



Trinity

Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to Trinity

Today we hear, from two places in the Bible, that we should love our neighbor. The readings are filled with verbs, action words, that remind all that the response to God's grace begins with us. We cannot love God and not love our neighbor. Loving your neighbor seems obvious, but it is one of the hardest things that we attempt in our lives. Loving your neighbor means getting out of yourself as the primary person in the universe and seeing what another has to offer.



LENT

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1, with worship at 12:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. Ashes have great meaning. The true name for this day is the Day of Ashes. It is called Ash Wednesday because, being forty days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday and because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross. In the Bible, a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. Having our foreheads marked with the sign of a cross symbolizes that we belong to Jesus Christ who died on a Cross.

Anchored

ANCHORS OF FAITH FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

When times are uncertain, what is your anchor? When you are not sure what to hold on to, who holds you? When it seems that the ground has been taken out from under you, how do you find your feet again? For over two millennia, Christ followers have grounded themselves in beliefs and actions that both ground and center their lives. You are invited to discover anew the anchors of grace found in Christ, and enliven your relationship with God through the forty days of Lent.



Join us for Lenten worship on Wednesdays at either 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M. **Don't forget to stay for lunch after the 12:15 P.M. service.**

- March 8 • Anchored...by the **Word**
- March 15 • Anchored...through **Prayer**
- March 22 • Anchored...in **Community**
- March 29 • Anchored...by the **Sacraments**
- April 5 • Anchored...for a **Purpose**

Adult Forum

Join the 2017 Men's Mission Trip participants today after 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship for an update on our work with Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica. The congregation's support of this mission makes it possible, and the group will have pictures, videos, stories to share, and answer any of your questions.

Jamaica Soup Fundraiser

Join us for a feast of soup today in the Trinity Room after the 9:45 A.M. worship service. The Family Jamaica Mission Trip members will offer variety of soups, breads, and desserts. All free will donations will help them towards their trip in March. There will also be a Silent Auction of items from Jamaica to bid on, and a Talent Show to keep you entertained.

22nd Annual Pancake Supper

Come and celebrate with Noah's Ark Preschool at the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28 from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Advance ticket prices are \$8.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. At the door on February 28, prices are \$9.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby on Sundays, February 19 and February 26, before and after worship and also on Wednesday, February 22. During the week, tickets are available in the Church Office.

Social Media Presence Meeting You Where You Are

Do you want to grow and connect your faith to your life in between Sundays? Are you unable to be here every week for worship? Are you feeling out of the loop on Trinity happenings from time to time? The Trinity community is here to meet you...online!

- For a one stop shop of information on how to engage your faith, serve, and grow, see the website: <http://www.trinity-ec.org/>
- For daily devotions and daily inspiration (and sometimes important programmatic announcements), find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheran.ec/> Don't forget to "like" Trinity Lutheran, and check in when you arrive for the building for any reason.
- To watch last week's sermon or worship happenings see our Youtube station accessed through the Website's "Social Media" tab.
- To hear the latest week-by-week happenings--sign up to receive our e-news through the website's "News and Events" tab.
- Coming soon! Look for Trinity's Visual Lent project to be active on Instagram and Facebook.

Serving Others Locally

- Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at **The Beacon House** today thru Thursday. We have spots available for evening and breakfast hosts, providing dinner, and overnight hosts. If you are available for a volunteer shift, you are invited to sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. Roman and Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!
- Assist the **Eau Claire School District's Homeless Student Program** by stuffing backpacks, sorting donations and moving donated materials. Contact Elisha at 715.852.3014 to volunteer.

This MARCH Love in the Midst of Dementia

You are invited to join this small group for care partners to persons with dementia (spouses, parents, other family members, friends). Upholding a loving relationship and maintaining spiritual health will be discussed, with consideration of both challenges and opportunities. The group will meet from 4:00–5:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room on Thursdays; March 9, 16, 23, and 30. Please contact Pat Garber at 715.835.5801/garberpa@uwec.edu or Vicki Dueringer at vickid@trinity-ec.org with questions or to register.

Ninth Annual CVA SING Concert

Enrich your soul and help Feed My People by attending CVASING's annual concert on Sunday, March 5, at 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Worship Center. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased from CVASING members, local grocery stores and at the door. This year's performance is entitled **"For the Beauty."** The concert features a mix of sacred and secular music performed by a chorus of over 80 singers plus instrumentalists. The chorus is directed by Gary Rambo and accompanied by Karol Hommen. Our featured guest this year is Jack Knowlton. This remarkable saxophonist from Memorial High School will be attending college on scholarship at a prestigious university to be selected soon.

Youth Ministries

Luther Park Recharge

The Luther Park Recharge is scheduled for the weekend of March 3–4. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is *Anchored*. Registration cost includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of registration. Contact Ashley or Cassie at 715.832.6601 with any questions.

Christ Jam 2017

Christ Jam, for youth in grades 6–8, will be held on Saturday, March 11, from 8:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. This year's theme is *GLOW: God Lights Our Way* based on John 8:12. The gathering will feature the band Lightswitch, worship, workshops, and fun activities. The cost of \$40 is due to Ashley by February 22. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench to register. For more information, contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org

Luther Park Summer Camp

Join Pastor Brahm and Ashley this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm and Ashley are inviting students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders on June 11–16. Check out lutherpark.org to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register. Trinity offers grants towards Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org or Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants.

Youth Ministry Service Opportunities

- Noah's Ark Preschool is hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 28. Youth are invited to serve in various roles during this event. There are still openings for the 5:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. shift. Check out the Tool Bench to get signed up!
- On Sunday, March 5, the Chippewa Valley Area Singers will be putting on a concert at Trinity. Youth are invited to bring a pan of bars, cookies, or mini cupcakes to share with the attendees of the concert during intermission. Please have your baked goods to the church kitchen by 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 5.
- On Sunday, March 5, from 1:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M., the Trinity High School Youth will be preparing a meal at The Community Table, serving the meal to the community, and cleaning up the kitchen and dining room. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench if you would like to experience putting on a meal for over 100 people from all walks of life in Eau Claire.



Volunteers Needed on Wednesdays

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, is coordinating the Lenten Soup Lunches. She is actively seeking volunteers who are willing to work on Wednesdays to serve soup and clean up after. If you are willing to help, please sign-up at Clipboard Central. If you would like more information, please contact Vicki at vickid@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 208.

Food Pantry Statistics for January

- 722 families
- 2,317 individuals
- 862 children

May We Be of Help?

- Nursery: Room 504, 8:15 A.M.–11:00 A.M.
- Rainbow Activity Bags & Children's Books: On stands outside Worship Center.
- Children's Bulletins: Ask an usher.
- Large Print Bulletins: Ask an usher.

