



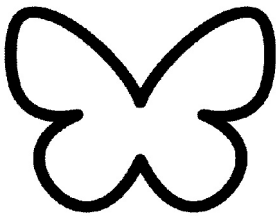
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Worship With Us In April

Holy Week Worship

Holy Week is the pinnacle time for Christians across the world as we follow the last days of Jesus' earthly life leading to his death and resurrection. To fully find your faith touched and led in these days, we offer worship with Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 6, at 6:00 P.M. and worship on Good Friday, April 7 at 12:15 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. Find time in your life this week to worship and rediscover the incredible depth of God's love for you in Christ.



Easter Morning!

We invite you to celebrate Easter at Trinity on Sunday, April 9! Please note the additional worship time. For all the news about Holy Week and Easter at Trinity, visit trinity-ec.org

- 8:15 A.M. Traditional Worship with Communion, Trinity Choir, Trinity Tollers, Organ, and Brass
- 9:45 A.M. Traditional Worship with Communion, Trinity Youth Choirs, Trinity Tollers, Organ, and Brass
- 11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship with Communion, Trinity Choir, Organ, and Brass

Earth Day Celebration

Earth Day is April 22 and churches typically observe it during the month of April. It is an opportunity to reflect on the goodness of God's creation and the human responsibility to steward it through worship, education and action. Join us on Sunday, April 16 as we celebrate God's creation and reflect on our call to be faithful stewards of all the earth.

Oh Jonah

Please join us on Sunday, April 23, at 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. when Trinity's children's choirs will lead worship with a musical! "Oh Jonah" is a frolicking, fun-filled children's and/or youth musical based on the Old Testament story of Jonah that carries a serious message about responsibility.



Blessing for Healing

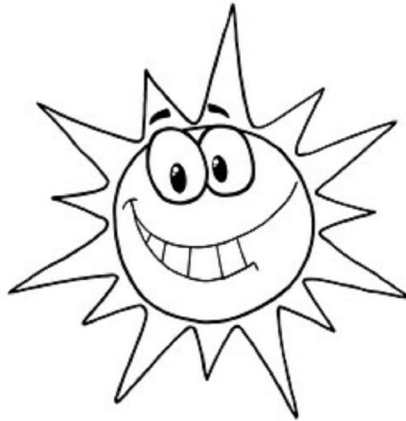
Our worship on Sunday, April 30, at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. will include the "Service of the Word for Healing." In the laying on of hands, care must be taken not to suggest that physical healing must follow. Rather, we offer to God what is burdensome to us, believing that God accepts us and that we are embraced in God's goodness, care, and concern. Additionally we will commission our Home Visitors.



This Summer at Trinity!

One Wednesday each month, all ages are invited to gather as a community just to have fellowship and fun together!

- **Tailgate at Carson Park** • Bring your tailgate picnic on June 21, from 5:00 P.M.–6:30 P.M. to the Oak Pavilion (near the playground) at Carson Park. Trinity will supply the beverages and dessert! After the tailgate, join us for the Eau Claire Express baseball game at 6:35 PM. Purchase tickets on your own.
- **Ice Cream Social in Trinity's Backyard** • Join us in the backyard on July 19, from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. for a fun evening of yard games and ice cream! We'll supply the ice cream; you supply the fun! There will be a few yard games provided, but feel free to bring your favorite game from home.
- **Pool Party at Fairfax Pool** • Together with other Eau Claire ELCA churches, on August 9, from 7:00 P.M.–8:45 P.M., Trinity will be taking over Fairfax Pool! The pool will be open after regular hours just for the churches, so you'll have lots of room to swim laps, check out the slide or diving area, or just splash around.



Your Help Is Needed!

- **Money Counters:** We need volunteers to help with counting of the weekly offerings. If you have a couple hours free on Mondays, please consider helping. We are hoping to get enough volunteers that people would only have to come in once or twice per month. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Paul at 715.832.6601 ext 203 or dawn@trinity-ec.org
- **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.
- **Ushers:** For the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central.

LIVE Committee Events

The Live Committee is offering two events in April. March Madness Trinity Bracket Tournament and on Friday, April 28 we have wine tasting at River Bend Winery. These events are open to everyone!! Details to follow....check out Facebook, Friday blast or announcements for details. May will be axe throwing....watch out world!

