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Senior Picnic

We are planning a summer picnic for our Seniors and friends on Monday, August 7 at 11:30 A.M. If the weather and air quality is good, we can eat outside. We will also have the option to dine in the Trinity Room. The menu is pulled pork sandwiches, pasta salad, cole slaw, chips, and dessert. Sign-up at Clipboard Central, email vickid@trinity-ec.org or call Vicki Dueringer at 715.832.6601 ext. 209. All are welcome.

Ice Cream Social in Trinity's Backyard

Join us in the backyard on August 16, 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.



Morning Exercise Group

You are invited to join a general wellness exercise class (air conditioned) that meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9:00 A.M. in the Trinity Lobby. Participants should bring a mat or thick towel to lie on, and a bottle of water plus wear comfortable, stretchy clothing. We will have a great time as we work out, make new friends, and improve our bodies! For more information, contact the church office at 715.832.6601.

Funeral Planning Guide

We plan for many important events in our lives; yet, many people resist planning for the reality of their death. To assist you in planning, Trinity provides a “Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet” which walks you through numerous topics and provides options so you can develop a plan. The guides is located in the lobby and the office. Doing so assists your family in a tangible and profound way.

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. If you are eliminating or have eliminated your land line and are going exclusively to a cell phone, please share your phone number with your church. Changes or updates should be sent to Dawn Paul at dawn@trinity-ec.org

Circle Listings

- Deborah • Tuesday, August 15, 9:30 A.M. Oakwood Hills Senior Apartments
- Mary/Martha • Tuesday, August 15, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Miriam • Wednesday, August 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
- Ruth • Tuesday, August 15, 1:30 P.M. Fireside

Thursday Morning Bible Study

If you're a "morning person," then you'll want to take note of this group! Once a week a group of early risers meets to pray for community concerns and then to study the scriptural texts for the coming Sunday. The pastors take turns leading the study. And of course, let's not forget the coffee and goodies!

Friendship Group

We will next meet on August 9, at 10:00 A.M., room 208. Our program will be presented by Greg Kocken, Head of Special Collections and Archives & Associate Professor at UWEC. Greg has written a book on Forest Hill Cemetery and will be explaining the meanings of the markers.

Meet Our Newest Staff Members

Emily Kreiner • Hello! My name is Emily Kreiner, and I'd like to introduce myself to you. I will be starting in August as the Children, Youth and Ministry Assistant.

My family and I have been members of Trinity for around 12 years. We became members after our oldest started preschool at Noah's Ark. We have three children that attend the Altoona school district. The ages of our children are 15, 13, and 10 years old. I decided to stay home after we had our first child, and have loved every minute of it! Now that they are getting older and more independent, I am looking forward to working again.

I was told to write about my "go to" coffee order. I fear to say that it is not very exciting, and tends to change depending on the weather and the time of year it is. But overall I would have to say that in warm weather it is a Starbucks Caramel Macchiato, and in cold weather it is a Starbucks Caramel Frappuccino.

I am very excited to begin my new job, and am looking forward to working with some amazing people!

Monica Bauer • My connection to Noah's Ark comes from my grandchildren. Dawson and Harper attended pre-school here last year. Dawson is moving onto kindergarten at Lakeshore, and Harper will attend 4K in Elk Mound.

There are many things that I'm looking forward to in this wonderful position as a pre-school teacher. I retired from teaching first grade a couple of years ago, and I've missed the connection with children. I'm eager to once again spend part of my days seeing the world through the eyes of children. Watching their exploration and discoveries as they grow, and seeing their excitement when they gain independence and confidence is a joy. I'm also looking forward to working with a great team of teachers and learning new things.

I'm not too picky when it comes to coffee, as long as it's hot. I tend to lean towards something nutty, usually hazelnut, and I like a little cream.

Online Giving Makes a Difference

Trinity offers three eGiving options that allow you to give anytime, anywhere, even on the road. It takes just seconds to use your smart phone to give by text or through our mobile app.

