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Trinity Wine Tasting Event

Join other Trinity members on Friday, April 28, from 4:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. at River Bend Winery and Distillery, 10439 33rd Ave, Chippewa Falls. There will be wine tasting and charcuterie! The cost is \$10 per person. You can sign-up online or at Clipboard Central.

And save the date for our next event on May 18—axe throwing at Section 715 Throwing CO. with Trinity member and "champion axe thrower" Bill Burdt!

Mother's Day Flower Pick-Up

Thank you for supporting Noah's Ark with your flower orders. If you placed an order, please pick up your flowers in the Trinity Room on Friday, May 12 between 11:45 A.M.–4:00 P.M. There will be a variety of flowers/colors. You will be able to choose your flowers on a first come-first serve basis. Preschool Committee members will be available to help verify your order and transport them to your vehicle.

Job Openings

- **Preschool Teacher** • Noah's Ark is looking to hire a part time preschool teacher to start in the 2023–2024 school year. If you or someone you know has the gifts and talents to help raise up the next generation of peacemakers by learning through play, send a resume and cover letter to Preschool Director Marlee Knickerbocker at marlee@trinity-ec.org.
- **Custodian** • We are looking to hire a new custodian to work M–TH afternoons/evenings and Sunday mornings. If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about this part-time opportunity, please contact the office 715.832.6601.

Friendship Group

Can you throw that to go coffee cup in your recycling bin? How about that plastic shell your salad came in? A representative from Eau Claire County Recycling will join the Friendship Group on Wednesday, May 10 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 208. Lunch will be on our own at Culver's on Bracket Avenue following the meeting.

WELCOME
Summer

Summer Worship Schedule and Praise in the Park

This summer there will be additional worship opportunities! We will have our worship services at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. in the Worship Center, and there will be a third worship opportunity offsite for Praise in the Park! Five ELCA churches in Eau Claire come together to lead outdoor worship and music every Sunday morning during the summer at Phoenix Park at 10:00 A.M. ***Please note that on the Sundays Trinity leads Praise in the Park June 4, July 23, and August 20, Trinity will not have a 9:45 A.M. worship in the worship center.***

If there is unfavorable weather forecasted, we will move across the river to the Brewing Projekt. Bring your coffee, blankets, and chairs for this enjoyable time of worship!

Summer is Here!

Office hours will change just like the season, beginning June 1. The office will be open from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. School year hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, September 5.

Summer Nights: Tailgate

Mark your calendar for our first Summer Nights gathering on Wednesday, June 21. Bring your tailgate picnic to the Oak Pavilion (near the playground) at Carson Park between 5:00 P.M.–6:30 P.M. Trinity will supply the beverages and dessert! After the tailgate, join us for the Eau Claire Express baseball game at 6:35 P.M. Purchase tickets on your own.



Mexico Border Mission Trip

Join Deacon Lidixe for an insightful journey to the U.S. border in San Diego this summer. Learn firsthand about challenges and conditions faced by immigrants seeking refuge in the United States. Pastor Manuel Retamoza and Pastor Sarah Sumner Eisenbrawn will be our mentors and hosts at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in San Diego. Our group will fly out on August 4 and return on August 10, 2023. This is an excellent opportunity for students and adults to understand the complexities of our immigration system. Please indicate your interest in learning more about the trip by speaking with Deacon Lidixe between Sunday services or email her at lidixe@trinity-ec.org.



Women's Giving Circle

Trinity's Women's Giving Circle is looking for members and grant applications! In order to award grants, the Women's Giving Circle needs YOU to become a member. With an annual gift of \$250, you will help further our mission to build on the power of faith and work on societal solutions by connecting those in need to additional resources. You may make your gift at any time in 2023, but membership funds received by June 30 will determine available grant funds to be awarded this Fall.

