

Trinity

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Worship!

Trinity offers limited in-person worship in our Worship Center in addition to our streaming worship services. In-person services have a limited capacity of people per service which adheres to the Community Expectations from the Eau Claire County Health Department. Pre-registration is required. You can register for 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. worship on our web page trinity-ec.org. Details surrounding the safety protocols that will be followed to ensure a safe return to the Worship Center are in place and printed on page 2. By registering for the services, you are committing to following such policies. The protocols for a safe return can be found on our website along with a registration link.



Trinity ALL MEMBER Events

This summer, the Children, Youth, and Family Ministry Team is excited to offer faith-based opportunities for people of all ages. It is time to mark your calendars with some fun and awesome events. Registration will begin online, on Monday, May 10, at 8:00 A.M. for some events. Please visit Trinity's website for more details about each event!

- **Express Baseball Games at Carson Park:** June 17 and July 6
- **Movie Night (Space Jam) at Trinity:** Friday, June 25
- **Scavenger Bingo at Fairfax Park:** Wednesday, July 14

Vacation Bible School for ALL MEMBERS of Trinity

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- **Wednesday:** Outdoor Worship at 6:00 P.M.
- **Thursday:** Stepping Stones from 4:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.
- **Friday:** Pool Party from 7:00 P.M.—8:45 P.M.

Women's Giving Circle

Trinity Lutheran's Women's Giving Circle has been alive and active this past year! We fulfilled three grant requests totaling \$5,400 to groups in our community that help women, children, and families by fostering independence and sustainability. See the grant recipient list on page 2.

We would love to do more! We encourage all women with a passion for giving and helping others to join our faith based group. The Women's Giving Circle is an opportunity to combine resources so that we may give funds to programs to positively impact people's lives. With your annual contribution of \$250 we can combine these gifts to make even more grants possible.

We will be taking grant requests beginning May 1–September 1. Go to the Trinity website www.trinity-ec.org for more information on how to join The Women's Giving Circle and to submit grants requests or call the church office at 715.832.6601.

Online Giving Makes a Difference

It's spring in Wisconsin! We can finally say it, and before we know it summer will be on its heels. We know that these warmer months take many of you far and wide on weekends. While you might be away, Trinity's ministry and mission continue! If you are not already doing so, we invite you to consider online giving. Thank you for considering supporting Trinity's ongoing mission this summer and this year!



Trinity Library Reminder

All books checked out in 2019 and 2020 should be returned to the Trinity Library by leaving them in the designated bin inside Door One, open from 8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. weekdays. Thank you.

Memorials & Gifts

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Doug Smith: Warren Wangen
- In memory of Vila Nygaard: Kermit Walker

Endowment Trust

- In honor of the fantastic staff at Trinity for serving the congregation in many creative ways during the pandemic. Thank you all: Judy LaFave
- In memory of Wally Bruns: Deyon Ziehme

Food Pantry

- In memory of Wally Bruns: David & Christine Gessner
- In memory of Doug Smith: Roger & Marilyn Engen, Rose Sippel, Phyllis Grohn, Ron & Marilyn Thompson

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 are in need of any of these items, they are available in the entry way of Door One. Please leave the index card with the recipient's name on it in the basket. If you can assist by knitting prayer shawls or pocket prayer shawls, there is yarn available in the entry way also.



Women's Giving Circle Grant Recipients for 2020

The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Trinity Endowment Trust, is excited to announce that in 2020 they awarded three grants totaling \$5,400 to support the Chippewa Valley Free Clinic (cancer screenings), Trinity Food Pantry, and Bright Smiles (children's oral screenings).

The Women's Giving Circle is proud to support the good work being done to improve the lives of families and children within our church and community. We invite all members of Trinity to join the Women's Giving Circle. For more information, visit Trinity's webpage www.trinity-ec.org and click on the Endowment menu.

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

Protocols/Policies for Sunday Mornings

- By registering for in person worship, you are agreeing to abide by Trinity's Safety Protocols.
- Only Door 3 will be available for entry into the building.
- Door 3 will open for screening of family units 20 minutes prior to each worship service.
- Hands will be sanitized upon entry.
- Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth when being screened and whenever in the building-3 years and up.
- Physical distancing of 6 feet will be maintained outside of household units.
- Ushers will seat family units together with six feet between families.
- The worship leader will be the only person to sing.
- There will be no congregant contact.
- Communion will be celebrated in non-contact ways.
- Ushers will release congregants by pew, and people will immediately exit through Door 2 after the worship service.
- No congregant food or beverage activity will be permitted.
- The nursery, Rainbow Bags, children's books, and the library will not be available.



