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Lent 2023: "In Community"

The invitation to Lent spoken on Ash Wednesday reminds us that we enter this season together "with the whole church." Though many common Lenten practices rightly invite us to individual acts of repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love, Lent is also a time for deepening of community. As a community of ELCA Lutheran churches in Eau Claire, we encourage you to attend Wednesday worship services where pastors will rotate through the congregations bringing a new perspective on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God. Join us on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. beginning February 22

Additionally, Lent Soup Lunches are returning. After you attend the 12:15 P.M. worship service enjoy fellowship and lunch in the Trinity Room. We hope to see you there!

- March 1 • In Community ... Our Neighbors
- March 8 • In Community ... Christ
- March 15 • In Community ... Those on the Margins
- March 22 • In Community ... All the Saints
- March 29 • In Community ... Creation

Reverse Lenten Calendar

This year's Lenten Series "In Community" strives to bring a new perspective on what it means to be in community with one another, with the world, with creation, and with God.

- For this year's reverse Lenten calendar, we ask you to be in community with our Food Pantry guests each day our pantry is open to the community during this season of Lent.
- Purchase and collect the items listed on our flyer. Then bring them to the Trinity Food Pantry after Easter. Flyers are available in the lobby.
- When dropping off your calendar purchases, please feel free to include any used paper and/or plastic grocery bags!
- Throughout the season of Lent, please pray for those in our community who struggle with food insecurity.

March Madness at Trinity

During the month of March, the NCAA holds women's and men's basketball tournaments that begin with 64 teams each and are whittled down to a single champion within four weeks' time. The Live Committee would like to invite all Trinity members to enjoy some fellowship together, as well as some basketball, later this month with two fun events.

1. Trinity Bracket Tournament—Join Pastor Tom in a March Madness bracket challenge. This will all be done online, so look for links on our website, as well as Facebook, to join following the announcement of participating teams on March 12. The winner will receive a special prize!
2. March Madness at Modicum Brewery—Join Trinity at Modicum Brewery in March for some basketball games and fun. Our date is TBD as we are awaiting the release of the official schedule. Look for more information in the weekly emails, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

Podcast Alert

Did you know that Trinity has a podcast? Pastor Tom, Heather Day, and Katie O'Connell are excited to present "What's the Point?" where we ask questions and, as Pastor Tom and Heather like to say, "nerd-out" on various church-related topics. This season we ask: What's the point of being Lutheran? What's the point of being ELCA? What's the point of being RIC? Our March episodes will air March 1, and March 8. You can listen to us on our website, Facebook page, Spotify, or Apple Podcast."





From Pastor Tom

I used to love the show *The Walking Dead*, though I fell off the bandwagon once kids entered my life. If you are not familiar with this series, it is about people surviving in a world of zombies. It may not seem that appealing to most folks, but the show is more about the relationships between the survivors than about gore. In the opening episode of season five, a new minor character was explaining his view of friendship in light of the zombie apocalypse. He said, "I don't have any friends. I mean I know people, they are just jerks I stay alive with. Is that other woman your friend? I used to have them, we used to watch football on Sundays. Went to church. I know I did, but I can't picture it anymore." (AMC's *The Walking Dead*, season 5 episode 1). This scene asks us in our current context, that is not ravaged by zombies, if we have a community or if we have people we just survive with. While we can take many different approaches to this question, it seems to me that German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer offers us a unique perspective on what it means to be community as Christians in his work *Life Together*.

"Christian community means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. There is no Christian community that is more than this, and none that is less than this. Whether it be a brief, single encounter or the daily community of many years, Christian community is solely this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."

—Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, 30

Indeed we seek relationships out of self-serving goals (like this character's noting he gathers with people to simply survive), so it is God who mediates community for us showing us that community is not about physical connection, but instead a spiritual one. Such a community is about the Word of God in Jesus Christ, truth, light, service, and where the Spirit and Word of God in Jesus Christ rule (Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, 38-40). This is what Bonhoeffer envisions as being the Christian community, the spiritual community that is radically active in the world.