Members vote on which grants are awarded, meaning you have a voice in which causes your money will support. Information brochures and membership forms can be found in Trinity's lobby, office, or at www.trinity-ec.org under the Endowment tab. Online giving is available by going to the website, clicking on the blue "Give Now" icon, then click "Open the online gift form," and designate Women's Giving Circle under "other." The grant application form can also be found on the website and must be submitted between May 1 and September 1. Thank you

Circle Meetings

- Deborah • Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 P.M. Trinity
- Mary/Martha • Tuesday, May 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Miriam • Wednesday, May 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, May 16, 1:30 P.M. Trinity

Funeral Planning Workshop

Are you ready to make REAL decisions about your life and how it will be celebrated before it is too late? 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.

Inter-Faith Prayer Service

The Interfaith Prayer Service of the Chippewa Valley brings peoples of many faith traditions together in prayer, celebrating peace and unity, and teaching that ultimately we are more similar than we are different. We gather together to pray for Peace and Unity. Please join other community members on Wednesday, May 10, at 6:30 P.M. at Temple Sholom 1223 Emery Street, Eau Claire.

Offering Update

This update as of March 31, 2023

- Amount Budgeted to Date: \$313,215
- Amount Received to Date: \$288,552
- Expenses to Date: \$305,940
- Deficit/Surplus: -\$17,388

Received March 2023 Memorials & Gifts

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Bev Hill: Jon & Maureen Homstad, Pat Garber, Steve & Anne Josephson, Merlin & Diane Folstad, Allan & Kim Dombrowski, Dennis & Betty Reinke
- In memory of Barb Johnson: Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In memory of Bob Gibbons: Marsha Kaiser, Dennis & Susan Wepler, Timothy & Shari Englebert, Joan & Mark Anderson, Lorraine Bremer, Doug & Patricia Potter, Gayle Trebesch, Jeff Susie, Scott Wolford

Food Pantry:

- In memory of Ag Strand: Friends & Family
- In memory of Bev Hill: Carroll & Sandra Vowels, Ron & Marilyn Thompson, Barbara Lee, James & Connie Beck, Bruce & Ruth Eastenson
- In memory of Bob Gibbons: Paul & Sarah Pederson
- In memory of Doug Polus: John & Jackie Krumenauer
- In memory of Helen Counsell: John & Nancee Burbank

Library Fund

- In honor of Amber Moltzau: Suzanne Becker
- In memory of Bev Hill: Mary Dixon, Lori Juneau, Sandra Jacobson, Jerold & Joanne Dow

Friends of Flynn

- In memory of Bev Hill: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Bruce & Ruth Eastenson

Scholarship Singers

- In memory of Bev Hill: Gary & Mary Rambo

Trinity Tollers Handbells

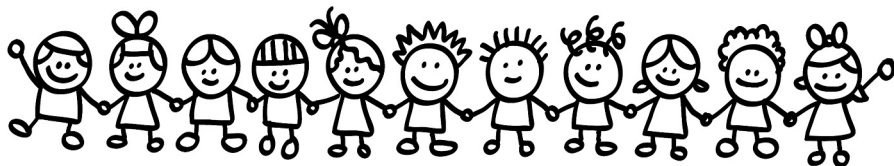
- In memory of Bev Hill: Norma Lionberger, Susan Erickson

Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of Bev Hill: Craig Koerth



Children, Youth & Family Ministries



Noah's Ark Preschool News

The end of our school year is fast approaching! We are busy with lots of spring fun...planting seeds and watching sprouts grow, investigating bugs, frogs, birds, and other wonderful creatures. We are having fun outside on our playgrounds; we're feeling the sun on our faces and the wind on our skin. We're listening to birds sing, and children rejoice at the awakening of our spring world. We pray we have helped children learn to be peacemakers in God's world and that they will go out to share God's love wherever they are. What a blessing to have spent this year together!

As our school year ends, we are sad to close another chapter for Noah's Ark Preschool. Our longtime teacher, Jill Kasmarek, will be ending her career here as a preschool teacher. She has been a faithful teacher in Noah's Ark as well as Trinity day camps for 27 years. She has touched the lives of many children and families. We are grateful for her years of ministry at Trinity! We wish her joy in her retirement days ahead!