Funeral Planning Workshop

Are you ready to make REAL decisions about your life and how it will be celebrated before it is too late? **End of Life and Funeral Planning** truly is one of the greatest gifts that you can give to your loved ones. This workshop on Tuesday, May 16 at 11:00 A.M., will give you the tools and the inspiration to take practical steps for outlining your funeral plans/memorial celebration, preparing advance medical directives, and grief options for your family support. All ages are welcome. Lunch will be served and RSVP's a must. You can sign-up at Clipboard Central or online.

Quarterly Devotionals Available

Pick up a free devotional booklet in the information rack in the lobby and resolve to make devotions part of every day this year. There are two different booklets, so take both! Large-print copies are available, too.

When Your Address or Phone Changes

Whenever you're moving or changing to "temporarily away" with the United States Postal Service, any mail Trinity sends to you is returned at a cost per item. Please inform the church office when your address changes or you're going away and having your mail held.

And, if you are eliminating or have eliminated a land line and going exclusively to cell, please share your phone number with your church. Email new information to dawn@trinity-ec.org

Facebook

Trinity has several active Facebook pages which are a source of up to date information and inspiration for your faith development. There is a general Trinity page plus pages for Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Noah's Ark Preschool. Be sure to "Like" Trinity soon and begin enjoying the benefits of inspiration and news.



Trinity Quilters Update

The quilters meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 9:00 A.M. in the lobby at Trinity. If you would like to help, please come and we will teach you everything you need to know, share lots of camaraderie, and even coffee and treats. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the quilters, please make your check payable to Trinity with Quilters in the memo area. Through the years, we have figured out how to stretch those dollars so you will get more for your buck by letting us do the shopping. Additionally if you are a Thrivent member and haven't applied for a grant for any other organization, you can apply for a \$250 grant twice year and that would be a big help to us as well. If you have any questions about this or any of the above, please call Sheila at 715.832.9686 or Connie at 715.8610.3627. Thank you for your support!!

We are in need of the following items. All items can be dropped off in the office at Trinity.

Quilting Items Needed

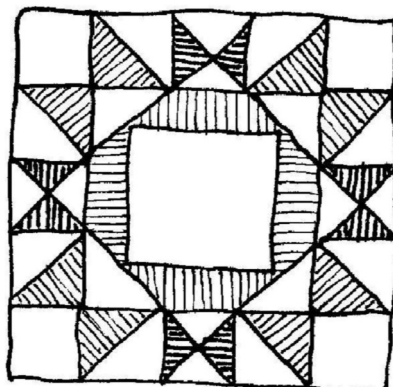
- New or gently used flat sheets (twin through king sized for quilt backs) colored ones are preferred. (Thrift sales are a good source for these or when cleaning your own closets.)
- Large or small cotton or cotton/poly fabric pieces that can be cut into squares that are at least 10 ½" x 10 ½" square and will be sewn into quilt tops.
- Money to purchase batting. Each roll costs over \$130 and is used to complete 20–25 quilts.
- Regular sewing thread in full or partially used spools of quantity color.

Comfort Bags for Chemo Patients

- Three yard pieces of cotton fabric, dark or bright colors both solids and prints
- Ball point pens—click top, black or blue
- Small spiral notebooks—3" x 5"
- Kleenex—purse sized packages
- Hand sanitizer—2 oz. unscented
- Werther's hard caramels—individually wrapped
- Ricola cough drops—lemon mint, sugar free, individually wrapped
- Peppermint life savers—individually wrapped

Personal Care Kits for the Homeless

- Colored bath towels and washcloths, new or gently used, no black or white please
- Bar soap—regular size (4 oz.)
- Toothpaste—regular size (6 oz.)
- Hand sanitizer—2 oz. unscented



Circle Meetings

- Deborah • Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 P.M. Trinity
- Mary/Martha • Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Miriam • Wednesday, April 19, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, April 18, 1:30 P.M. Trinity

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference Day of Renewal

The Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, April 22, at Central Lutheran Church, 28 E. Columbia St, Chippewa Falls. Registration will be from 8:00 A.M.–9:00 A.M. The cost is \$15. Make checks payable to WELCA. Payment is welcome at time of registration. There will be no refunds. Registration forms are available on the Women's bulletin board in the nursery hallway.