While we agree with Bonhoeffer and admit that this is what we strive for, we know that it is not necessarily reality because it is a hard calling! Yet, Bonhoeffer further challenges us. "Christian community is not an ideal we have to realize, but rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength of all our community is in Jesus Christ alone, the more calmly we will learn to think about our community and pray and hope for it." (Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, 38) This makes Christian community not something that humans must meet as if it were a law. It is the opposite. We enter into community simply by free grace, faith, and justification from God.



We are wholly undeserving of these things, but we are given them. It is God who created us to be in community and provides us such an opportunity.

Real community then is about embracing the struggle of everyday life while simultaneously living out the gospel message. For the characters in *The Walking Dead*, their morals and their underlying discipleship to God are tested daily by decisions to act mercifully or selfishly, emotionally or spiritually, peacefully or violently. And in these decisions, their views of community and communal reality are challenged. Do we welcome this person into our group out of gain because of their skills? Or, do we welcome them because that is what we do, extending hospitality and love in a dangerous world?

This reality is not so far from us, is it? My wife has a thousand and one friends whom she considers real community because they do just about anything for each other, build each other up out of love, and live in service to the world. But I find myself having far fewer friends when I look at my real community. There are people I stay alive with and know, but not many that fit into Bonhoeffer's vision of community. Now I do not lament over this; rather, it opens up a perspective about how we all interact in the world and challenges us to live out of thanksgiving to God for giving us such an opportunity. Where do you find yourself in this spectrum of

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community? Are your friends plentiful or just enough? Do you have real community or ones that you just live with?

May you rethink who your community is and, in the process, find God calling your community to more than survival. May the people we find ourselves in community with affirm our gifts and callings, push us to become more than we dreamed, and be with us through thick and thin.

Pastor Tom



Easter Flower Order

Hurry! Our vendor has shortened our order window for Easter Flowers. The order deadline is March 6. There are flower order forms available in the lobby, office, and online. Orders forms with payment can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the church office.

Anti-Racism Program

You are invited to participate in the Trinity Anti-Racism program designed to provide an education opportunity including book discussion, documentary analysis, sensitivity sessions, etc. The meetings will be set in a safe, non-judgmental, welcoming environment with an expected duration of an hour. However, be ready to be uncomfortable and humbled. We will meet the last two Sundays of the month through May 21. This month we will meet March 19 and March 26 at 10:45 A.M. If you are interested, please contact Lidix Montoya, Minister of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at lidixe@trinity-ec.org

Live Committee

The next meeting of Live Committee will be on Wednesday, March 8, at 5:00 P.M. in room 306. This committee will help our congregation embody the first baptismal promise to "live among God's faithful people." We're already doing many types of fellowship and may wish to explore others. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the notion of fellowship, stewardship, education, and more! Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions at tomw@trinity-ec.org

Listen Committee

Our first Listen Committee gathering will be on Sunday, March 19, at 10:45 A.M. in room 306. This group will discern how Trinity continues to listen to the Word of God and share in the Lord's Supper. This meeting is for anyone interested in furthering faith formation and worship opportunities already taking place at Trinity. Please contact Pastor Tom with any questions at tomw@trinity-ec.org

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 Monday, March 6, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 208. Please register online at trinity-ec.org or call 715.832.6601.

Circle Meetings

- Deborah • Tuesday, March 21, 9:30 P.M. Trinity
- Mary/Martha • Tuesday, March 21, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Miriam • Wednesday, March 15, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, March 21, 1:30 P.M. Trinity

Women's Retreat NW Synod of Wisconsin

Save the date for the annual women's retreat—June 7 & 8 at Luther Park in Chetek, WI.