- Use the QR Code.
- Simply send a text message to 844.405.0424 with the amount you would like to contribute (for example, 50). You will receive a registration link to enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process," and you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount to give, and it will process automatically. Contact dawn@trinity-ec.org with questions.
- Use our webpage trinity-ec.org, on the upper right there is a "Give" button. Then click "Donate Online."

We appreciate your generosity, whether you are donating from the worship center or on a road trip.



Financial Update

Offering Update as of June 30, 2023

- Amount Budgeted to Date: \$626,430
- Amount Received to Date: \$553,205
- Expenses to Date: \$595,454
- Deficit/Surplus: -\$42,249

Apply for a Grant

The mission of the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Trinity Endowment Trust, is to "demonstrate God's love by positively impacting people's lives through collective philanthropy and awarding of financial gifts." Grant applications for 2023 are due August 31. The Circle Governance Board reviews all grant applications, and the full membership of the Women's Giving Circle has the opportunity to vote on the Board's recommendations at their annual meeting in October. You can read about the Women's Giving Circle and the grant criteria, and find the application, at trinity-ec.org under the Endowment Trust tab.

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Memorials & Gifts

Memorials

- In memory of Warren Wangen: Warren & Mavis Hermodson, Pat Garber, Lori Juneau, Barbara Lee

Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of Joan Smith: Miriam Circle
- In memory of Dan Walker: Richard & Susan Cochrane, Thomas & Barbara Johnson

Library

- In memory of Gary Crossman: Miriam Circle, Ed & Mary Elworthy

Food Pantry

- In memory of Bill Miller: Dave & Jeanette Suchla

Trinity Choir

- In memory of Warren Wangen: Warren & Mavis Hermodson

Trust Fund

- In memory of Warren Wangen: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool and the ECE Program!

We hope our children, families, and teachers are enjoying a summer filled with rest, rejuvenation, and discoveries! At the same time, we prepare for the start of the school year when children will enter our space and the hallways will ring with the voices and laughter of children! The classroom is getting some organization and cleaning. New teachers are preparing for the school year. Registration has continued for both our Noah's Ark classes (ages 3–5 years) and the Early Childhood Enrichment classes (ages 18 months–3 years) in the fall. Space is very limited so if you know of a young child who may be interested in participating in wonderful play-based programming in a safe, caring, faith-based environment, contact Marlee Knickerbocker as soon as possible at marlee@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601. I look forward to sharing God's love through our actions and words with these incoming young children and families. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

In Peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker

Early Childhood Enrichment and Noah's Ark Preschool Openings

Registration continues for our fall programming. Space is limited.

- Come and Play, a drop off class for children whose birthdates fall between 9.1.2020 and 5.31.2021. Meets Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 9:15 A.M.-11:15 A.M.
- Noah's Ark Preschool, Monday-Thursday afternoons (12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.), a multi-age class for children 3–5 years old by 9.1.2023
- Noah's Ark Preschool, Monday/Wednesday afternoons (12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.), for children 4 years old by 9.1.2023. This class has an emphasis on science, early literacy, and creative arts.

For more information, contact Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext. 205 or marlee@trinity-ec.org.

Children's Bible Fund

Each fall, Trinity blesses dozens of children with new Bibles as a fulfillment of the promise that is made in baptism to "place in their hands the holy scriptures." As a way of supporting all the children of Trinity, please consider donating to the Children's Bible Fund. Donate online or by check with the memo: Children's Bible Fund. Thank you!

Faith Formation 2023–2024

Faith Formation opportunities begin in September for children preschool age through grade 8 and registration will be available online later in August. Mark your calendars with these important dates and watch your mailbox for more information!

Sunday, September 10

- Rally Sunday Worship with Backpack Blessing (8:15 and 9:45 A.M.) and Bible Distribution to 3-year-olds and third graders (9:45 A.M. only)

Sunday, September 17

- Begin Sunday Faith Formation and Pre-Confirmation classes, 8:50 A.M.