Received February 2023 Memorials & Gifts

Library

- In memory of Pam Williams Brumberg: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Food Pantry

- In memory of Betty Hangartner: Steve & Sue Marczinke
- In memory of Orville Anderson: Doris Husberg

Children's Bibles

- In honor of Macksen's Seipel's Baptism: Jerome & Kelly Larson

Memorials

- In memory of Orville Anderson: Ralph & Donna Shager

Regular

- In honor of Warner Roach's Baptism: Jennifer Loew



The Endowment Trust Fund

The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund exists so that your values and legacy of Christian faith will live on and further God's work for generations to come. Gifts now, or through a will bequest to the Endowment Trust Fund, become part of a perpetual fund with earnings used to advance Trinity's ministries and global missions.

Grant applications are welcomed semi-annually with submission deadlines of May 1 and November 1. A nine member Board oversees the Endowment and welcomes grant applications for individual or organizational endeavors that advance the Fund's mission: *"Serving God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations."*

You can read more about the Trust at trinity-ec.org. The grant application is online on the same page.



Women's Giving Circle Adult Forum/Spring Meeting

Join the Women's Giving Circle Board on Sunday April 23, in the Fireside Room following both worship services. Hear from some of our grant recipients for 2022 and learn about our group. Trinity's Women's Giving Circle is a unique opportunity to positively impact people's lives through collective philanthropy. Through gifts from members, the Women's Giving Circle gives grants to programs that proclaim and propagate the Christian faith.

The Women's Giving Circle is a group of individuals who have established a donor advised fund within the Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Trust. You are invited to join! The membership is renewable on an annual basis and is open to anyone who makes an annual contribution of at least \$250. To learn more, visit www.trinity-ec.org and click "Women's Giving Circle" under the Endowment tab.

Thanks to the membership of the Women's Giving Circle, we were able to award grants totaling \$7,750 in 2022 to support:

- Altoona Compassion Coalition—\$5 Cookbooks for Pantry guests
- Bright Smiles—Dental Supplies for Head Start/4K children
- Trinity Lutheran Church Nursery—New plastic playground equipment in courtyard
- ELCA Women's Retreat at Luther Park, Chetek—Down payment to secure Luther Park facility
- Trinity Food Pantry—Address food needs of Pantry guests
- Welcoming New Neighbors—Funds for Afghan resettlement used to travel to Chicago Asylum office
- The Jam Youth Music Community—Funds for performance stage and amp equipment

Northwest Synod Book Discussion

The Synod is hosting a ZOOM book discussion on Tuesday, April 11, from 7:00 P.M.–8:30 P.M. followed up with a discussion with the author on April Monday, 17. You can register by going to tinyurl.com/b79txvvj.

The book is *Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery* by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah. Injustice has plagued American society for centuries. And we cannot move toward being a more just nation without understanding the root causes that have shaped our culture and institutions. In this prophetic blend of history, theology, and cultural commentary, Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah reveal the far-reaching, damaging effects of the "Doctrine of Discovery." In the fifteenth century, official church edicts gave Christian explorers the right to claim territories they "discovered." This was institutionalized as an implicit national framework that justifies American triumphalism, white supremacy, and ongoing injustices. The result is that the dominant culture idealizes a history of discovery, opportunity, expansion, and equality, while minority communities have been traumatized by colonization, slavery, segregation, and dehumanization. Healing begins when deeply entrenched beliefs are unsettled. Charles and Rah aim to recover a common memory and shared understanding of where we have been and where we are going. As other nations have instituted truth and reconciliation commissions, so do the authors call our nation and churches to a truth-telling that will expose past injustices and open the door to conciliation and true community.

**"You cannot
discover lands
already inhabited."**



Your Library

SPARE by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex (B PRI) Book Recommendation

—Monika Fiedler

SPARE is a memoir by Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex. The book is written in three parts. It starts out with his years growing up, including the death of his mother, Diana; secondly, his military years with time spent fighting in Afghanistan; and thirdly, meeting and marrying Meghan Markle. It gives the reader a window into the life of a British royal which is a real eye opener. This is Prince Harry's personal story and it's a mixture of love, sadness, and tragedy, but also some very funny parts. I highly recommend it—truthfully, I couldn't put it down.