Received January 2023 Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry

- In memory of Larry Schnack: Dave & Christine Gessner
- In memory of Sandy Gravunder: Dave & Christine Gessner
- In memory of Orville Anderson: Barbara Tischer

Library

- In memory of Barbara Johnson: Barbara Thiede, Carolyn Ahlquist

Advent Tea

- In memory of Mary Schlegel: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Memorials

- In memory of Al Becker: Violet Miland

Children's Bibles

- In honor of Hans Gullicksrud's baptism: Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud

Time Change!

Adjust your clocks on Saturday night, March 11! Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, at 2:00 A.M. At this time, we "spring forward" one hour!

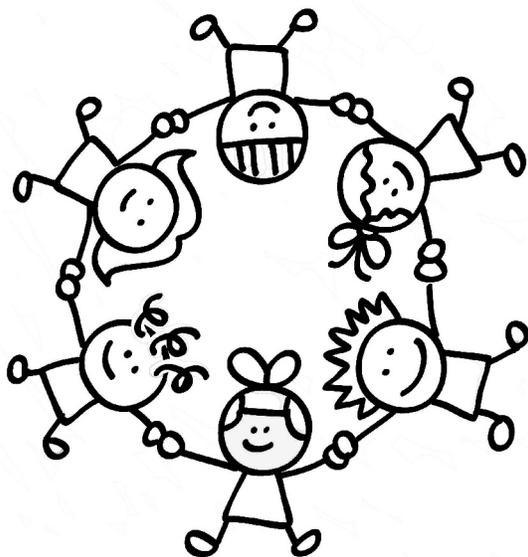




CHILDREN & YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Noah's Ark and ECE News

The school year is marching right along! We have been enjoying our days together with great kids who are loving school, learning to be peacemakers, and loving their friends. We have had some outside play days in the snow and great fun using the Trinity room as our gym. Kids love to run! The Come and Play classes have also enjoyed this space for lots of large muscle movement.



Noah's Ark Preschool Registration

A few openings remain at Noah's Ark Preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. If filled, a wait list will be taken. Please contact Marlee Knickerbocker, Noah's Ark Preschool Director, at 715.832.6601 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Open Gym

On Wednesdays through March 15, from 9:00 A.M.–10:20 A.M., the Trinity Room will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. No registration is required for Open Gym. The cost per session is \$3 for one child, \$2 for each additional child from the same family.

Fall 2023

Early Childhood Enrichment Class Opportunities: Fall 2023

- Music and Movement Class: A parent & child class for 1 and 2 year-olds.
- Come and Play: A drop-off class with the option of one or two days per week for children with birthdates between 9.1.2020 and 5.31.2021

Specific class information including times, costs, and registration dates will be available in the coming weeks.

Mental Health Parent/Youth Required Confirmation Lesson

On Wednesday, March 1, from 6:35 P.M.–7:30 P.M., YOUTH AND PARENTS will attend Confirmation class together in the Worship Center. Our guest speaker will be Mary Beth Patterson, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, who presently works in a private practice as a Mental Health Therapist. We are asking parents and youth attend this together as she will be talking about some difficult but very important Mental Health topics. We look forward to learning together. This event is open to anyone who would like to come. Please feel free to invite people you think would benefit from this learning opportunity.

Holy Communion Instruction

Children in first grade are invited to meet with Pastor Tom to learn together about God's love for us and the special gift of Holy Communion. There are two options for Holy Communion Instruction—children can attend class on either Sunday, March 12, from 10:45 A.M.–11:45 A.M. or Wednesday, March 15, from 5:00 P.M.–5:50 P.M. Children are welcome to commune at any time, but there will be a special recognition of their participation in Holy Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 P.M.

To register:

- complete and return the registration form (found outside the Children's Ministry office) to Heather Day by March 8, or
- complete the online registration form (scan the QR code or go to www.trinity-ec.org/register)





Frolic Class

Young children (age 3 and under) and their parents/caregivers are invited to a Frolic class on Sunday, March 12, at 8:55 A.M. in Trinity's nursery. In this short class, little ones and their parents will learn a few Bible stories, prayers, songs, and blessings together. Children will also be able to explore the nursery while parents connect with other adults.