Wednesday, September 20

- Begin Wednesday Worship with 7th grade Bible Distribution, 6:00 P.M.
- Confirmation Orientation for all youth and parents/guardians, 6:45 P.M.
- Begin Pre-Confirmation class and High School Youth Group, 6:45 P.M.

Wednesday, September 27

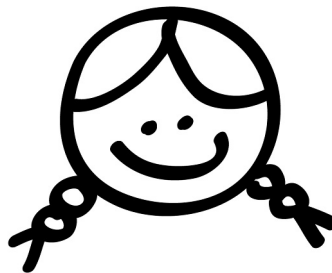
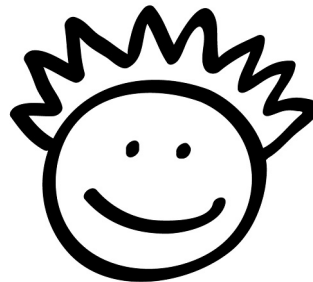
- Regular Confirmation Class Begins, 6:45 P.M.

Faith Formation Teachers Needed!

Consider being part of the team that shares the Good News with our children every week! Teachers are needed for Sunday School and for Connections (Pre-Confirmation, grades 5-6) on Sunday mornings from 8:50 A.M.–9:35 A.M. Because we'll have family faith formation classes on the first Sunday of each month, teachers will only teach three times each month. Faith formation classes begin September 17 and run through April.

Teachers are also needed for Connections (Pre-Confirmation, grades 5–6) classes on Wednesday nights. This class meets weekly from 6:45 P.M.–7:45 P.M. beginning Wednesday, September 20.

Consider finding a partner to share the job! Adults and youth (high school age or older) are invited to volunteer as teachers. This is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Watch for a sign-up in the lobby or contact Heather Day to learn more.



Confirmation Group Guides Needed!

This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith while leading a small group of enthusiastic students. Confirmation group guides are responsible for leading a small group of 6–8 students. They participate with their group in the large group lesson usually taught by a pastor and then lead a discussion with their small group following the large group lesson. Confirmation meets weekly on Wednesdays, September through April, from 6:45 P.M.–7:45 P.M. This is a great opportunity to serve in Christ's love and share the Good News! Watch for a sign-up in the lobby or contact Pastor Tom at 715.832.6601 ext 217 or tomw@trinity-ec.org to learn more.

ELCA Youth Gathering–2024 New Orleans

The next ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in July 16–20. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this life changing event please attend one of the upcoming informational meetings. Youth participants must be in 8th–12th grade at the time of registration. Contact Pastor Tom at 715.832.6601 ext 217 or tomw@trinity-ec.org to learn more.

Informational Meetings are Sunday, August 27 at 10:45 A.M. in room 208 and Wednesday, September 20 at 6:45 P.M. in the Trinity room (this will take place during the confirmation orientation).

CARE & CONCERN

Summer Safety • Signs of Heat Exhaustion

Recently I was visiting with my sister-in-law. She was telling me she had to leave work because she got "so hot." She had a headache, felt sick to her stomach, and felt light-headed. She was doing physical work indoors, but the area was warm and high humidity. When she got home, she drank fluids, rested for awhile and started to feel better. I'm sure she was experiencing heat exhaustion.

There are two types of heat exhaustion: Water depletion and salt depletion. Although heat exhaustion is not as serious as heat stroke, without intervention it can progress to heat stroke.

The most common signs of heat exhaustion are confusion, dizziness, fatigue, fainting, headache, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle cramps, pale skin, profuse sweating, rapid heart beat, and dark colored urine (dehydration).

Treatment includes the following:

- Moving to a cool environment such as air conditioning or shade.
- Drinking plenty of fluids such as water or sport drinks.
- Remove tight or unnecessary clothing.
- Taking a cool shower or bath.
- Use other cooling measure measures such as fans or cold, wet towels.
- If symptoms don't improve in 15 minutes, then seek medical help.