Early Childhood Enrichment Class Fall Registration

Registration for Fall, 2023 Early Childhood Enrichment 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. Please call 715.832.6601 to register. Brochures with more information are available in the Children's Ministries office or on our website. Contact Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext. 205 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Faith Formation Updates

As our school year wraps up, we want to say a huge thank you to all those who have served as faith formation leaders this year. This includes Andrea Benedict, Andy Calvin, Reidar Gullicksrud, Heather Kedrowski, Emily Kreiner, Stephanie LaBarge, Kirsten Rubenzer, as well as Kathy Zukowsky, Corinne Gransee Paral, Kristan Motszko, Hailee Motszko and Craig Monson. You make a difference in the life of Trinity's children!

Summertime at Trinity

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

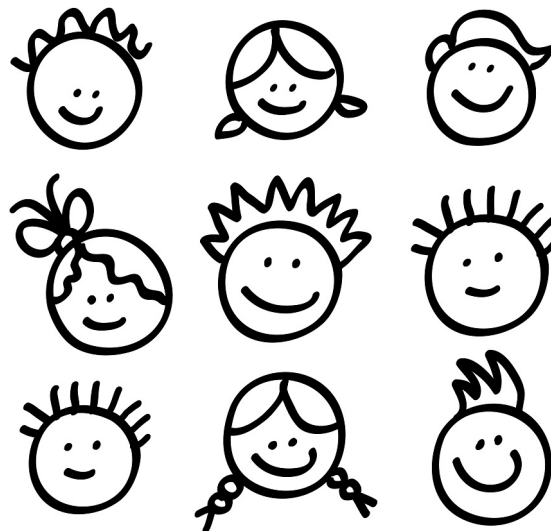
Camp Come & Play

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.

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 will be 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.



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 children. Email Heather Day (heatherd@trinity-ec.org) for more information!

Affirmation of Baptism

Join Gabrielle Amble, Maggie Avery, Rue Birkholz, Paige Blade, Julia Bluemke, Kellen Brown, Katie Bunkelman, Eliana Chen, Lucy Day, Brynn Glaser, Connor Gower, Addi Hoepner, Chloe Johnson, Kaija Kapanke, Riley Kreiner, Ryan Kuenkel, Kevin Kuenkel, Madison Laleman, Dylan Lande, Mason McCarthy, Landon Miller, Amaia Mohr, Hailee Motszko, Abraham Olson, Reggie Parks, Emmit Richards, Becca Rouse, Hunter Ryan, Aero Scarseth, Chase Schultz, Ryan Schultz, Amelia Solberg, Dustyne Stafford, Keith Stai, Benjamin Strayer, Mia Thompson, Alexander Tumaniec, Taleia Walker, Kaiyra Winkler, and Lillian Wright on Sunday, May 7 as they affirm their baptism in worship.

Thank You from Youth Ministry!

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the volunteers who made our 2022-2023 school year a huge success. We couldn't have done this year without you!

- Thank you projectionists and sound booth operators. Our services could not run without your attention and presence every Wednesday.
- Thank you to all members of CrossWord, Frank Watkins, and Andy Hofer. Your musical talents are outstanding! Your leadership and dedication are a driving force for every worship experience.
- Thank you to our fabulous Group Guides: Michelle Parks, Brent Amble, Nicole DiLorenzo, Jon Fibeger, Holly Hassemer, Kristan Motszko, Kim Peterson, Heather Kapanke, Gina Toutant, and Justin & Jacque Strayer.

Summer Youth Trip 2023

Trinity youth, who have completed 8th-12th grade, will attend JOURNEY July 24-27 in River Falls. This event is a tri-synod high school youth gathering and is a great primer for the 2024 trip to New Orleans. We will encounter God and one another in new ways through creative ministry, challenging conversation, inspiring guest speakers, service learning, and uplifting worship. The cost is \$300. Please email Pastor Tom at tomw@trinity-ec.org if you would like to attend!