Faith Formation/Confirmation Spring Break

There will be no faith formation/confirmation classes March 19–26 as we take a spring break.

Summertime at Trinity

Cold temperatures are still with us, but summer is on its way! Trinity's summer opportunities for children, youth, and families will be announced in early March, including an all-ages series called Summer Nights. Watch your mailboxes for more information coming soon!

Luther Park for Children & Youth

Children currently in grades 1–11 are invited to join us for a fun week at summer camp! Trinity's CYF Team encourages children and youth to spend a week at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek from June 25–30. Children in kindergarten–grade 3 are also encouraged to attend Luther Park Day Camp the week prior, June 19–23.

If that week doesn't work for your family, then choose any week that works for you! Children and Youth will experience the wide variety of fun activities available at Luther Park. Along with swimming, games, and developing community with new and old friends, you will experience creative Bible study, worship, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. Visit www.lutherpark.org to learn more about the variety of camp experiences available and to register. Trinity offers grants toward Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org or Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants. It will be a week full of faith, friendships, and fabulous outdoor fun.

Youth Summer Trip 2023

Our 2023 Summer Trip is in the works! Details are still being worked out, but we will be traveling with other local ELCA churches to Tennessee. We will stay at a lodge in Cedars of Lebanon State Park. Our week will be filled with old and new friends engaging in service, fun, and adventure. The lodge is reserved for July 23–28 with travel time occurring prior to and following those dates. We do not have a final cost for the trip at this time, but a deposit of \$100 is due with your registration form. There will be fundraising opportunities coming, watch for more information. Information can be found at the orange youth bulletin board across from the main office or contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org.

Youth Butter Braid Sale

"A slice of a Butter Braid pastry makes any day better—great for breakfast, desserts, appetizers, and special occasions." Orders for Butter Braids will be taken before and after worship on Sundays and Wednesdays from March 1–15. Payment will need to be paid at the time of order. Butter Braid pick-up will be on Thursday, March 30, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room. This fundraiser raises money for individual youth accounts which assists youth attend various ELCA and Trinity sponsored events, including Luther Park and the youth summer trip.

Baked Goods Needed for the Chippewa Valley Area Singers Concert

Confirmation students and the Trinity community are invited to share a pan of baked goods for concert attendees of CVA Singers concerts on Sunday, March 5. Deliver a pan of bars, cookies, or mini-muffins to the church kitchen by Noon on Sunday, March 5. Donations will be collected to support youth earn funds for Luther Park, high school trips, and other Trinity and ELCA sponsored events. Please sign-up to donate at the red bulletin board just down from the main office. Thank you for your generosity.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be happening at Trinity July 31–August 3, 9:00 A.M.–12:00 noon for preschool through elementary ages. Watch for more details this month!





This Is Your Year to Join

Here are the top ten reasons for singing in a choir:

1. Improved mental health: singing in a group can reduce anxiety and improve mood and self-esteem.
2. Increased social connections: singing in an ensemble provides a place to belong amongst a tribe of others who love to sing.
3. Improved physical health: singing requires expanded lung function, improving respiratory function.
4. Improved cognitive function: singing lights up both sides of the brain with its mental focus, memory, language skills, and interpretive/emotional connections.
5. Enhanced global understanding: singing music respectfully from other cultures and eras opens our hearts to the diversity of this world.
6. Increased appreciation for artistry: working with others to create something beautiful and meaningful often exceeds what we can do alone.
7. Increased impact on others: choral singing can lift up and inspire our audiences, connecting us to others through song.
8. Increased appreciation for great architecture and acoustics: singing in beautiful spaces, whether a historic cathedral (or Carnegie Hall!), is thrilling beyond measure.
9. Expanded geography: choral singing can include touring to places we've never been. As we explore a new place, we also give back through song.
10. Turned into a lifelong Passion: The best part of joining a church choir is it instills a sense of peacefulness within your mind, body, and soul. You can practice it for as long as you are willing.