So, on those days when we are having heat and humidity, listen for the heat index. If the heat index is 90 degrees or more, stay cool and drink plenty of non-caffeine, non-alcoholic beverages. If you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated!

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse



Prayer Requests

You're invited to share prayer requests by contacting Prayer Link Team members. These requests go to our entire Prayer Link Team, and then they pray. August prayer requests can be made by contacting Vicki Fields at 715.579.8860, Gordon Larson at 715.832.5447, or Melanie Hopp at 715.533.0894.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive is Thursday, August 17 from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. At our June drive we only collected 18 units of blood. We are really hoping for a resurgence in donors this time. Additionally we had several people unable to donate because of low hemoglobin. If low hemoglobin is a problem for you, do the following for two weeks prior to donating:

1. Take a multi-vitamin with iron daily. Check the label to make sure it contains iron.
2. Decrease your black tea consumption as the tannins block iron absorption.
3. Eat iron rich foods.

Please go to redcrossblood.org to register for donating. The goal Red Cross set for us is 44 donors. Please consider donating!

Food Pantry Corner Cupboard

We would like to send out a thank-you to our crew of evening pantry volunteers. This group serves our guests from 4:30 P.M.–6:00 P.M. every Tuesday evening. These volunteers are currently averaging over 100 families per month, this is an increase of 32% over 2022. Thanks to our evening volunteers Chris Geraci, Dennis Luther, Jane Hartman, Kyle Berg, Linda Berg, Barth Keith, Jeri Jacobson, Kathy Nelson, Jenna Murphy, Barb Misselt, Joanie Lindau, Kristan Motszko, Hailee Motszko.

More ...

- We have served over 125,000 meals to our guests so far in 2023.
- Check out the "What's the Point of a Food Pantry?" podcast to learn more about our food ministry here at Trinity.
- Please keep the clean plastic and paper grocery bags coming!

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!

Friends of Flynn

Before we know it, the 2023–2024 school year will begin. Friends of Flynn, the partnership between Flynn Elementary School and Trinity, will be ready to support students and families.

This year Flynn Elementary has requested the following school supplies:

- Colored pencils
- Washable markers
- Crayons (24 Pack)
- Glue Sticks
- Kleenex
- Paper folders
- Notebooks (Wide rule)
- Kids scissors
- Sidewalk chalk



The supplies can be dropped off at Trinity (Sundays in the Lobby and at door #1 during the week).

Thank you for your generous support! Friends of Flynn is thankful to receive monetary donations. Dollars go toward items such as clothing and shoes, children's books, snacks for after school programs, winter equipment for recess, and even vouchers for the laundromat. The needs of Flynn Elementary are changeable and varied. Children and staff are always appreciative of the ways we can address needs. If you'd like to make a dollar donation, please make a check out to Trinity Lutheran and write Friends of Flynn in the memo. Thank you!

Thank-you note received from Flynn Elementary School Staff.

To Trinity, Friends of Flynn:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. Thank-you for every thing you do for our staff and students! We are so thankful for all of you.

Flynn Elementary

Serving in Christ's Love—Community Table

Trinity will volunteer at The Community Table on Thursdays, August 3 and September 14, serving 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. Please wear closed toe shoes. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign-up at Clipboard Central or contact Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.

Tips for the New Caregiver

Your first day of being the primary source of care for a loved one is arguably one of the most daunting experiences you'll come to face. It's not something you actively prepare for. It is difficult both emotionally and physically. If you're new to being a caregiver, here are a few tips to help you do your best in these new circumstances.