New Books in our Library

- *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris* and *Mrs. Harris Goes to New York* by Paul Gallico. These two treasured books from the 1950s reintroduce the irrepressible Mrs. Harris, part charlady, part fairy godmother, whose adventures take her from her humble London roots to the heights of glamour. *Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris* is now a major motion picture. (FIC GAL)
- *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. This work of biographical fiction is the account of Shakespeare's son, Hamnet, who died at age 11 in 1596 from the bubonic plague. Roughly four years later, his father writes the play Hamlet, interchangeable at the time with name Hamnet. (FIC OFA)
- *Jack* by Marilyn Robinson. Jack tells the story of John Ames Boughton, the beloved, erratic and grieved-over prodigal son of a Presbyterian minister in Gilead, Iowa. In segregated St. Louis sometime after World War II, Jack falls in love with Della Miles, an African American high school teacher who is also the daughter of a preacher. Their fraught, beautiful romance is one of Robinson's greatest achievements. (FIC ROB)
- *Nine Liars* by Maureen Johnson. Stevie Bell is taking her detecting skills abroad when she becomes embroiled in a mystery from 1990s England. Someone's lying about what happened in the woodshed—seven suspects, two murders, one killer still playing a deadly game. (YP FIC JOH)
- *The Nazi Conspiracy* by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch. From the bestselling authors, Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch, comes the little-known true story of a Nazi plot to kill FDR, Joseph Stalin, and Winston Churchill at the heights of World War II.

Youth

- *Buzz Boy and Fly Guy* by Tedd Arnold. Buzz creates a comic book that features Buzz Boy and Fly Guy as superheroes. (++) FIC ARN)
- *There's A Fly Guy in My Soup* by Tedd Arnold. When Fly Guy is not allowed in the restaurant with Buzz's family, he follows his nose and ends up in the soup. (++) FIC ARN)

- *Why? Animals* by Julie Beer. This clever Q&A book is packed with 99+ awesome answers about animals for curious kids. (+ 590 BEE)
- *Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives* by Dav Pilkey. The kaleidoscope of art styles, paired with Pilkey's trademark storytelling and humor, fosters creativity, collaboration, independence, and empathy. Readers of all ages will relish this joyful graphic novel adventure. (+ FIC PIL)
- *Cat Kid Comic Book: Collaborations* by Dav Pilkey. The club members learn to collaborate in this creative, funny, and insightful graphic novel. (+ FIC PIL)

The First Two Books of The Treehouse Books
The 13-Story Treehouse: Monkey Mayhem! by Andy Griffiths. (+ FIC GRI)

- *The 26-Story Treehouse: Pirate Problems!* by Andy Griffiths. (+ FIC GRI)

Percy Jackson & the Olympians is a series of five fantasy novels written by American author Rick Riordan. The first two books of the series are now available in our library—look for them in the youth display.

- *Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. (+ FIC RIO)
- *Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan. (+ FIC RIO)

Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:30 P.M. the *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* by J. Ryan Stradal. There are no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. You can RSVP at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org





Children, Youth & Family Ministry

Noah's Ark News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool and the Early Childhood Enrichment Classes! We're excited for **SPRING!**

- **S–Singing!** We will be singing "Jesus is our King!" as we prepare to celebrate Easter with all of our classes.
- **P–Peacemaking.**...we continue to practice peacemaking! We have been learning how Jesus was a peacemaker and thinking about how we can follow His example.
- **R–Reading** fun books is always a favorite activity!
- **I–Imagination!** We love to imagine as we pretend and play in our classroom, including in our doctor's office, post office, school, and fire station as we discover about community helpers.
- **N–Nice weather!** As the weather improves, we love to get outside to our playground for climbing, running, and having fun.
- **G–Growing in God's love.** God has blessed us with our time together!

Brochures for our fall Early Childhood Enrichment weekday class offerings for our youngest kids (age 1–3) are available. A call-in registration for these Come and Play and Music and Movement classes will be on Thursday, May 11 at 8:00 A.M. Registration for the 2023–2024 Noah's Ark preschool year continues with a few openings yet available.

