

FAMILY MATTERS

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

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LOOKING AHEAD

Looking ahead to all things Advent and Christmas!

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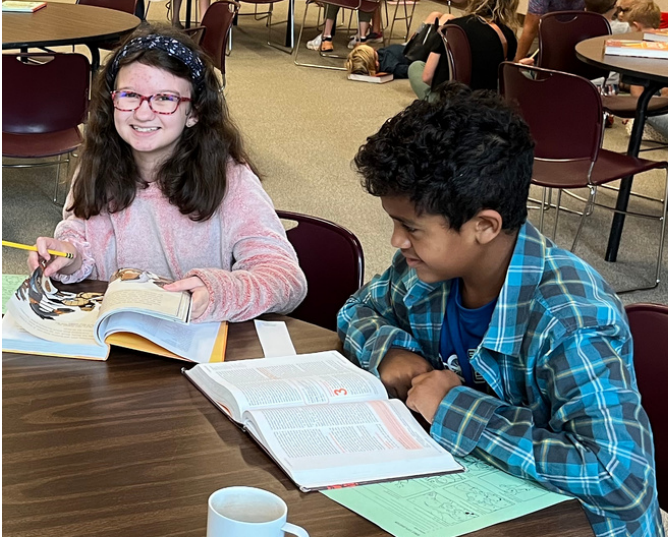


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FAITH FORMATION



NOVEMBER SCHEDULES

Faith Formation lesson schedules for November:

Preschool (ages 3-5)

Nov 5 - *First Sunday* family lesson
 Nov 12 - Jesus Teaches and Heals #1
 Nov 19 - Jesus Teaches and Heals #2
 Nov 26 - Sharing (Frolic Storybook lesson)

Elementary (Kindergarten-Grade 4)

Nov 5 - *First Sunday* family lesson
 Nov 12 - Joseph (Joseph rises to power)
 Nov 19 - Joseph (Joseph forgives his brothers)
 Nov 26 - Naomi and Ruth

Connections (Grades 5-6) - Sunday

Nov 5 - *First Sunday* family lesson
 Nov 12 - Exodus
 Nov 19 - Wilderness
 Nov 26 - Commandments

Connections (Grades 5-6) - Wednesday

Nov 1 - Moses
 Nov 8 - Exodus
 Nov 15 - Joe Davis/David Scherer at St. John's
 Nov 22 - No Class, Thanksgiving Break
 Nov 29 - Wilderness

FIRST SUNDAYS

The next First Sunday class will be held on **November 5**, from 8:50-9:35 am and all families are invited!

On the first Sunday of each month, regular Sunday School/Connections classes will NOT be held. Instead, parents should come with their children to the Trinity Room for faith formation for the whole family. **The First Sunday theme for November is Holy Communion.**

FROLIC CLASS

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, where little ones and their parents will learn a few Bible stories, prayers, songs, and blessings together. The next Frolic class will be held on **November 12**. No registration is necessary.

HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



Children in second grade and higher who have not already participated in Holy Communion instruction are invited to come together on **Wednesday, November 8 from 5:00-5:50 pm.**

Register at trinity-ec.org/register or email Heather at heatherd@trinity-ec.org.

Students will meet with Pastor Tom to learn together about God's love for us and the special gift of Holy Communion. Children are welcome to commune at any time, but there will be a special recognition of their participation in Holy Communion at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 22 at 6:00 pm.**

FAMILY EVENTS



NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL TACO FIESTA FUNDRAISER

Noah's Ark Preschool will host a Taco Fiesta Fundraiser on **Tuesday, November 14**, from 4:00–7:00 pm. Come feast on a great supper including meat or vegetarian tacos with soft and/or hard shells and all the taco toppings. Meet new and old friends, enjoy children's activities, and participate in our annual Silent Auction.

Purchased in advance, tickets are \$5 for ages 2-12 and \$8 for ages 13 and up. Advance tickets are available in the lobby on Sundays and Wednesdays, or in the church office on weekdays. At the door, adult prices increase to \$10. Come join the Noah's Ark community for a fun evening!

JONAH CONCERT & BAKE SALE

Trinity is a member of JONAH, which does faith-based community organizing in the Chippewa Valley. JONAH is proud to announce its latest concert fundraiser and welcomes the band Dead Horses, with opening act Nik Foytik.

You are invited to join in listening to great music and supporting JONAH's work financially by attending the Dead Horses concert on **Saturday, November 11** at 7:00 pm at Trinity. Tickets are \$30 each and are available at volumeone.org or at the door.