Trinity music rehearsal times:

- Trinity Choir • Wednesday, from 6:45 P.M.–7:45 P.M., in the Choir Room
- Crossword Youth Band • Wednesday, from 5:00 P.M.–5:50 P.M., in the Worship Center
- Youth Choirs • Wednesday, from 5:00 P.M.–5:50 P.M., GLS/JAM in Chapel, TJC/Celebration Singers in the Choir Room.
- Praise Team/Praise Band • Thursday, from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M., in the Worship Center.

For more information, contact Worship & Music Director Dr. Frank Watkins at frank@trinity-ec.org, or 715.832.6601 ext 213.

CVASING Concert

Enrich your soul and help Feed My People by attending the Annual CVASING's Concert on Sunday, March 5, at 2:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Worship Center. Tickets are available at the door on the day of the concert. This year's performance is entitled "Rejoice and Sing" The chorus is directed by Gary Rambo and accompanied by Karol Hommen. This year's special guest this year is the "Breaking Chains" Christian band.

Clipboard Central

- **Flower Chart for 2023** • There are weekends available in 2023 to sponsor altar flowers for worship to memorialize or honor some person or event in your life. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$45. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.
- **We Need Scripture Readers** • We are in need of readers for the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central. The reading will be emailed to you the week you choose to read. Be sure to include your email address!
- **Communion Servers:** Serve communion for the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central.

You Can Donate Online

Anyone with an iPhone or Android based mobile device can use their camera to scan the QR Code and instantly connect to Trinity's donation form. Thank you!





CARE & CONCERN AND THINGS TO DO!

Dear Trinity,

For me, March is the hardest month of the year to get through. I always have such great expectations and hope that spring is here. The snow and cold of winter is over, right? Then we get those wet, heavy snowstorms mid-month, and my hopes are crushed. My oldest son reminds me that it is scientifically impossible for spring not to arrive. The sun gets stronger, the days longer, and the earth tilts toward the sun. There is no stopping these things from happening. *We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain.* Hebrews 6:19



The theme for this Lenten season is "Community." To me, this means building relationships; some new, some rekindled. As staff, we have been witnessing this relationship building through many of the activities that are being offered to our Trinity Community.

On February 13, we had a Senior Valentine Luncheon. People attended who we haven't seen for a few months, people reconnected with friends they haven't talked to for a while, and people ventured out after the loss of a loved one. It was a joy to see the smiles and laughter in the crowd and the enthusiastic conversations.

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse

As requested by some, here is the recipe for Turkey Tetrazzini served at the Valentines luncheon:

Ingredients

- 1 box of pasta (rotini) 16oz cooked
- 3-4 cups cooked turkey or chicken
- ½ stick of butter-melted
- ¾ cup finely chopped onion
- ¾ cup finely chopped celery (sauté onion and celery in butter until tender)
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of celery soup
- 1 ½ cups sour cream
- 2 cups shredded cheese (I used an Italian mix; just mozzarella is fine)
- Frozen Peas
- Garlic powder to taste

Directions

- Mix all ingredients together. Put in 9x13 pan or casserole dish. Top with Italian flavored Panko bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Bake at 350 until bubbly and top is golden brown. This recipe can be altered to suit your taste. Can add mushrooms, variety of cheeses, etc.

Your Trinity Food Pantry News Corner Cupboard

- Thank you for your "spice" donations in January. We not only met our challenge goal, but we doubled it by gathering 614 different spices for our pantry. Can't wait to see what we can do next year!
- We are currently hosting our Reverse Lenten calendar. Thanks for thinking of our pantry shelves when doing your weekly grocery shopping.
- With donations of Culvers meal coupons (thank you Culver Brackett Ave), candy from our food rescue partners, and handmade Valentines cards by Marilyn Thompson and her Alpha Delta Kappa teacher friends, we distributed special treat bags to our guests the week of Valentine's Day.
- We have already served over 850 families in 2023.
- We continue to need many plastic and paper bags to pack our guests groceries. Please think of bringing those to us when you have extra!