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker

CYF Fall Registration

Registration for Fall, 2023 ECE classes including Come and Play (for children with birthdates between 9.1.2020– 5.31.2021), and Music and Movement (a parent child class for children with birthdates between 9.1.2020 and 5.31. 2022), will open on Thursday, May 11 at 8:00 A.M. More information is available on our website and brochures placed throughout our building. Contact Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext 205 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Noah's Ark Chipotle Night Fundraiser

Help support Noah's Ark Preschool by eating at Chipotle Mexican Grill! During the hours of our fundraiser night, Noah's Ark will receive 33% of the proceeds of all orders designated to support Noah's Ark. Orders must be placed at the Golf Road location! (Gift cards and delivery options do not count toward the fundraiser.)

- Where: Chipotle Restaurant, 4738 Golf Road location only.
- When: Monday, April 17, 4:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.
- How: Order your food at the restaurant or online. If you order in person, tell them you are supporting Noah's Ark Preschool. If you order online, you can support Noah's Ark by using the Promo Code RRAZL7R

Noah's Ark Preschool Mother's Day Flower Sale

Noah's Ark Preschool will be having a fundraiser sale of summer flowers just in time for Mother's Day gift giving! If you buy summer flowers, why not order through Noah's Ark Preschool, and help support our program at the same time?! We are working with Down To Earth Garden Center to offer 10" and 12" flowerpots. If you prefer to do your own shopping at the garden center, we will be selling gift cards in increments of \$25. Noah's Ark will receive the proceeds from this sale. Pre-orders are required and will be taken in the lobby during the weeks of April 9 and April 16. Orders may also be placed and paid online. Watch for the link on our website and in the Friday Enews soon.

Faith Formation Updates

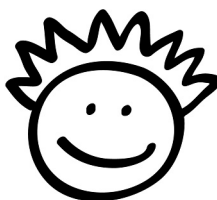
There will be no faith formation classes on Easter Sunday, April 9. The last days of faith formation for the 2022–2023 school year will be Sunday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 26.

Frolic Class

Young children (age three and under) and their parents/caregivers are invited to a Frolic class on Sunday, April 16 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. Kids will also be able to explore the nursery while parents connect with other adults.

Service Opportunity at the Eau Claire Marathon

Trinity Family Ministry is sponsoring a Cheer Station at mile 26 of the Eau Claire Marathon. Families can bring their noisemakers, posters, smiles, and voices as we share God's love by encouraging weary runners at the corner of Lake St. and 1st Ave. Two shifts are available: 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Sign up by March 26 to guarantee an official Eau Claire Marathon volunteer t-shirt. Families of all shapes and sizes are encouraged to join us! Sign up at trinity-ec.org/register.



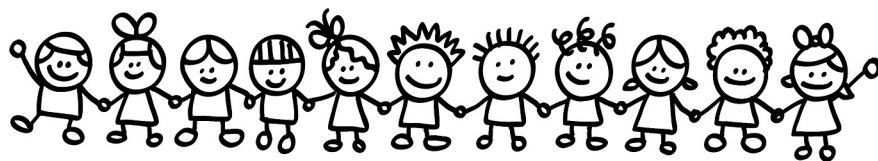


Communion Celebration

Nine children recently attended Holy Communion instruction with Pastor Tom and Heather Day. They learned all about Jesus' last supper and how God shows their love for all of us through the gift of Holy Communion. These children will be recognized during worship at 6:00 P.M. on Maundy Thursday, April 6. Children completing communion instruction were Asher Benedict, Vera Berkley, Kamryn Broeckert, Harry Glass, Wesley Griepentrog, Reese Johansen, Jameson Luedtke, Jason Toutant, and Jaxson Trunkel.

Summertime at Trinity

Join us at Trinity this summer as we learn and play together! Register at trinity-ec.org/register.



Camp Come & Play

Children will have an opportunity to play with other children their age in a safe, caring environment. This camp is for children who turn three between 9.1.2022 and 8.31.2023. They will hear Bible stories, participate in related activities, and take time out to share a treat. Camp Come & Play meets in the Noah's Ark Preschool classroom and is a great precursor to preschool! Children can register for one or both sessions. Cost is \$30 per session.

- Session One · June 19–21, from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M.
- Session Two · July 10–12, from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M.

Digital Disciples

Children will learn creative communication skills as they work together to create short opening video segments to introduce the Bible story and theme of the day for Vacation Bible School! This camp is for students entering grades 6–7. We will meet June 19–21, from 1:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. Students will also explore other digital ways to share the good news of Jesus. Cost is \$20.

