



Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome!

We are glad you are here! As we kick off the fall with Rally Sunday, we also kick off our three week series called "Real." Today we focus on "Real God." More than a virtual being, God is real. And this impacts who we are, our journeys with God, and the questions and struggles that inevitably come up. Real God for real people.

Help Serve Communion

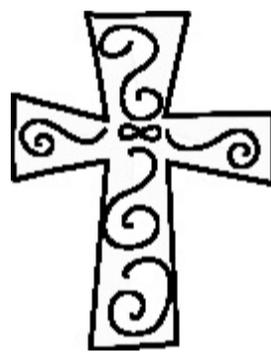
Because Holy Communion is an important part of our faith life, we need YOU to help serve communion on the first and third Sundays of each month. Simply sign-up on the clipboard near the Lobby drinking fountains for a particular date/service. Arrive ten minutes before worship, and check in at the table near the pulpit with the pastor leading worship to receive instructions. If you have any questions, contact Shirley Sands at 715.832.6601 ext. 214 or shirley@trinity-ec.org

Monthly Healing Service

Join us for our next Healing Service on Sunday, September 17, in the chapel. The service begins at 9:15 A.M. and is completed by 9:45 A.M. It is a brief service devoted to prayers for healing and comfort. It is for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit or who knows someone for whom they would like to pray.

Baptism Prep Class

Parents with children they desire to have baptized anytime September–November are invited to register now for the Baptism Class on Monday, September 18, at 6:00 P.M. in the lobby. This class will answer practical questions about the baptism day, provide important resources for fostering faith in the home, and connect you with other parents of young children at Trinity. Childcare is available. You may sign up for the class online through Trinity's website at trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml



September Sermon Series

“Real”

In 2017 in America, it is more and more the norm that people do not go to church and are, in fact, not Christian. For the first three weeks of September, we will remind ourselves that amid the world of screens and virtual reality, online news and entertainment, we are people of faith who worship a real God, who is living and active. We gather for real community and have real purpose—our God and community root us in the reality that we do not live only for ourselves, but for the sake of working toward love, justice, and peace in our world.

- Today • Real God • Genesis 32:22–32; John 11:1–44
- September 17 • Real Community • Acts 2:42–47; Philemon 1:1–25
- September 24 • Real Purpose • Micah 6:6–8; Exodus 2:1–10, 15:19–21

SERVING IN CHRIST'S LOVE

Serving the Homeless

Trinity serves at the Sojourner House on the third Friday of each month from 6:30 P.M.–9:30 P.M. The next serving date is September 15. We are always looking for volunteers to serve or to donate large fruit salads to be served with the meal. Sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the co-leaders, Phyllis at 715.836.7055 or Sheila at 715.831.8982.

Food Pantry Statistics for August

- There were 19 pantries held in the month of August.
- Total visits were 844, comprising of 2,743 individuals of which 992 were children.
- Trinity purchased 29,521 lbs. of food from Feed My People.
- Kwik Trip Pick-ups amounted to 1958.5 lbs. of food.

Friends of Flynn

One of the areas where we help at Flynn Elementary is providing healthy snacks during September and May. Trinity members pack and deliver snacks twice a week during these months. If you are willing to help or would like additional information, please email Ginny Lien at ginnyl@trinity-ec.org

God's Work. Our Hands.

Trinity will join Lutheran churches throughout North America this fall in a day of community service. Are you interested in being part of our organizing committee or serving as a project lead person for Trinity's "God's Work. Our Hands" event on Sunday, October 22? Lucinda Kemmet, Coordinator of Community Connections, is looking for spirited, organized volunteers to take the lead on specific projects. Please contact Lucinda at lucinda@trinity-ec.org to help.



Youth Ministries

Prayer Friends

The Youth Leadership Team once again invites adults to be Prayer Friends. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed in a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to use email (ashley@trinity-ec.org) to direct prayer requests to their adult partner. Ashley will relay requests to the Prayer Friend. Sign up on the chart near Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Affirmation of Baptism Students

- Sunday, October 22, is the **Affirmation of Baptism Banquet** from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Sunday, October 29, is the **Affirmation of Baptism Worship** at 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M.

CrossWord Youth Band

Calling all high school students who love music! Trinity's high school praise band, CrossWord, led by Drew Brandenburg, is preparing for another year of music, worship, and fun. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 5:30 P.M. in the Worship Center. Contact Cassie at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or cassie@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Children's Ministries

Shaping Young Lives

The importance of building lifelong faith in kids and teens is a primary mission of our congregation. If your gift is teaching, sign up today to teach Sunday School or Wednesday night Impact. See the display in the lobby. For more information on any of these ways you can shape young lives, visit trinity-ec.org or contact Sara Reed, Children's Ministries Director, at sarar@trinity-ec.org. Thank you to all who extend the love of God by making a difference in the lives of the kids and teens of Trinity!

Early Childhood Enrichment Fall Programming

Call-in registration continues for our fall programs. The childhood enrichments classes this fall with openings are: Music & Movement Two, Creative Arts, Come and Play (afternoons) For more information please check out the Trinity website trinity-ec.org or contact Sara Reed by phone or email at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org

Dates & Details for September

Monday, September 11

- Sunday School teacher orientation from 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 13

- Impact and kid's choir rehearsals begin.

Sunday, September 17

- Sunday School classes begin. Blessing of the Backpacks during the 9:45 A.M. worship service.

Sunday, September 24

- Education Staff Installation at 9:45 A.M. worship service. Thank you for saying "YES" to teaching our children about God's love.

Colorful Quilt Display

Next Sunday, September 17, our worship center will display colorful quilts which will be dedicated and prayed for by our congregation at the first two morning services. The Trinity Quilters transform fabric into gifts of beauty that provide warmth, shelter, and comfort to people in need. Some of this year's quilts, along with sewn backpacks and assembled health kits, will be distributed to homeless veterans, or veterans at risk of being homeless. The Quilters have also given quilts to the homeless in the ECASD, the Bolton Refuge House, Mission Jamaica, the Luther Park Auction, and Lutheran World Relief. You are invited to join the Quilters on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the lobby at 9:00 A.M.

Vacation with a Purpose this March!

Plans are underway for a Cross-Generational mission trip to Jabneh Christian Academy, Grange Hill, Jamaica for March 16–23, 2018. This trip is open to individuals and/or families with youth (fourth grade and older). The trip is open to the first 20 participants who complete the application and provide a deposit by October 2. All are invited to an informational meeting at Trinity in the chapel on Sunday, September 24, at 9:00 A.M. Contact Pastor Sarah for information at sarah@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 217.

Join Us

If you're looking for a church home, please consider Trinity. We have great ministries and a compelling mission with many ways for you to engage the abilities God has given you and to grow in faith. "Discover Trinity" is the one evening event that brings newcomers into the life of Trinity. Our next class is Sunday, October 15, at 11:00 A.M. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith at sarah@trinity-ec.org