Trinity youth will be hosting a bake sale fundraiser between acts to raise money for students headed to the ELCA Youth Gathering next summer!

HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

On **Sunday, November 19**, we will have a "Service of the People" during the 8:15 and 9:45 am worship services, honoring the many ways that BIPOC (Black, indigenous, people of color) persons have contributed to our community.

Following the 9:45 am worship service, there will be a luncheon of Hispanic food in the Trinity Room, along with children's activities and a piñata. Our Latin American neighbors will be invited to join us for this celebration of Hispanic heritage!

[RSVP for lunch at trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) or at Clipboard Central. A free will offering will be taken.



YOUTH UPDATES



CONFIRMATION

Thanks to everyone who came out to Reboot Social on October 11. It was a fun night! Confirmation classes meet each Wednesday from 6:45-7:45 pm in the Trinity Room, unless otherwise noted.

Confirmation Lesson Schedule

- Nov 1 - You Matter: Your purpose can change the world
- Nov 8 - Creation: We are called to care for creation, including ourselves
- Nov 15 - Joe Davis & David Scherer at St. John's Lutheran, 6:00 pm
- Nov 22 - No Class; Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 29 - Prophets: We too are called to strive for justice and peace

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 at the Noah's Ark Taco Fiesta Fundraiser on Tuesday, **November 14**. Sign up to supervise kids' activity tables or bus dishes. 2 shifts available: 4:00-5:30 pm OR 5:30-7:00 pm. [Email Heather](#) or sign up at the toolbench. Thank you!



HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

We're moving! Check out the NEW Youth Room, now located in Rooms 304-306 (across the hall from the Chapel)!

Want to stay in touch and receive reminders about high school events and meet-ups? **Text @2324trinhs to the number 81010** to join the Remind group and receive updates from Heather and Pastor Tom.

Mark your calendars for these dates:

- Nov 1 - New Orleans Youth Gathering group meeting, 6:45-7:45 pm
- Nov 8 - Youth group meeting in the NEW Youth Room! 6:45-7:45 pm
- Nov 15 - Joe Davis & David Scherer at St. John's Lutheran, 6:00 pm
- Nov 16 - Lunch with Pastor Tom and Heather at JimBob's Pizza, 11:45 am-1:15 pm
- Nov 22 - No youth group meeting
- Nov 29 - Fun night in the Youth Room, 6:45-7:45 pm

GUEST SPEAKERS: JOE DAVIS & DAVID SCHERER



On Wednesday, November 15, all Trinity middle and high school students are invited to join other youth from around the city to hear the dynamic duo of Joe Davis and David Scherer.

Joe (a poet) and David (a rapper) are both artists and educators who bring 30+ years of experience between the two of them in facilitating intercultural bridge building and personal growth. They work with all ages to "move the needle" toward cultural humility and awareness.

You DON'T want to miss this amazing opportunity! There will be NO regular Confirmation or Connections classes at Trinity that evening.

**Wednesday, November 15
 6:00 pm**
 St. John's Lutheran
 1804 Highland Ave
 Eau Claire

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS



WREATH SALE

Order your Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from **November 1-15**. Place your order and pay on Sunday mornings before and after worship or on Wednesday evenings before worship. Orders can also be placed online at trinity-ec.org.

Wreaths and swags will be available for pickup at Trinity on Wednesday, November 29, from 5:00-6:00 pm and Sunday, December 5, from 9:00-10:30 am.

This fundraiser raises money for Trinity youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024.

ANGEL BREAKFAST

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Angel Breakfast on Saturday, **December 2** from 8:30-10:00 am. Children and adults will participate in activities, enjoy a fancy breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story told by a REAL ANGEL! Join us for this special morning. Pre-registration is required.



ORNAMENT MAKING WORKSHOP

Come to Trinity's lobby on the first Sunday of Advent, **December 3** between 9:00-11:00 am. We'll provide a variety of material to create and decorate ornaments that we'll use to trim the trees that help us celebrate the Christmas season.



CHRISTMAS SHARING PROJECT

Trinity is excited to provide clothing, gifts, and restaurant gift cards to families in the Chippewa Valley this Christmas. This year we will be partnering with several Eau Claire elementary schools to identify families in need of special attention.

Gift tags with specific family information will be available online and in the lobby in mid-November. You will have the opportunity to select items, purchase and wrap the listed items, and return the items to Trinity. For more information, contact Heather Day.