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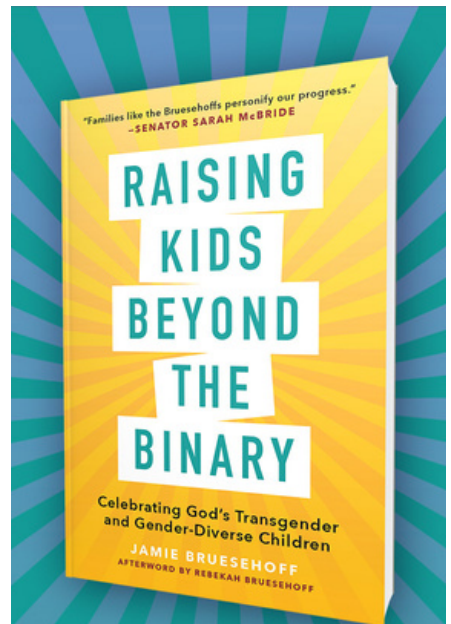
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FAITH FORMATION KICKS OFF

On September 17 and 20, we kicked off Sunday School, Connections, Confirmation, and Youth Group for the 2023-2024 school year.

Sunday School - Age 3 (3 by 9.1.2023) through grade 4
Sundays, 8:50-9:35 am

Connections - Grades 5-6
Sundays, 8:50-9:35 am or Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm

Confirmation - Grades 7-8
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm

Youth Group - Grades 9-12
Wednesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm

You can still register at <https://trinity-ec.org/register/>

FIRST SUNDAYS

On the first Sunday of each month (October-April), the whole family gets to come to faith formation class!

First Sundays will meet in the Trinity Room as families come together to play, learn, and grow in faith. Regular Sunday School/Connections classes will NOT be held on these days. Mark your calendars now; on First Sundays, faith formation teachers will be off-duty, and parents/adults will get the chance to learn with their kids.

The first First Sunday class will be held on October 1, from 8:50-9:35 am and all families are invited! Bring your Bibles!

NURSERY

Sometimes young children (or their caregivers) need a break during worship! Nursery care is available on Sunday mornings from 8:10-10:45 AM for children three and under.

A paid nursery care provider, along with volunteers, provides a safe, nurturing, and grace-filled experience for our youngest children.

To volunteer in Trinity's nursery, contact Heather Day.

FROLIC

On the second Sunday of every month, young children (age 3 and under) and their parents/ caregivers are invited to a Frolic class at 8:55 am in Trinity's nursery.

The first Frolic class of the year will be held on Sunday, October 8.

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.

No registration is necessary.



BEYOND SUNDAY: FAMILIES



TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Sunday, October 29, from 5:00 P.M.–6:30 P.M. for our Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Come to Trinity’s big parking lot dressed in your Halloween costumes to see some awesomely decorated trunks and receive some great Halloween Tricks and Treats!

NOAH’S ARK PRESCHOOL CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

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

Where: Chipotle Mexican Grill, 941 W Clairemont Ave location only.

When: Monday, October 24, 4:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

How: If ordering in person, tell them you are supporting Noah's Ark Preschool. If ordering online, use the promo code **RPKYTHB**.

If you would like to decorate your trunk (and yourself!) and hand out candy, contact Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.



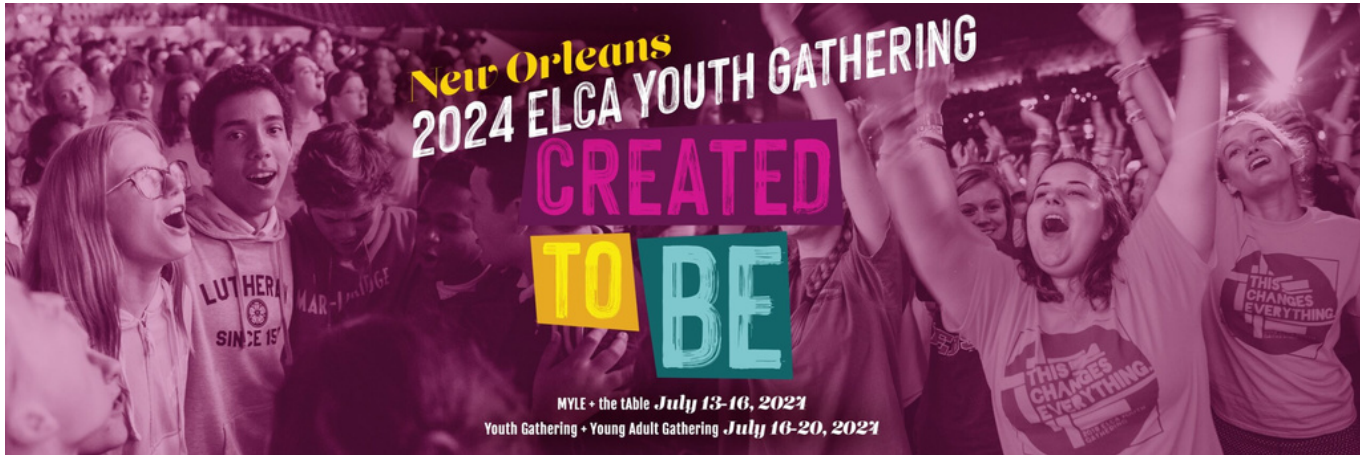
CELEBRATING GENDER-DIVERSE CHILDREN

ELCA member, mother, and advocate Jamie Bruesehoff has just released her new book, “Raising Kids Beyond the Binary: Celebrating God’s Transgender and Gender-Diverse Children.” Heather Day hopes to lead a small group in reading and discussing this excellent book.

If you are interested in joining in this conversation and finding new ways to celebrate the gender-diverse children in your life, contact Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.



BEYOND SUNDAY: YOUTH



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING

Imagine it...30,000 high school youth and adult leaders from across the ELCA gather for a week spending time together in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship.

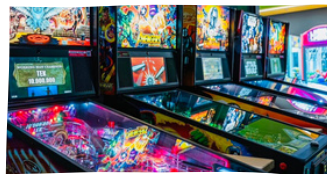
If you are currently in grades 8-12, you can attend the Youth Gathering in New Orleans, Louisiana on July 16-20, 2024. The Youth Ministry Team is excited to bring youth on this amazing experience of faith formation and to be able to see the impact that 30,000 high school youth and adult leaders can have on our community.

To learn more, please contact [Heather Day](#) or [Pastor Tom](#) ASAP! The deadline to turn in registration forms and a \$200 deposit is Sunday, October 15. Don't miss this awesome opportunity!

REBOOT SOCIAL

On Wednesday, October 11, we're headed to The Reboot Social (220 S Barstow St) from 6:30-8:00 pm! This will be a fun night for our confirmation and Connections students (regular classes will NOT be held at Trinity this night), but **all Trinity middle and high schoolers are invited!**

Pitchers of pop and some game tokens will be provided, but bring your own money if you'd like more tokens or food. Students are responsible for their own rides to and from this event. Parents are welcome to stay and play!



FREE PIZZA, ANYONE?



On Thursday, October 26, high school students can meet Pastor Tom and Heather for lunch at JimBob's Pizza, across the street from the Memorial High School parking lot (2205 Fairfax St.) We'll buy you the lunch special and we can catch up!

We'll be at JimBob's from 11:45-1:15 pm, so Memorial students can walk over on their lunch break. Altoona students have an early release that day, so they can stop over after school!

Bring a friend! We'll see you at JimBob's!