



Trinity

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New Member Orientation

"Discover Trinity" is the one-time 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 Monday, October 17, at 6:00 P.M. To register, please call the church office at 715.832.6601 or email trinity@trinity-ec.org

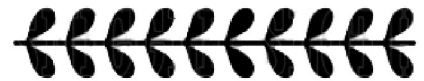
Seeking Worship Assistants

- Communion Servers • Do you enjoy serving others? If so, being a communion server is a great way to be involved in worship. Communion servers are needed on the first and third Sundays of each month. To sign-up, please visit Clipboard Central.
- Communion Prep Volunteers • We are looking for families or individuals to help prepare and clean up the elements for communion. The tasks are very simple. Preparing includes placing wafers in baskets, filling communion trays with disposable cups, filling the cups with wine and grape juice with a squeeze bottle, and moving them to the worship center. Clean up includes storing unused wafers, disposing of the filled unused cups, and putting items away.
- Readers: We are looking for readers for 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Readers will be emailed a copy of the selected reading for the assigned Sunday.

We are grateful to all who assist with Sunday morning worship and make Trinity a great experience for all who attend! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Frank Watkins at frank@trinity-ec.org

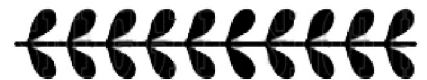
October Circle Meetings

- Deborah • Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 A.M. Oakwood Hills Apartments
- Miriam • Wednesday, October 19, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, October 18, 1:30 P.M. Trinity



The Quilt Ladies

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 October 11 and 25.



Free Devotionals

Pick up the two daily devotionals for this fall in the information rack in the lobby today. There are also a few large-print editions available.



Memorials

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Ralph Miller: Donna Murr
- In memory of Arlene Martinson: Mark & Karen Mulligan



YOUR LIBRARY

Trinity Book Club

On Tuesday, October 18, at 6:30 P.M. in room 208, the group will discuss *The Family Chao* by Lan Samantha Chang. The residents of Haven, Wisconsin, have dined on the Fine Chao restaurant's delicious Americanized Chinese food for thirty-five years, content to ignore any unsavory whispers about the family owners. Whether or not Big Leo Chao is honest, or his wife, Winnie, is happy, their food tastes good and their three sons earned scholarships to respectable colleges. But when the brothers reunite in Haven, the Chao family's secrets and simmering resentments erupt at last. Sign up at Clipboard Central or email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org if you plan to attend.



New in Your Library

Fiction

- *The Kindest Lie* by Nancy Johnson. Powerful and revealing, this debut novel captures the heartbreaking divide between black and white communities and offers both an unflinching view of motherhood in contemporary America and the never-ending quest to achieve the American Dream. (FIC JOH)
- *Anything Is Possible* by Elizabeth Strout. This collection of nine interrelated short stories explores the whole range of human emotions through the intimate dramas of people struggling to understand themselves and others. (FIC STR)
- *We Are Not Like Them* by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza. Told from alternating perspectives, this novel follows two women, one black and one white, whose friendship is indelibly altered by a tragic event. (FIC PRI)
- *March* by Geraldine Brooks. This is a novel that retells Louisa May Alcott's novel *Little Women* from the point of view of Alcott's protagonists' absent father. Brooks has inserted the novel into the classic tale, revealing the events surrounding March's absence during the American Civil War in 1862. (FIC BRO)
- *Fox Creek* by William Kent Krueger. The latest in the bestselling Cork O'Connor Mystery Series follows Cork in a race against time to save his wife, a mysterious stranger, and an Ojibwe healer from bloodthirsty mercenaries. (FIC KRU)
- *The Many Daughters of Afong Moy* by Jamie Ford. A new epic novel from Jamie Ford spanning more than two centuries and beginning with Afong Moy, the first Chinese woman to set her bound foot on US soil. It is a powerful exploration of the love and loss that finds one family of women across generations. (FIC FOR)