The Community Table

Trinity will volunteer at The Community Table on Wednesday, March 9, 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 sign up at Clipboard Central.

Healing Service

Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer offers a healing service on the third Sunday of each month in the chapel beginning at 9:15 A.M. This short service is intentionally devoted to prayer and comfort for those in need of healing or who wish to pray for family/friends in need. The March Healing Service is on March 19.



Got Bags?

If you have extra paper or plastic grocery type bags taking up space in your closet, garage, pantry, etc., please consider bringing them to the Food Pantry. We use close to 300 bags per week so would love to help reuse/recycle for you. Just drop them off anytime inside door one or in the Food Pantry bin outside the Trinity Room. Thanks!



Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet on Wednesday, March 8, at Trinity at 10:00 A.M. The speaker this month will talk about recycling which supports initiatives by Trinity's Caring for Creation Committee. This group is open to everyone, and they are always happy to see new people.

Women's Bible Study Groups (Circles)

These Circles are open to EVERYONE. There are four groups who meet on different days and times. They have a specific lesson they discuss each month. During that time friendships are made, and a supportive and caring group is formed. All the groups would love to invite women of any age to join them. Stop by the church office for more information.

Caregiver Ministry

This is a piece of writing by Alison Breinger from the *Negative Space*. (thenegativespace.life) Please include all caregivers in your prayers.

As the doctor scoped, I watched him closely and prayed.

"Dear God, PLEASE let it be clean.

Dear God, we cannot handle more cancer. Dear God, the world is already too, too much. Dear God, we have already been through so much. Dear God, hear my prayer."

After an eternity, the doctor said, "Everything looks great! I don't see anything concerning."

"Dear God, Thank You."

And off we went with our day. Different words from him would have changed the trajectory of our lives and all of us in that room knew it.

But this week, we continue on with gratitude and thanksgiving for one more good report.

Blood Drive

Thank you to all who volunteered and donated at the blood drive February 16. Our next Blood Drive will be on Thursday, April 20, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. We'll hold blood drives every other month during 2023 to maximize donations. You can register to donate at redcross.org or call Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer at 715.832.6601 ext 214, and she will register for you.

Oncology Resource

We are blessed at Trinity to have a member who is retired Oncologist. He is offering his knowledge/services to members who have questions regarding cancer, its treatment, and expectations. If you wish to speak with him, please contact Vicki at 715.832.6601 ext 214 or Pastor Patrick ext 216 or reach us by email at vickid@trinity-ec.org or patrick@trinity-ec.org. All information will be kept confidential.

Friends of Flynn

Donations are being sought this month to help fund the Friends of Flynn efforts. You may already give to this wonderful community service mission through your weekly or monthly gifts. Others donate through memorial gifts and/or make donations of books, school supplies, and more. All donations are appreciated. Thank you!

There are many monetary expenses of this mission, and we use the month of March to raise additional funds to support this work. This year, we would like to provide Kwik Trip vouchers to the Food Pantry at Flynn to support families in purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables, eggs, and milk. This will be a new expense for our committee, but a much needed service for the students and families.

Friends of Flynn also provides Weekend Meals and Flynn Food Pantry items from Feed My People through your financial support. The committee buys shoes, clothing, books, healthy snacks, and more to help support the basic needs and education of the children at Flynn. More than 50% of the children at Flynn qualify for free or reduced meals and need our support.

Our goal is to raise \$6,100 or more this month. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in giving to Friends of Flynn.

Thank You Notes from Flynn Students!