Playground Playtime

Invite your friends and enjoy Trinity's fenced-in playground area together Thursdays, June 15–July 27, from 10:00 A.M. —11:00 A.M.! The playground has a sandy surface, so there is plenty of opportunity for digging as well as exploring the playground equipment. This playground is best for ages six and under, but older siblings are also welcome. Trinity staff will provide a different activity each week (painting supplies, water play, etc.) No registration is needed. Caregivers must stay with and supervise children at all times.

Luther Park Bible Camp

Children currently in kindergarten–grade 11 are invited to join us for a fun week at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek! Trinity children and youth are encouraged to register for Day Camp during Week 2, June 19–23 (completing kindergarten–grade 3) or Overnight Camps during Week 3, June 25–30 (completing grades 1–11). Learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps at www.lutherpark.org. Scholarships are available for Trinity kids–email Heather Day (heatherd@trinity-ec.org) for more information!



Vacation Bible School

At Operation Restoration VBS, kids explore the Bible and discover new ways to care for God's creation and for one another. VBS will be held July 31–August 3, from 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. for children who turn four by 9.1.2023 through those entering grade 5. Your children have been given the power to feed, heal, forgive, and rest-essential tools to help repair all that has gone wrong in the world. They will play, learn, sing, and work to be menders of God's creation at Operation Restoration VBS! Suggested donation is \$25 per child. Adults and students entering grade 6 and older are encouraged to participate in VBS as volunteers. Nursery care is available.

Youth Summer Trip 2023 Update

Our 2023 Summer Trip is going to look different than previously anticipated. All high school students grades 9–12 are invited to attend JOURNEY at the UW River Falls where we will encounter God and one another together in new ways through creative ministry, challenging conversation, inspiring guest speakers, service learning, and uplifting worship. This event will include participants from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, the La Crosse Area Synod, and the Northern Great Lakes Synod. Information can be found at the orange youth bulletin board across from the main office or contact Pastor Tom at tomw@trinity-ec.org.



Care & Concern

Caregivers and Depression ...

...it is not surprising that many family caregivers experience depression. As a caregiver, you are in a very difficult position. The sympathy of friends and the concern of healthcare providers are focused on your loved one—while no one is paying much attention to how you may be affected by the very upsetting changes that have occurred in your life.



As time goes on you may begin to feel lonely and unappreciated. These feelings, coupled with the knowledge that your caregiving duties might well last a lifetime, set you up as a prime target for depression.

Not all caregivers get depressed, but many do. As many as 72% of caregivers of loved ones report feelings of depression. Caregivers who provide care 36 or more hours a week are more likely than non-caregivers to experience symptoms of depression or anxiety. For those caring for a parent, the rate of depression is twice as high; and for spouses the rate is six times higher.

The most important question to ask is: what can you do about depression once it has seemingly taken over your life?

Seeking help is the most important step, but it is not always easy. The symptoms of depression, such as lethargy and hopelessness, can rob you of your will to seek help. You may be embarrassed by what you believe is the stigma of depression, and simply deny that anything is wrong. Perhaps you've been blue for so long that you think it's normal to feel bad. These can all keep you from taking that important first step—getting help. The most important thing is to realize you need help and reach out to get it. There are resources available that can start you down the path to recovery and a happier life.

Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter filled with hope, grace, and gratitude!

Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace, and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world.

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Coming Up this Month

- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Our next drive is Thursday, April 20 from 12:30 P.M.—6:30 P.M. in the lobby of the church. In February we collected 32 units of blood which was down from the previous year. Thank you to all who were able to donate. Hoping to see more donors in April.
- **Foot and Nail Care Clinic:** UW-Eau Claire offers FREE foot and nail care the week of April 24 at Grace Lutheran Church on Grand Avenue. You can register starting on Monday, April 10 by calling 715.836.3636. For more information check the bulletin board by the church office.



The Community Table

Trinity will volunteer at The Community Table on Thursday, April 6, 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.



Sunday, April 16 National Health Care Decisions Day

Have you completed an Advance Directive for your healthcare? If you are over the age of 18, you need an Advance Directive for Healthcare. The State of Wisconsin is NOT a “next of kin state.” If you don’t have an Advance Directive and you are in the hospital unable to speak for yourself, the court will appoint a guardian for you. It will cost your family around \$5,000 to become your decision maker. Our Parish Nurse has copies of Advance Directives from the State of Wisconsin as well as “Five Wishes Advance Directives” which are also legally accepted in Wisconsin.