Chippewa Valley PRIDE

The Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center is hosting Pride in the Park on Saturday, June 10, from 11:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. in Phoenix Park. Along with several other ELCA churches, Trinity will host a booth from 11:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. where we'll hand out buttons, flags, and other trinkets while we share God's love for ALL people. All are welcome to attend this inclusive and welcoming event, and we'd love to see you there! If you are interested in volunteering at the ELCA booth at Pride, contact Heather Day at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218. Stop by the ELCA booth on June 10 and say hello!

"Transforming" Book Recommendation

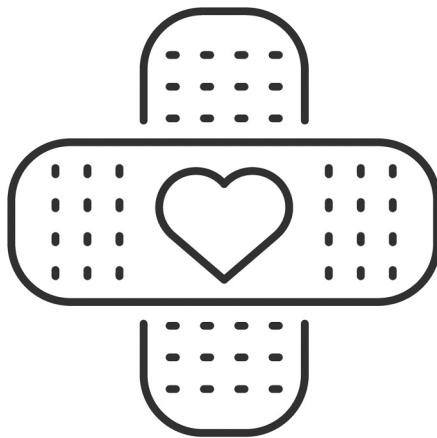
Being transgender in the church, especially as a young person, can be scary. The people doing the most harm to the transgender community are overwhelmingly people of faith. —Rebekah Bruesehoff, teenager, advocate, and ELCA Lutheran, in the foreword to the new edition of *Transforming*.

Austen Hartke's newly updated book *Transforming* is a smart and engaging text that can serve as a cornerstone for people and congregations seeking to welcome and affirm transgender and nonbinary people in their ministry. Hartke begins his book with basic terminology and expands to scriptural support for transgender persons not just being in the church, hidden in the back row, but serving in openness and authenticity. Heather Day has recently purchased several copies of this important book. If you are interested in borrowing a copy, contact Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

Care & Concern

Dear Trinity members,

Spring! It can't get here soon enough. I think everyone is ready for the sunshine, flowers, and warmth that spring brings. I found this passage from the Old Testament, Song of Solomon 2:11–13. For the winter is past; the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give for fragrance. In the Bible, Spring symbolizes a time of renewal and new beginnings. We can relate this to how we are refreshed by the love and grace we receive from God. It is also a time for growth—personal and spiritual.



Vicki Dueringer, R.N.
Parish Nurse

Caregiver Ministry

Out of love, out of obligation, maybe out of a sense of just doing what's right, you might be one of more than 40 million adults in North America taking care of an elderly, chronically ill or disabled loved one.

Are you on the road to caregiver burnout? Burnout is not taken lightly by psychologists—who define it as “a debilitating psychological condition brought about by unrelieved stress”—and should not be taken lightly by you. By the time most caregivers suspect burnout, they're already suffering myriad symptoms.

In addition to coping with a loved one's illness, they might also deal with financial pressures, changes in family dynamics and a general disruption in family life. It's time to ask for help if you have any of the following:

Fourteen Warning Signs of Caregiver Burnout

- Lack of energy
- Overwhelming fatigue
- Sleep problems (too much or too little)
- Changes in eating habits; weight loss or gain
- A feeling of hopelessness
- Withdrawing from, or losing interest in, activities you once enjoyed
- Neglecting your own physical and emotional needs
- Feeling like caregiving is controlling your life
- Becoming unusually impatient, irritable or argumentative with the person you're caring for and/or with others
- Anxiety about the future
- Depression or mood swings
- Difficulty coping with everyday things
- Headaches, stomachaches, and other physical problems
- Lowered resistance to illness

Here is a prayer for you, the caregiver: *Lord Jesus, today we pray for the caregivers in our Trinity family who sometimes feel isolated and forgotten, overwhelmed and anxious. Bless them, encourage them, strengthen them, and give them peace in the midst of their burdens and pressure. Keep them close to Your heart and enable us to give care to them when they need it most and expect it the least. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.*



