



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Drive In Worship Continues

We will continue Drive-In Worship on Sundays at 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. until the weather will not permit us to do so. Please register for a parking lot spot by going to Trinity's webpage at trinity-ec.org and clicking on the "register for drive in worship services here" link. Registration is limited to 150 vehicles per service.

You may also still listen by phone. Trinity's worship phone number is 715.972.1314. This is not a local number, so long-distance rates may apply. You are also invited to watch the livestream of worship on <http://www.trinity-ec.org/worship.phtml>

Wednesday Worship & Trinity Ten Time Changes

With our Children, Youth, and Family ministries starting up the week of October 4, that can mean only one thing—Wednesday worship is back! We will begin worshipping virtually on Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 P.M. This is slightly earlier for Trinity, but it will help our programming schedule once we are able to be back in the building. Due to this time change, we will also shift our Trinity Tens to start at 6:00 P.M. beginning Monday, October 5. Trinity Tens will run on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

Quilters at Work

Since the middle of June, when there was no sign of the end of the pandemic, the quilters decided to find a way to continue making the quilts that keep so many people of the Chippewa Valley warm in winter.

So now, a few ladies gather in the Running's garage to lay out quilts—bottom, batting, and top—and pin them together. They are then picked up or delivered to other members who put in the ties and finish sewing them. When they are complete, they are returned to the garage and those quilters arrange to get more to finish. To date, we have distributed 150 quilts to the needy, have 96 ready to distribute, and have at least 50 more in process. If we can continue at this pace, we should exceed last year's total. I am so proud of this group of dedicated workers. They have also made and donated close to 1,000 cloth face masks, comfort bags for cancer patients, and will be completing personal care kits for homeless vets soon.

We ask for your prayers and support for this mission. If you would like to help, you can send a check to Trinity for the quilters or make a memorial donation or honor someone in this way. Each roll of batting now costs approximately \$100 and will complete 20–25 quilts. Sheets for backing and crochet thread for tying have also become expensive. Any support that you are willing to provide would definitely be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me, Sheila Running, at 715.832.9686. Thank you!



Health Ministries

First, I want you to know that Trinity's Health and Visitation Ministries continue even though what we do looks different in these pandemic times.

We are living in very difficult times with wild fires in the West, hurricanes forming in the Atlantic, a COVID-19 pandemic, striving for social justice, and an election coming up November 3. I have been feeling overwhelmed by the world. And that doesn't even take into consideration my everyday stressors.

I found this prayer in a past "Daily Text" and it gave me comfort. I hope it gives comfort to you also. "Lord, encircle me today with the steadfast arms of your life-giving love. I choose to let go of fear and reluctance. Renew my strength and faith so that I can confidently walk in the path of life that you have set before me. Amen."

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Congratulations Trinity!

From the American Red Cross . . . *Your organization has gone above and beyond as a Premier Blood Partner, growing your impact and helping save more lives. As one of our most valued partners, you and your team continue to play a critical role in our lifesaving network. Your efforts truly make a difference in the lives of patients in need and their families.*



Trinity

Children, Youth, and Family

The Children, Youth and Family (CYF) team has been busy planning and preparing for fall programming. All Children and Youth Ministry programs will begin online Sunday, October 4, and will run through May 12.

Children's Ministry will launch a new opportunity to help deepen faith formation in the home called "Children's Ministry Takeout." Each month your household will pick up a takeout box that is based around a family devotional. Each box is family specific, theme based, and will contain four Bible stories and activities that your family can do throughout the entire month. Check out our website each week for videos, parenting tools, and additional activities. Children and Youth Choirs will also begin. See the website for choir specific information.

Youth Ministry will launch a new confirmation program called "Compass." Our goal is to equip and empower students with the ability to navigate life and faith and provide direction for discipleship. Confirmation will entail videos, questions, applications for life, and Zoom check-ins.

Get registered and pay online at www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml. We can't wait to see you!

Drive-By Trunk-or-Treat

Join us on Wednesday, October 28, from 5:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. for our Drive-By Halloween Trunk-or-Treat! Drive through the Trinity parking lot dressed in your Halloween costumes to see Trinity staff and receive some great Halloween Tricks and Treats!



Affirmation of Baptism

Join us at the 8:00 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. drive-in worship services on Sunday, October 25, to celebrate with our youth on their Affirmation of Baptism. This is a time of honor, celebration, and community. Please join us as we rejoice with our youth and commemorate this amazing milestone.

Noah's Ark and Early Childhood Classes

Two by two the animals climbed onto the ark! Well, it's not an ark, but the preschool year has begun and kids are learning the story. As we start our school year at Noah's Ark Preschool there are:

- Two classrooms (divided by a wall!)
- Three teachers
- Four pets (one hamster and three fish)
- Five classes
- Thirty-eight beautiful children!
- And beautiful rainbows to remind us that God is always watching over us.

Despite the uncertainties and unusual circumstances we are all facing this year, we know that we can still provide a wonderful ministry to these families and children. We can share God's love and help them grow to be peacemakers in God's world. We are blessed by each child coming into our space!

