. Look for more information about Frolic Family classes later this spring.

- If you would like to receive a Frolic Newsletter and you have a little one who was born on September 1, 2019 or after, contact Heather Day at [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org) or sign up online at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) and click on the blue "Register Here" button.
- **OR** scan the QR code above to find the registration form.



## Luther Park Bible Camp

Children currently in grades 1–11 are invited to join us for a fun week at summer camp! Trinity's CYF Team encourages kids to spend a week at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek from June 26–July 1. (Children in kindergarten–grade 3 are encouraged to attend Luther Park Day Camp the week prior, June 20–24.)

Campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun and activities available at Luther Park. Children will engage in creative Bible studies, worship, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions, along with swimming, games, and developing community with new and old friends. Older children will even experience the heart pounding excitement of the High Ropes course!

Learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org). Scholarships are available to Trinity kids—ask Heather Day or Ashley Olson for more information!

## Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be happening at Trinity July 18–22. All new this year—VBS is a family affair! Watch for more details to come.

## Forming a Lasting Faith

I recently listened to a podcast that featured sociologist Christian Smith sharing new research examining how parents shape their children's long-term faith. His research highlights the critical factor of talking about faith in the context of day-to-day life. Dr. Smith acknowledged the importance of conversations that engage the role of faith in everyday situations.

So parents, the next time you and your kids talk about friendship troubles at school, try asking the question, "What do you think Jesus would say about this?" If you and your kids encounter an unhoused person at the public library, wonder together "What have we heard in church about how we should care for our neighbor?" Remember, a lasting faith is formed in the situations and interactions of our everyday life. Don't be afraid to share the ways that your faith influences your daily decisions.

Peace,  
Heather Day



## Middle and High School Confirmation Elective

The next Confirmation Elective will be offered on Sunday, February 6, from 8:50 A.M.–9:45 A.M. This meeting will either be held in the Youth Room or via Zoom depending on whether Faith Formation Classes have resumed. We will discuss the movie "Raya and the Last Dragon." Please watch the movie prior to attending.

## Youth Gathering Group Meeting

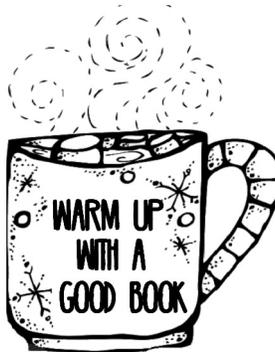
The next Youth Gathering Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 16. Time and location will be determined closer to the date depending on whether Faith Formation Classes have resumed.



# LIBRARY

## Chase the Chills Away

Put on those comfy clothes, grab a blanket, and find a really comfortable corner of the couch. Grab a mug filled with something hot. Then, spend a few hours with a really good book. Need a book? Stop by the church library!



## Children's Books

*God Made You to be You* by Jamie Ivey. This book is a story about learning the importance of being yourself and is sure to delight and encourage young readers with the reminder that God has a special purpose and plan for each of us. (++) FIC IVE)

Four new books from the National Geographic Readers Series:

- *In the Forest* by Shira Evans. What kinds of interesting critters live amongst the forest trees? This is a level 1 co-reader that is full of engaging photos and fun facts. (++) 577.3 EVA)
- *All About Bears* by Jennifer Szymanski. Kids love bears and in this book they'll be introduced to them all: grizzly, polar, sun, sloth, black, and brown. (++) 599.74 SYZ)
- *Dinosaurs* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. In this level 1 reader, young people will learn all about the giants that once roamed the earth. (++) 567.9 ZOE)
- *Trot, Pony!* by Shira Evans. Trot, prance, and jump with ponies! Young readers will meet lots of different kinds of ponies and learn what they do. (++) 636.1 EVA)

*Who Made the World?* by Kathleen Long Bostrom. The book is full of illustrations and fun rhymes. It opens with questions children ask about the world and how God made it and follows with a warm conversational response "from God" to answer each question. (++) 231.7 BOS)

## Fiction—Youth

- *The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCanillo. From the two-time Newberry Medalist comes a fantastical meditation on fate, love, and the power of words to save the world. (+ FIC DIC)
- *The One and Only Bob* by Katherine Applegate. This book is a return to the unforgettable world of *The One and Only Ivan* in this incredible sequel, starring Ivan's friend Bob. (+ FIC APP)
- *Sunny Side Up* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. This graphic novel is a cute story with some serious undertones. A young girl is sent to Florida to spend the summer with her grandpa. Placed in the 70's, she finds Florida to be boring. Meanwhile, she flashes back to months before when she and her family watched her teenage brother spiral out of control with substance abuse. (+ FIC HOL)
- *Swing It, Sunny* by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm. A positive attitude can sometimes help troubles go away, and this gentle, humorous, and honest graphic novel demonstrates the value of optimism and persistence. This is the second book in the Sunny series. (+ FIC HOL)

## Fiction—Adult

- *The Girl from the Channel Islands* by Jenny Lecoat. A Jewish woman falls in love with a German soldier amid the Nazi occupation of Jersey. In this debut novel, author Jenny Lecoat skillfully weaves the hardship of war, the poser of resistance, and the strength of forbidden love into an intimate story of survival. (FIC LEC)
- *Where I Come From: Stories from the Deep South* by Rick Bragg. This celebrated author and newspaper columnist brings an ode to the stories and history of the Deep South, filled with eclectic nuggets about places and people and written with honesty, wit, and deep affection. (FIC BRA)

## Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, February 15, in the Trinity Lobby at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim M. Richardson.

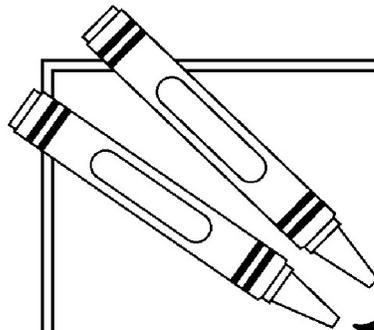
The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scarp for everything—everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter. Cussy's not only a book woman, however. She's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else.

## Book Review

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles—Sonnie Jacobson, Library Committee

From this gifted author comes this story set in the 1950's. (The title is a real road; the first US transcontinental highway from New York city to San Francisco, begun in 1913, and paid for by donations!)

The story is a facinating road adventure taken by five young people: Emmett Watson from Morgen, Nebraska; neighbor girl Sally; his two fellow juvenile work farm inmates, Duchess and Wolly; plus his little brother Billy. In only ten days, they travel by light blue Studebaker, freight car, cab, subway, and on foot as many adventures ensue. With Towles' rich settings, quirky characters, and large themes, all written in his brilliant language—it's a book to remember.

# Just for **KIDS**

## LOVE IS...

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul writes about love. He tells us what love does and does not do. Let's find out about love!

Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
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LOVE IS           
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LOVE IS           
11 9 14 4

LOVE          WITH THE TRUTH  
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LOVE           
16 18 15 20 5 3 20 19

LOVE           
20 18 21 19 20 19

LOVE           
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LOVE           
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... THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.  
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS

          
12 15 22 5

Answer: PATIENT, KIND, REJOICES, PROTECTS, TRUSTS, HOPES,  
PERSEVERES, LOVE

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Jacqueline & Patrick Bencke, Japan

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  - Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 16.