Biography/Non-Fiction

- *Deaf Utopia* by Nyle DiMarco. Nyle DiMarco was half of a pair of twins born to a multigenerational deaf family in Queens, New York. In this engrossing memoir, he shares stories, both heartbreaking and humorous, of what it means to navigate a world built for hearing people. Dancing with the Stars fans will certainly want to read this memoir! (B DiM)
- *Saving Freedom* by Joe Scarborough. In *Saving Freedom*, Joe Scarborough

recounts the historic forces that move President Harry Truman toward his country's long struggle against Soviet communism and how this untested president acted decisively to build a lasting coalition that would influence America's foreign policy for generations to come. (973.91 SCA)

Picture Books

- *A Day at the Zoo with Lou* by Peggy Polacek. This book inspires and empowers the reader by seeking to answer the questions, "Who is God? and What does God want for me?" The answers occur naturally as Lou and his mom spend a fun day at the zoo observing the animals and nature. (FIC POL)
- *The Spooky Wheels on the Bus* by J. Elizabeth Mills. Enjoy this haunted Halloween bus ride that will have children singing with excitement. *The Spooky Wheels on the Bus* is a humorous Halloween-themed version of the classic song *The Wheels on the Bus...* with a few ghoulish tricks and treats up its sleeves. (FIC MIL)
- *Construction Site Gets a Fright!* by Sherri Duskey Rinker. Celebrate a night of spooky fun with the construction crew from the bestselling *Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site* series. On a dark and windy Halloween night, the trucks are ready for bedtime. But with tricks and treats on their minds, the familiar construction site starts to seem a little eerie! (FIC RIN)
- *The Berenstain Bears': Fall Family Fun* by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Celebrate Halloween and Thanksgiving with two Berenstain Bears Classics, *Trick or Treat* and *Prize Pumpkin*. Join everyone's favorite bear family as they enjoy these beloved fall holidays and discover that there's so much to appreciate all year long. (FIC BER)
- *Pete the Cat: Five Little Pumpkins* by James Dean. Join Pete the Cat as he rocks out to this cool adaptation of the classic Halloween song "Five Little Pumpkins." (FIC DEA)
- *The Little Kitten* by Nicola Killen. This book is a sweet story about friendship, responsibility, and gratitude and a simple, heartfelt story for Halloween. (FIC KIL)



CARE & CONCERN

From the Parish Nurse

Special Service

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month. Prior to Covid, we were planning a special class for women who had experienced pregnancy and infant loss. Covid ended those plans. This month Trinity wants to have a special service for women and families who have gone through miscarriage and infant loss. This will be a service of remembrance and healing. We know that these experiences are life changing and never leave us. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please watch the announcements and web page for the date and further details.

Monthly Healing Service

The Healing Service is offered the third Sunday of the month at 9:15 A.M. in the chapel. It is a brief service devoted to prayers for healing and comfort. It is for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit or who knows someone for whom they would like to pray. Please join us on Sunday, October 16.

Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood pressure checks are on the second Sunday of each month following each worship service, typically in the church office. You may also contact Vicki Dueringer at 715.832.6601 ext 214 or vickid@trinity-ec.org to make an appointment.

Vaccinations

Get your flu vaccine. They are available at the local pharmacies, your healthcare providers, and through Eau Claire County. Covid Vaccine Booster (two months or greater since last booster or disease and you had your initial series of the vaccine) is also available at the local pharmacies, your healthcare providers, and through Eau Claire County.

Social Events

The Friendship Group has some exciting activities planned for the rest of the year. On Wednesday, October 12, you are invited to join The Friendship Group at the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp in Carson Park at 10:00 A.M. for a tour of the facility. There is an \$8 fee which will be paid directly to the tour staff. Following the tour, enjoy lunch at Sweet Drivers Chocolates and Café located in the Artisan Forge on Mondovi Road. They offer homemade soups, fresh salads, and delicious sandwiches all made with locally sourced meats and vegetables. Prices range from \$10–\$14 for lunch or Wednesday, November 9, the Friendship Group will showcase a DVD on the Lutefisk Saga followed by a Scandinavian lunch of meatballs (no lutefisk!), mashed potatoes, rutabagas, lefse, and rosettes.