- You are NOT alone: If you are feeling overwhelmed or need respite, there is lots of help and support available. Contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center or other agencies for assistance. Ask family members, friends, and neighbors for help. Learning is gradual: You may find yourself wondering "How will I ever learn all this?" You take everything step by step. Your patience and willingness to learn will pay off.
- Communicate: Clear, effective communication with your loved one, family members, and medical team is vital. If you don't understand, ask for further explanation.
- Be organized. Have important phone numbers, medications, and appointments dates in easy to locate places.
- Encourage independence where it's possible and safe to do.
- Remember to look after yourself. Take some time to look after your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

Prayer for Care Givers: *Gracious God, 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.*

JONAH Update

Trinity has been a member a member congregation of JONAH (Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope) since 2021. JONAH is an interfaith non-profit organization that welcomes all people to come to justice work because of their faith values. Since 2007, JONAH has been working in the Chippewa Valley with individuals, agencies, and organizations to help make our communities healthier, safer, and better places for everyone to live and work. JONAH's work is focused on building community and building capacity to address root causes of poverty and injustice. They come together for this important and public work because when every one person does better, everyone does better. If you would like to learn more about JONAH, including how to get involved in one of their many task forces, contact Heather Day, Trinity's current representative on JONAH's board of directors.

MUSIC MINISTRY

From the Music Corner

Joy! Do you need more joy in your life? What a great New Year's Resolution: create more joy in your life by making music and praising God! We invite you and your entire family to join a music ensemble here at Trinity.

Tuesday

- Trinity Tollers Handbell Choir, 6:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M., Grade 7–Adult

Wednesday (Family Night)

- God's Little Singers, 5:00 P.M.–5:55 P.M., Pre-K to Grade 2 • Director Jeanne Cooper; jeanne@trinity-ec.org
- Totally Joyous Christians, 5:00 P.M.–5:55 P.M., Grades 3–8 • Director Corinne Gransee Paral; corinne@trinity-ec.org
- Crossword Youth Band, 5:00 P.M.–5:55 P.M., Grade 8–Adult • Director Andy Hofer; andyhofer31@gmail.com
- Trinity Choir, 6:45 P.M.–7:30 P.M., Grade 9–Adult • Director

Thursday

- Praise Team, 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M., Grade 9–Adult • Director Dr. Frank A. Watkins; frank@trinity-ec.org

Rehearsal Start Dates

- Trinity Choir–September 6
- Praise Team–September 7
- Trinity Tollers–September 12
- Crossword Youth Band–September 13
- Youth Choirs–September 20

There is a place for everyone in the Trinity music ensembles! Let's make music and worship God together!



LIBRARY

Book Club

The Trinity Book Club will meet on Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 P.M. in room 208 to discuss *America's First Daughter* by S. Dray & L. Kamoie

In a compelling, richly researched novel that draws from thousands of letters and original sources, bestselling authors Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie tell the fascinating, untold story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha “Patsy” Jefferson Randolph—a woman who kept the secrets of our most enigmatic founding father and shaped an American legacy.

New Books for The Trinity Book Club

- *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie. This historical fiction about Martha “Patsy” Jefferson, Thomas Jefferson's oldest daughter, is compelling and richly researched and draws from thousands of letters and original sources. From her earliest days, Patsy knows that though her father loves his family dearly, his devotion to his country runs deeper still. She becomes his helpmate, protector, and constant companion in the wake of her mother's death. (FIC DRA)
- *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist Smith. *The 13th Gift* is a true story about the everyday miracles that can occur during the holiday season. It is a heartwarming reminder that with love, community, and family, even the most broken hearts can be mended. (394.2 SMI)
- *Foster* by Claire Keegan. Winner of the prestigious Davy Byrnes Award and abridged for the New Yorker, this internationally acclaimed, bestselling classic is now published for the first time and available in its original form in the US. A story of astonishing emotional depth, Foster showcased Claire Keegan's great talent and secures her reputation as one of our most important storytellers. (FIC KEE)

- *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. This debut novel is an exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus and gentle reminder that sometimes taking a hard look at the past can help uncover a future that once felt impossible. (FIC VAN)
- *The Memory Keeper of Kyiv* by Erin Litteken. This timely novel, *The Memory Keeper of Kyiv*, is inspired by the history the world forgot and the Russian government denies when in the 1030's Stalin activists marched through the Soviet Union espousing the greatness of collective farming. This created a man-made famine that, in Ukraine, stole almost four million lives. Erin Litteken reimagines their story of the resilience of the human spirit, the love that sees us through our darkest hours and the true horror of what happened during the Holodomor. (FIC LIT)

Bilingual Picture Books

Look for the special bilingual label on the front covers.