Trinity's Friends of Flynn Committee

March Fund Appeal—Thank you to all who donated to the recent Friends of Flynn Fund Appeal—our goal this year is \$6,100. At the writing of this article, we do not have an update of funds received. Just a reminder, most of these funds, \$5,400 help support Flynn's food pantry and the weekend meal project through Feed My People. Another \$630 was sent to FMP for fresh food vouchers to be used at local Kwik Trips. Flynn's partnership coordinator now makes up the weekend meal bags from the food she orders for the pantry. She can also hand out these vouchers as needed so families can pick up bread, milk, eggs etc at their local Kwik Trip. If you haven't had an opportunity to give to this ministry, you are invited to do so now. Checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with a notation to Friends of Flynn.

Here are some of the ways that Friends of Flynn funds will be used for the remainder of this school year.

- Snacks—Snacks were recently supplied for an after-school program called Club Invention, for the 4th grade kindness program and for each classroom who have students that are unable to bring snacks from home. Snacks will also be purchased for the third and fourth grade classes during their testing days in April.
- Emergency Clothing—Jogger pants and athletic shoes are often requested.
- Books—A new book will be given to each child to keep at home. during the summer.
- Staff Appreciation—We will supply a year end treat for all the staff.

Again, thank you for your support of this ministry. If you would like to join the Friends of Flynn Committee, please contact the church office.

Food Pantry Corner Cupboard

We would like to extend a special thank-you this month to the volunteers who are currently doing food rescue with our retail partners. These partnerships have already provided over 16,000 pounds of food so far in 2023. Please thank these volunteers and our retail partners:

- Kwik Trips (River Prairie, Birch St, Golf Rd, Patton St and Brackett Ave), rescuing volunteers Tom & Sheila Zahorik, Ron Misselt, Susan Gerber, Peggy Turnquist, Bruce Edwards, Diane Fritz, Ali and MariGrace Furby, Steve Marczinke. Delivering over 2,400 pounds so far.
- Aldi rescuing volunteers Bill Burdt and Jeff Dueringer delivering 4,000 pounds with help from Paul Pederson and Steve Marczinke.
- HyVee rescuing volunteers Jeff Dueringer and Tom and Diane Solberg delivering nearly 9,600 pounds with help from Paul Pederson.
- We have served over 1,400 families in 2023 so far.

Thank you for continuing to think and pray for those in our community who are struggling with food insecurity and consider shopping with the reverse Lenten Calendar and bringing your food donations to the food pantry after Easter. Calendars are available in the Lobby.

Sue Marczinke

Food Pantry Coordinator

Earth Day, April 22

A great day to celebrate spring, God's creation, the blessings of green grass, budding leaves and colorful flowers. The theme for Earth Day this year is "Invest in Our Planet! What will YOU do?" It is important that we act boldly, innovate broadly and implement equitably. NOW! So make a plan for you and your family to plan an earth day activity. It can be as simple as picking up trash or planting a tree. See below for some

local options! Remember a healthy planet means healthy humans. *God gave humans dominion over the earth. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good!*
Genesis 1:31



The Amazing Eau Claire Clean-Up

The 15th Annual "The Amazing Eau Claire Clean-Up Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. The event sends volunteers to locations throughout the city including community parks, neighborhood playgrounds, picnic areas, recreational trails, and downtown to pick up litter and complete various tasks. The event starts at 9:00 A.M. with different sites throughout Eau Claire. Groups will be assigned to each location. All the volunteers are provided t-shirts, garbage bags, a snack, and discounted tickets for local businesses. If you are interested in volunteering or additional information, contact Julie Booth at 715.839.5039 or RecVolunteers@eauclairewi.gov

Earth Week Open House

The JONAH Environmental Task Force in collaboration with Beaver Creek Reserve and the Eau Claire County Office of Recycling and Sustainability are hosting the Inaugural Earth Week Open House on Thursday, April 20, from 5:30 P.M.—7:30 P.M. at the Brewing Projekt, 1807 N Oxford, Eau Claire. There will be door prizes, kids activities and interactive displays. Come get inspired to adopt more sustainable practices in your everyday life. There will be a food truck available and beer and soft drinks available for purchase.

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