Care & Concern Ministries

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity

We are currently in need of families or individuals willing to participate in our Ruby's Pantry food rescue partnership.

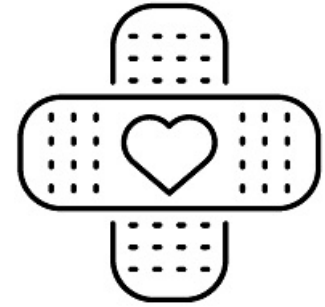
Our food pantry has partnered with the Elk Mound Ruby's Pantry to rescue any undistributed food at their once per month pantry. This is huge boost to the food supply in our pantry, and it is at NO cost to us. We are looking for families or individuals willing to drive to Elk Mound, pick-up this food rescue, and bring it back to our pantry for distribution to our guests.

If you have a van or truck and are able to volunteer a few hours a month to help Trinity Food Pantry provide to the food insecure, please consider being a part of this Food Pantry mission. Contact Sue Marczinke sue@trinity-ec.org to learn more. Our Food Pantry guests thank-you.

FYI...Ruby's Pantry is a program for anyone looking to extend their monthly grocery budget. A guest of Ruby's Pantry donates \$20 and in return receives an abundance of grocery items. All food is donated by corporate food donors across WI and MN. The \$20 donation from guests only covers operational costs like trucking, gas, and warehouse staff.

Sue Marczinke

Food Pantry Coordinator



Friends of Flynn

- **April Fund Appeal** • Thank you to all who donated to the recent Friends of Flynn Fund Appeal. Our goal each year is \$6,100. At the writing of this article, we do not have an update of funds received. Just a reminder, \$4,000 of these funds help support the weekend meal project through Feed My People. Additional funds provide healthy snacks usually in the fall and again in the spring during the testing time, emergency clothing, staff appreciation treats, and a new book for each student to take home for the Christmas and summer breaks. If you haven't had an opportunity to give to this ministry, you are invited to do so now. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with the memo: Friends of Flynn.
- **Book Drive** • We believe that putting books in the hands of children encourages a love of learning and, therefore, increases self-confidence. With many of the Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for summer vacation, we want to provide each one with a book to take home and keep. Please consider purchasing new books for this project. You can leave the books in the designated bin inside Door One (open from 8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. on weekdays) or bring them to church with you on Sunday mornings in May and place them in the designated bin in the lobby. Thank you.

Dear Trinity Community,

Do you see that faint glimmer of light at the end of that long, dark tunnel? It is HOPE beginning to glow a bit brighter with each day. So why do I see HOPE in our future? First, it is spring! The days are longer, the grass is green, we can be outside where the air is fresh and not laden with viruses, and there is sunshine. Second, we are back to worshipping in-person! We were able to screen everyone and follow all the Covid-19 precautions to keep everyone safe. It feels so good to sit in the Worship Center, focus on the Word, and pray together. What a delightful blessing! And lastly, people are getting their Covid vaccines. If you have not gotten your vaccine, please get it. We are blessed to live in this area of the state where we have a FEMA vaccine location at the UWEC (they will now take walk-ins ages 16+), multiple healthcare organizations, and a Public Health department that is knowledgeable and active. There is no excuse for those who are eligible to not get the vaccine! Romans 12:12 "Rejoice in Hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."

- **Visitation Ministry:** We are now able to visit nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and the homebound if all parties are in agreement, appointments ARE made, rules ARE followed for each facility, and everyone is fully vaccinated. We are all excited to again begin in-person visits after over a year.
- **Screeners for 8:15 A.M. service:** We are in need of 2–3 volunteers to screen WORSHIP attendees prior to the 8:15 A.M. service. This does not require any medical skill; just asking questions and checking IN people on the list.

Today focus on the blessings in your life and give God thanks!

Vicki Dueringer R.N.

Parish Nurse



Children, Youth & Family Ministries

Noah's Ark News

The world needs more peacemakers! As we all yearn for the peace that Jesus came to this earth to share and teach us, we continue to strive to be peacemakers and raise peacemakers. At Noah's Ark and the Early Childhood Enrichment classes, we teach our children about the love Jesus has for them through Bible stories and our words and actions as teachers. We encourage them to share that love with others as peacemakers in our classroom, with their families, and with friends. We hope we are sparking a light that will shine well into their futures!



We have added a new class to our offerings for the Noah's Ark 2021–2022 school year. In addition to the four day M–Th afternoon class option, we are adding a two day per week afternoon class. This class will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. On these afternoons, the emphasis will be on science, creative arts, and early literacy activities. This class may be a great stand-alone class or a great supplement to another Noah's Ark class or a 4K class. This will be a multi-age class enrolling children who are 3 or 4 by September 1. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this class or any other class, please contact Mrs. Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601, ext. 205 or marlee@trinity-ec.org

Thank you for your support of our programming! We appreciate the congregation's participation with the Family Farms Bacon Wrapped Chicken Fundraiser, as well as the Chipotle Night. Thank you for your purchases and additional donations directly to Noah's Ark!