- *Green Is a Chile Pepper* by Roseanne Green Thong. In this lively concept book, children discover a rainbow of colors in the world around them: Red is spices and swirling skirts, yellow is masa, tortillas, and sweet corn cake. Many of the featured objects are Hispanic in origin, but all are universal in appeal. With rich, exuberant illustrations, a fun-to-read rhyming text, and an informative glossary, this colorful book will brighten every child's day! (++) FIC THO)
- *Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo, Que Ves Ahi?* (*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*) by Bill Martin Jr. This perennial classic, illustrated by Eric Carle, is in English-Spanish. (++) FIC MAR)
- *Osopanda, Oso Panda, Que Ves Ahi?* by Bill Martin Jr. Illustrations and rhyming text present ten different endangered animals in this Spanish language board book. (++) FIC DOM)
- *The Wheels on the Bus* by Susie Jaramillo. This board book is a Nick Jr. Canticos three button sound book in English and Spanish for babies and toddlers. (++) FIC GUY)
- *Hoy Hice un Amigo Nuevo (I Made a New Friend Today)* by Scotty Lee. This is a fun book about friendship and soccer written and illustrated by a local author. (++) FIC LEE)

Other Books for Young Readers

- *Chirri & Chirra: Underground* by Kaya Doi. The fourth book in the Japanese Chirri & Chirra series, this underground adventure is sure to charm and delight young readers. ++ FIC DOI)
- *Be You* by Peter H. Reynolds. Young readers will learn, no matter where their journey leads, they are to remember to be curious, adventurous, patient, brave and stay true to themselves. (++) FIC REY)
- *Who Was Frida Kahlo?* By Sarah Fabiny. In this biography, we learn that Frida Kahlo is one of the most famous female artists of all time, she loved the beauty of her native Mexico, and she dreamed of becoming a doctor. (+ B FIB)
- *The Thank You Book* by Danna Smith. This lovely board book shows us all the ways we can be thankful! (++) FIC SMI)
- *Antiracist Baby* by Ibram X. Kendi. *Antiracist Baby* is a 2020 children's book inspired by the author's four-year-old daughter, was conceived as a tool for discussing racism with young children. (++) 305.8 KEN)

Four Great Reasons to Read Aloud to Your Kids

Reading aloud to children creates a lifetime interest in reading.

If you start reading to your children while they are young, they will be much more likely to grow into the habit of reading. When they associate reading with happy memories, they are more likely to persist in learning to read, even when they run into occasional roadblocks in the process of learning to read.

Reading to young children extends their attention spans.

Don't overdo it at first. You might need to start with just ten minutes of read-aloud time, and gradually extend the time until your child is able to maintain full attention for longer periods of time. A longer attention span will help a child perform better both in school subjects and in real-life projects.

Reading aloud to children aids in language development.

As children listen to you read, they assimilate strong language skills. They pick up correct word pronunciation, word usage, and proper grammar. Their working vocabulary increases, and they internalize correct sentence structure. All these skills will eventually transfer to their own speaking and writing. Improper grammar will begin to sound wrong to them, and they will be more likely to choose good grammar when they communicate. By demonstrating fluency, reading aloud to your child will also help them become a more fluent reader.

Last, but certainly not least, read-aloud time is great one-on-one bonding time.

Reading aloud is a wonderful chance to share adventure, intrigue, and emotion—without having to leave your living room. And that is irreplaceable.



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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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 - All submissions must be your own work. Any copyrighted material (code, images, or otherwise) must include written permission from the original source.
 - Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 18.