Thank you for the book. I got Dork Diaries. I love the Dork Diaries series, but my mom says that I can get it if I pay for it. But I put all my money into my savings account at RCU School Sense. Thank you.

Dear Friends of Flynn. Thank you for my new book. I got Magic Tree House 1, The Graphic Novel.

Thank you for the new book! I got "Stat" #4. I have never heard of it before, but I think it'll be good. Thanks to whoever sent it!

Thank you soooo... much! Thank you for the book. I chose The Sun of Neptune by Rick Riordan. Rick Riordan is one of my favorite authors. Thanks!



YOUR CHURCH LIBRARY

New Books in the Library

- *Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng. *Our Missing Hearts* is a novel about a mother's unbreakable love in a world consumed by fear. (FIC NG)
- *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. This bestselling novel by Bonnie Garmus is about women's lives, careers, and struggle for empowerment in the late 50s and early 60s. (FIC GAR)
- *Rough Sleepers* by Tracy Kidder. This is a true story of an inspiring doctor who made a difference by helping to create a program to care for Boston's homeless community. (362.5 KID)
- *Spare* by Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex. This memoir is by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, a member of the British royal family. He is the younger son of King Charles III and Diana, Princess of Wales. (B PRI)

Youth

- *What Happened to Rachel Riley?* by Claire Swinarski. Thirteen-year-old new girl Anna Hunt decides to make an investigative podcast about how fellow classmate Rachel Riley went from being the most popular girl in school to the most hated. (+ FIC SWI)
- *The Roof Over Our Heads* by Nicole Kronzer. A charming young adult novel about a family who puts on an immersive, interactive play to save their historical home. Funny, warm, and full of Victorian hijinks, this is a novel for anyone looking for a place to belong. (YP FIC KRO)
- *Cat Kid Comic Club* by Dan Pilkey. This new graphic novel adventure by Dav Pilkey is the first one in the series of Cat Kid Comic Club. (+ FIC PIL)

Two Books from the I Survived Series:

- *I Survived: The Children's Blizzard, 1888* by Lauren Tarshis. (+ FIC TAR)
- *I Survived: The California Wildfires, 2018* by Lauren Tarshis. (+ FIC TAR)

Young Children

- *Little Blue Truck's Valentine* by Alice Schertle. Spread the love with Little Blue Truck—a perfect Valentine's Day (or anytime) read-aloud in this favorite series. (++) FIC SCH)
- *I am Walt Disney* by Brad Meltzer. This volume of the friendly, fun biography series features Walt Disney, who makes dreams come true for himself and countless kids around the world. (++) B MEL)
- *I am George Washington* by Brad Meltzer. Children will read about our first president and learn about presidential elections. (++) B MEL)

Books for Young Readers

- *In the Ocean* by Jennifer Szymanski, Level 1. (++) 551.46 SZY)
- *Rocks and Minerals* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld, Level 2. (++) 550 ZOE)
- *Odd Animals* by Rose Davidson, Pre-reader. (++) 590 DAV)

- *Adorable Animals* by Mary Quattlebaum, Level 2. (++) 590 QUA)

Book Recommendation

—from Ann Nelson

The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys (FIC SEP)

The Fountains of Silence is an historical novel of the Spanish people under the oppressive dictatorship of General Franco. It begins in Madrid in 1957 and lasts until Franco's death. Spain begins to open up and welcome western tourists while its own people live in fear and poverty. The characters are resilient, interesting, and likable. Note: this novel was the Trinity Book Club selection for November 2022. The people who met in November to discuss this book agreed that it was a part of history they knew very little about and were glad to have read Sepetys' novel. Look for it in Trinity's Library.

Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 21, in room 208 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *How To Find Your Way Home* by Katy Regan.

Emily has been looking for the same face in every crowd for more than a decade: her brother's. She'll do anything to find him; she just never expects that one day he will walk through the door of the London housing office where she works, homeless and in need of help.



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 - Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 15.