Early Childhood Enrichment Classes

Planning is underway for our Early Childhood Enrichment classes for children ages 18 months–3 years in the fall. A phone-in registration will begin on Thursday, May 13 at 8:00 A.M. Please call the church office at 715.832.6601. The following classes will be offered:

Come and Play • This is a great precursor to preschool! Children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children. Stories, art, and music activities are included, along with a daily snack. Children may register for one day or two days per week. This is a drop-off class for children; toilet training is not required. This class is for children whose birth dates fall between 9.1.2018 and 5.31.2019. Class is held on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. in the nursery. The Fall Term will run from September 14–December 21. The cost is Tuesdays: \$224 (14 sessions); Thursdays: \$192 (12 sessions) the Spring Term will be January 4–May 19. The Spring Term cost will be Tuesdays: \$288 (18 sessions); Thursdays: \$288 (18 sessions)

Age eligible children may register now for one term (Fall only) or two terms (Fall and Spring). Spring only term registration will occur in early December and will include children with birth dates between 9.1.2018 and 8.31.2019.

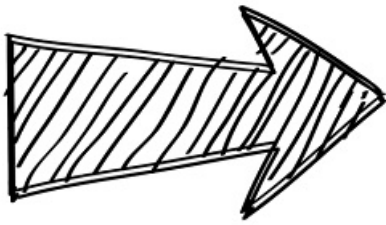
Music & Movement • Children will move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. This is a parent/child class. Free play and discovery as well as some teacher-led, structured activities with parents and children are included. This class is for children whose birth dates fall between 9.1.2018 and 3.1.2020. Classes will be on Wednesdays from 10:30–11:30 A.M. in the Trinity Chapel. The class will run September 15–December 22. The cost is \$90 (14 sessions).

Milestone Celebration

Join us for in-person or online worship on Sunday, May 2, at 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. as we honor and celebrate the faith journey of our 5th grade students and High School Seniors. Your student will receive a blessing as they begin a new chapter of their lives. Please register in advance for in-person worship. <https://trinity-lutheran-church.brushfire.com/worship-services?date=2021-05-02>

End of the Year Celebration

To celebrate the end of a great program year, the CYF Team invites your child and/or youth to attend on outdoor game night in Trinity's backyard on Wednesday, May 5, from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. Your student will have a chance to gather with friends, play gaga, kickball, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, and much more! This event is for children Pre-K–ninth grade. Please register in advance! <https://forms.gle/tHQPdP9acjHDMKCN7>



Summer Programming

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FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

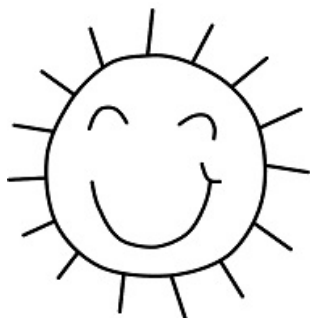
- Playtime in the Park: Mondays, June 7 (Owen Park), June 21 (Rod & Gun Park), July 5 (Oakwood Hills Park), and July 19 (Irvine Park Playground)
- Express Baseball Games at Carson Park: June 17 and July 6
- Movie Night (Space Jam) at Trinity: Friday, June 25
- Scavenger Bingo at Fairfax Park: Wednesday, July 14
- VBS at Trinity: July 26–30

CHILDREN ONLY EVENTS

- Water Games at Trinity: Wednesday, June 9
- Outdoor Game Day at Trinity: Monday, July 12
- Light the Fire Campfire at Trinity: Thursday, July 22
- Camp Come and Play at Noah's Ark Preschool: June 7, 9, 14, and 16
- Luther Park Day Camp: Wednesday, June 23
- Luther Park Bible Camp: June 27–July 2 or sign-up for a week that works for you!

YOUTH ONLY EVENTS

- Water Games at Trinity: Wednesday, June 9
- Light the Fire Middle School Campfire at Trinity: Tuesday, July 20
- Light the Fire High School Campfire at Trinity: Sunday, July 18
- Christ Jam Middle School Youth Gathering at Luther Park Bible Camp: Saturday, August 14
- Luther Park Bible Camp: June 27–July 2 or sign-up for a week that works for you!



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- Please submit all articles for the Tidings **electronically** in MS Word, Corel WP format, or in the body of an email. Submit to: cindy@trinity-ec.org
 - 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 June Newsletter is May 14.