Mothers' Day: It's Your Time

On Mothers' Day, most moms just want to spend the day with their loved ones. So this year, give your mother the gift of health and well-being. Mother's Day marks the kick-off of National Women's Health Week (May 11–17): a week designed for women across the nation to make their health a top priority and take simple steps to live safer and healthier lives. The theme for this year is "It's Your Time;" encouraging women to take time for their health and receive regular checkups, eat healthier, get enough sleep, manage their stress, and stay active with fitness and exercise. As many busy Moms know, it's easy to get caught up in the daily tasks of work and family life. Between work, making lunches, paying bills, shuttling the kids to where they need to be, spending time with your spouse, and everything in between, you might laugh at the thought of "me" time. Often, we as mothers, try to do the impossible. We try to be everything to everybody, putting the needs of our family above our own. As a result, our health and fitness suffers, leaving us to be no good to anyone. If you're guilty of neglecting one of the most important people in your family, yourself, pull out that to-do list and add yourself back at the top. Not only will you reap the benefits, but so will everyone around you.

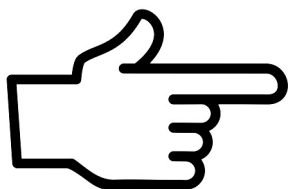
Friends of Flynn

Thank you to all who have donated to the Friends of Flynn throughout the 2022-2023 school year. Your monetary donations, along with books and supplies have helped us support the following needs for our Flynn students:

- Weekend meal project and The Flynn Food Pantry through Feed My People
- Provide healthy snacks for each classroom throughout the year, at testing times, and for after school clubs/programs
- A new book for each student to take home for Christmas break and the summer. Book drives are held each fall and spring, plus we purchase books that are age-specific.
- Emergency clothing and shoes (with focus on shoes and athletic pants)
- Staff appreciation treats.
- We occasionally get specific requests to assist families at Flynn who don't have other resources (example: laundry voucher)

If you are looking for an opportunity to give to a Ministry that directly impacts children's lives, the Friends of Flynn Ministry does just that. You are welcome to donate throughout the year. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the memo: Friends of Flynn.

Again, a special thank you to all that have donated throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated by the committee, but especially the Flynn children and staff. Check out the thank you's from the Coding Club on the bulletin board.



Please note! We will not have a Healing Service the third Sunday of each month from May through August.

Knitting in Prayer

Prayer Shawls, Pocket Prayer Shawls, and Prayer Beads are available from Trinity to be given to friends, neighbors, and coworkers experiencing a challenging time due to health concerns, death, or other major life events. If you can assist by knitting prayers shawls or pocket prayer shawls, there is yarn available in the entry way also.

Notice to all Gardeners

Do you ever find yourself with an excess of vegetables from your garden? Your freezer is full, you have run out of canning jars, and your neighbors lock their door when they see you coming with a box of greens? Instead of tossing these fresh usable vegetables into the compost pile, please consider bringing them to Trinity's Food Pantry for distribution to those that are in need of fresh healthy food choices.

Drop off your produce at Door 5 on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday mornings throughout the growing season. Our guests thank you!

Trinity Pantry Corner Cupboard

Thank-you all for your Reverse Lent food donations to the pantry, we were able to collect over 200 pounds of food this year.

If you have ever been passing by Trinity on a Monday morning, you may have seen the Feed my People truck pulled up to Door 5. With the help of several volunteers, four hand carts (a double decker cart, a pull cart and a flat bed cart) we unload an average of 3,400 pounds of food every Monday. This Monday morning set-up crew has over 75 years of combined experience getting the pantry ready each week. Thank-you Arla Prestin, Chris Gessner, Dave Hayman, Krista Hayman, Don Tiegs, Fred Waedt, Ginnie Geissler, Jane Hartman, Mary Karker, Paul Moltzau, Ron Misselt, Rose Siudak and Warren Hermondson for all you do for Trinity Food Pantry.

For the first time ever we rescued over 10,000 pounds of food in March! Thank-you HyVee, Aldi and Kwik Trip.

If you have any dozen size egg cartons, clean plastic or paper grocery bags you no longer need, our pantry would welcome your contribution. Just drop them off in the Food Pantry bin outside our door.



Library

Trinity Book Club

The book club has its final school year meeting on Tuesday, May 16, at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Vicki Dueringer, E2250 Jaybee Drive, Eau Claire, to discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose. Molly's orderly life is upended the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed.