Three early childhood classes have also begun...Creative Arts; Thrilling Thursdays; and Readers, Writers, and Artists. These classes provide more opportunities for kids to grow in God's love as they become book lovers, artists, and scientists!

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Noah's Ark Taco Fiesta Fundraiser supper this year. However, we are having a Chipotle (Chipotle Restaurant, 4738 Golf Road) fundraising event where you are invited to enjoy some fiesta food and support the preschool! To participate, order your fiesta food at the restaurant or online on Tuesday, October 20, between 4:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. If you order in person, tell them you are with Noah's Ark preschool. If you order online, you can support Noah's Ark by using the code: DEV7FZP. Watch for more information on our Noah's Ark and Trinity Facebook pages soon!



Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry

- In memory of Roman Fritz: Debbie Green, Phyllis Grohn, McMaster Carr Supply Co, Melani Orendorff, Steve & Anne Josephson, William & Bonnie Kuehn, Gary & Mary Rambo, Amy Alpine, Steve & Carol Liegel, John Kinney, Ed & Mary Elworthy, James & Marilyn Bollinger, Joanne Stange, Patricia Prissel, Dennis & Peggy Larson, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Mary Hoepner, Jim Urness & Dorothy Sorlie, Claran Ramsdell, Mark & Suzanne Becker, Warren Wangen & Karen Metzgar, Sharon DeRusha
- In memory of Clif Husberg: Joyce Bonner, Jon & Maureen Homstad
- In memory of Elaine Pomerening: Agnes Rundus, Katharin Rundus, Jan Lord, Vince Rundus, Mike & Dori Ritland
- In honor of Pastor Mary Kaye Ashley: Bill & Diane Burdt, Lori Juneau
- In memory of Betty Tompkins: Orville & Shirley Anderson
- In memory of Ruth Jiskra: Dave & Jeanette Suchla
- In memory of Audrey Stoik: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Earl Carlson: Ed & Mary Elworthy
- In honor of Sara Reed: Ed & Mary Elworthy
- In memory of Marvin Solberg: Leatrice Solberg
- In memory of Pam Creydt: Joel Creydt
- In memory of Marian Bauer: Sally Brown
- In honor of Kurt Jacobson, Jim Page, Brahm & Sarah Semmler Smith, and Natalie Leske: Tom & Sheila Zahorik
- In memory of Arleen Soltow: Jim & Lynn Fering

Endowment Trust/Kurt Jacobson Fund

- In memory of Elaine Pomerening: Marge Oleson

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Jean Hanson: Helen Hanson, Mark Sabin, Brian & Ellen Barnett
- In memory of Betty Tompkins: Jim & Connie Beck, George & Ginny Severson, Marvin & Betty Olaf

Health Ministries

- In memory of Betty Tompkins: Linda Barth

Children's Ministries

- In memory of Betty Tompkins: Kathryn Freitag

Endowment Trust/Children's Ministries Fund

- In memory of Betty Tompkins: Carolyn Berg

Library Fund

- In memory of Geraldine Nelson: Rev. Craig & Bobbie Carlson

Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of David Lindahl: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Children's Choirs

- In memory of Mark Legge: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

"God's Work. Our Hands."

September 27 is *God's Work Our Hands* Sunday for Eau Claire churches! Although we will not meet this year as a large gathering for worship or a meal, each congregation has various service projects planned. Yes, we are STILL the church together!

- **Lutheran Cemetery Cleanup.** Meet at the Scandinavian Lutheran side (far left side) of the cemetery at 1900 Omaha Street at 12:30 P.M. All you need is a bucket, shovel, gloves, a mask, water bottle, and a smile to participate.
- **Bed making project at Hope Lutheran Church.** Volunteers for this project must be 14 years of age or over. It will take place outside, but you must still bring a mask. Volunteers are needed for both Saturday, September 26, and Sunday, September 27. If you'd like to help, call Hope Lutheran at 715.832.1414 to get on the volunteer list. The build will be held at Hope Lutheran, 2226 Eddy Lane, Eau Claire. Saturday, September 26, will be sanding day from 1:00 P.M. –5:00 P.M.; Sunday, September 27, will be Assembly Day from 12:30 P.M. –4:00 P.M. In addition, you can also donate new twin sheets, pillows, blankets, and comforters to be dropped off at Hope Lutheran.
- **Donate food items for the Trinity Food Pantry** (non perishable and no outdated items please). Drop off donations inside Trinity's Door One Entry Way.
- **School supplies for Flynn Elementary School.** Drop donations inside Trinity's Door One Entry Way. A supply list is available at http://www.ecasd.us/ECASD/media/District-Site/PDFs/Elementary-School-Supply-List-2020-21_FINAL_1.pdf
- **Online Presentation:** Wanting to stay home but be involved in *God's Work. Our Hands.* You can watch a presentation on Sunday, September 27, at 12:30 P.M. by Lidixé Montoya, Mission Developer and Anti-racism Trainer, to hear about the *Neighbor to Neighbor Ministry*. Access the presentation by visiting immanuelec.org or directly by going to this website <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TwinwfCdOY>

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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 November Newsletter is October 15.