Caring for Creation Connecting Faith with Sustainable Living

You are invited by the Caring For Creation Committee to their Open House/Adult Forum on Sunday, October 2, after each worship service. They will share who they are and their purpose and goals. You are invited to become a member of their committee.

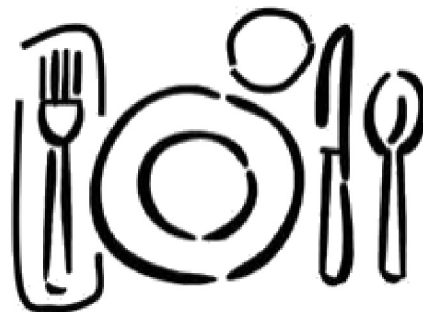
One of their goals is to discourage the use of single use plastics. They will be selling cloth bags for \$4. There is so much we can do in caring for our planet, humanity, and all living things. Let's do it together sustainably!

Activities at the open house include:

- Purchase cloth bags
- Test your knowledge about plastics in our environment
- Check out the timeline of breakdown of different types of waste
- View the new books regarding "Caring for Creation" provided by the Library Committee (fiction and nonfiction)
- Attend the forum after each worship service
Presenter: Patty Scott, Co-leader of the Eau Claire Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby. What solutions are out there to address climate change?

The Community Table

Trinity will volunteer at The Community Table on Wednesdays; October 12, November 16, and December 14, to serve lunch. We need six volunteers to prepare the meal from 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. and six volunteers to serve the meal and clean up from 11:15 A.M.–2:00 P.M. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055, or sign up at Clipboard Central.





Online Prayer Requests

You're invited to share prayer requests at trinity-ec.org by using the Prayer Request button on the Care & Concern page. These requests go to our Prayer Link Team, and then they pray! If you appreciate the benefits of prayer and are willing to pray for those who share requests, join our Prayer Link Team. You will receive a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying. Please contact Cindy Beck for more information at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Friends of Flynn Update

The students and staff are back in school, and Trinity's Friends of Flynn Committee members have already engaged in supporting our partner school, Flynn Elementary.



- **School Supplies:** Thank you to those who donated school supplies requested by the teaching staff this year. This included markers and cartons of facial tissue - fortunately many of the other typical school supplies were furnished by community agencies. If additional supplies are requested throughout the school year, we will use designated funds to purchase them and/or we will keep you, a Friend of Flynn, updated on any specific needs.
- **Healthy Snacks to Kick-off the New School Year:** During September, volunteers purchased, packed, and delivered cheese sticks three times, and bananas (three times), for each student. They also purchased additional nonperishable snacks for each classroom to have on hand when students are not able to bring them.

We continue to meet regularly with Flynn's Partnership Coordinator, Jessica, to learn how we can support the children, their families, and the Flynn staff. We suggest you follow the school on Facebook—it's fun to see what they are doing. There is often a shout out thank you to Trinity for our support.

We ask you to pray for a safe and productive school year. Thank you from the Friends of Flynn Committee Members.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

Noah's News

Noah's Ark Preschool is underway for the 2022–2023 school year. We are blessed with more than 70 wonderful families and children. Parents of Noah's Ark and Come and Play students are sending their children into school with hugs and smiles. Kids are getting busy quickly and having fun with new friends.

For Noah's Ark classes, September was spent discovering in our classroom, meeting new friends, and celebrating God's faithful servant Noah. We learned about God's promise through the rainbow while we discovered colors all around us. We sang about the rainbow, danced with the rainbow, walked and jumped on the rainbow, and created rainbow colors. It is a joy to spend our days with these beautiful children who have such energy and enthusiasm. They are becoming peacemakers in their words and actions already!