We will begin with a potluck supper. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office by calling 715.832.6601, by signing up at Clipboard Central, or by emailing Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



New Books in Your Library

- *Hang the Moon* by Jeanette Walls. A riveting new novel about an indomitable young woman in Virginia during Prohibition. Most folk thought Sallie Kincaid was a nobody who'd amount to nothing. Sallie had other plans. (FIC WAL)
- *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, this biographical fiction is the triumphant, epic tale of one young man's incredible courage and resilience during one of history's darkest hours. (FIC SUL)
- *The Radium Girls* by Kate Moore. 1917. As a war raged across the world, young American women flocked to work, painting watches, clocks and military dials with a special luminous substance made from radium. It was a lucrative and glamorous job—covered head to toe in the dust from the paint. This is their story. (B 363.17 MOO)
- *Homecoming* by Kate Morton. An epic story that spans generations, Homecoming asks what we would do for those we love, how we protect the lies we tell, and what it means to come home. Above all, it is an intricate and spellbinding novel from one of the finest writers working today. (FIC MOR)
- *The Climate Book* by Greta Thunberg. We still have time to change the world. From Greta Thunberg, the world's leading climate activist, comes the essential handbook for making it happen. She has gathered the wisdom of over one hundred experts to equip us with the knowledge we need to combat climate disaster. (333.7 THU)
- *Night of Miracles* by Elizabeth Berg. This feel-good book is a delightful novel of friendship, community, and the way small acts of kindness can change your life, by the bestselling author of *The Story of Arthur Truluv*. (FIC BER)
- *Black Candle Women* by Diane Marie Brown. *Black Candle Women* is a warm and wry family drama with a magical twist about four generations of Black women, a family love curse, and the secrets they keep for and from each other over one very complicated year. (FIC BRO)
- *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, this is the story of a boy born to a teenaged single mother in a single-wide trailer, with no assets beyond his dead father's good looks and copper-colored hair, a caustic wit, and a fierce talent for survival. (FIC COP)

- *Brighter than the Sun* by Daniel Aleman. After the loss of her mother, high school junior Soledad finds herself struggling to balance classes and her new job in California to support her family in Tijuana, Mexico, in this thoughtful story about identity, immigration, and family. (YP FIC ALE)
- *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley. This novel is a captivating, brilliantly imaginative story of three extraordinary animals and a young boy whose lives intersect in Paris. (FIC SMI)

Picture Books

- *Lluvia O Sol (Rain or Shine)* by Disney. Children will get ready to play in any weather with their favorite Disney pals with this bilingual board book in Spanish and English. (++) FIC DIS)
- *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!* by Mo Williams. Pigeon experiences a loop-de-loop of emotions before his first roller coaster ride. (++) FIC WIL)
- *The Day God Made You* by Rory Feek. *The Day God Made You* is a beautiful reminder to all children including, all races, different abilities, and those with special needs, that God created them with purpose and love. (++) 213 FEE)
- *Motorcycles!* by Susan E. Goodman and Michael J. Doolittle. In this Step into Reading #3 book, young readers will have fun learning about motorcycles. (++) 629.227 GOO)

Book Recommendation

—from Mary Schoenknecht

Night of Miracles by Elizabeth Berg

Night of Miracles (FIC BER) is the sequel to *The Story of Arthur Truluv* (also available in the Trinity Library), although it can be read as a stand-alone book. The setting is the fictional town of Mason, Missouri and focuses on characters who live there. Lucille teaches baking classes; Monica is a waitress at Polly's Henhouse and Tiny, a cab driver, has a crush on Monica. Iris is a new resident who left Boston to find a new life and to get over a divorce, and Lucille's neighbor, Abby, is dealing with a cancer diagnosis. This novel provides comfort, offers hope, and reminds us of the goodness inherent in people who come together to help each other.

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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, Youth, and Family Ministries and Noah's Ark Preschool.
Be sure to "Like" Trinity soon and begin enjoying the benefits of inspiration and news

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