As we look forward to October, we will be out enjoying the beautiful fall days...on our playground, making science discoveries, and looking for changes all around us.

Watch for another Noah's Ark Chipotle Night coming in October. The specific date and time will be available soon. We hope you will join us! It's a great way to help support this ministry of early childhood education at Trinity. Thanks for keeping our children and families in your prayers!

In Peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker

Class Openings

Music and Movement is a parent/child class for children whose birthdates fall between 9.1.2019 and 3.1.2021. It meets on Wednesdays, 10:30 A.M.–11:30 A.M. Contact Marlee Knickerbocker at marlee@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 for more information or to register.



Trinity Trunk-or-Treat

Join us on Wednesday, October 26, from 5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. for our Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Come to Trinity's big parking lot dressed in your Halloween costumes to see some awesomely decorated trunks and receive some great Halloween Tricks and Treats! If you would like to decorate your trunk (and yourself!) and hand out candy, contact Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.



Intergenerational Faith Formation

On Sunday, October 30, we'll try something new: Intergenerational Faith Formation class! Children should bring their adults with them to class from 8:50 A.M.–9:35 A.M. in Room 208 as families come together to play, learn, and grow in faith. Regular faith formation classes will NOT be held on this day. All people of Trinity (with or without children) are welcome to attend this intergenerational faith formation class.

Tie-Dye T-Shirt Fundraiser

Each fall, Trinity blesses dozens of children with new Bibles as a fulfilment of the promise that is made in baptism to "place in their hands the holy scriptures." To support this important ministry, we are holding a Trinity Tie-Dye T-Shirt fundraiser. Shirts can be found in the lobby and purchased for \$15 (Child XS-XL) or \$20 (Adult S-XXL). Additional donations to the Bible Fund are always accepted. Thank you!

Frolic Family Class

Saturday, November 5, Trinity Chapel

10:00 A.M.–10:45 A.M.: ages 2 and under (born 9.1.2020 to present)

11:00 A.M.–11:45 A.M.: ages 2–3 (born 9.1.2019–9.1.2020)

Young children and their parents/caregivers are invited to another Frolic Family class! This class is an opportunity to develop faith with adults and children as we learn Bible stories, prayers, songs, and blessings together. Frolic Family classes are also a way of creating a space for parents/caregivers to connect with other adults as they build faith together and with their children. To register, complete the online registration form (go to www.trinity-ec.org and click on the blue "Register" tile or email Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org

It's Not Too Late to Register for Faith Formation Classes

- Children ages three and older have the opportunity to attend faith formation classes on either Sunday morning (8:50 A.M.–9:35 A.M.) or Wednesday evening (5:00 P.M.–5:50 P.M.). The same program is offered on both Sundays and Wednesdays, so families can decide which day/time works best for their family.
- Faith formation classes began September 18/21 and meet September through April. A donation of \$25 per student is suggested to help offset the cost of supplies and curriculum.
- Registration and payment can be completed online (preferred method) at trinity-ec.org/register/. Paper registration forms are available in Trinity's office. Payments can also be made by cash/check (payable to Trinity Lutheran Church).

Teachers Are Still Needed!

If you are interested in learning more about how to be in relationship with Trinity's children/youth on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings, please contact Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org (6th grade and below). Teachers are needed for faith formation classes this school year.

Child Friendly Worship

Children are a gift from God, and they are an integral part of the worshipping community of Trinity. As a result, we try to facilitate ways for families to bring their young children to worship and to encourage children and youth to be active participants.

We offer activity bags for small children to use during worship to keep their hands busy. These bags can be found near the entrance to the worship center. In order to keep germs from spreading, please place used activity bags in the receptacle marked "Used Activity Bags." Thank you!

"Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News"

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 - All submissions must be your own work. Any copyrighted material (code, images, or otherwise) must include written permission from the original source.
 - Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 14.