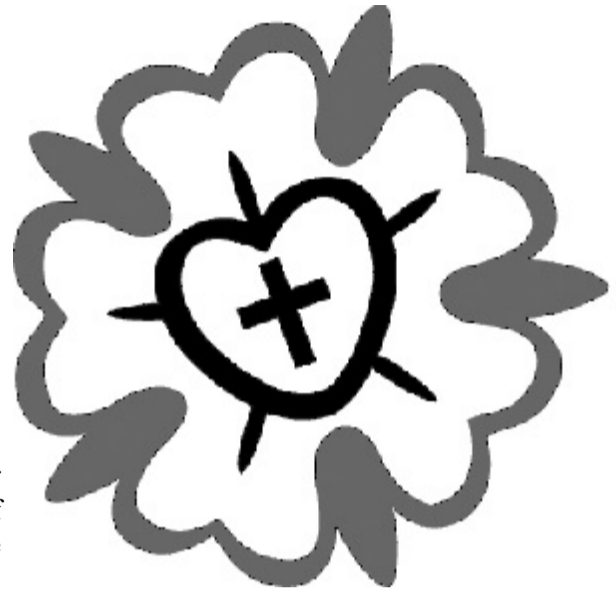


Reformation

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Good Morning

Welcome to Trinity this morning! Martin Luther was obsessed with the fear that he had not done enough to be acceptable to God. Do you ever wonder if you are enough? Luther taught us that we are saints and sinners at the same time. How does that work?

Reformation 500 Sermon Series "Always Being Made New"

We continue this October to explore the major ways a Lutheran community like Trinity bears the legacy of the Reformation and how those ideas continue to reform the church, and our hearts, today.

- October 15 • **#SinnerSaints** • Jonah 4:1–11, Romans 5:1–11
- October 22 • **God's Work, Our Hands** • Isaiah 58:5–9a, Matthew 25:31–40
- October 29 • **Reformation/Affirmation Of Baptism Sunday** • Jeremiah 31:31–34, Romans 3:19–28

TODAY: Liturgical Dance

You're invited to the Fireside Room after 8:45 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship today for an introduction to Liturgical Dance at Trinity by Lynn Buske, Trinity's Liturgical Dance instructor. Come and learn about praising God through the art of dance.

Reformation 500 Class "Together By Grace"

In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, "Together By Grace" is a collection of articles written by a variety of Lutheran voices that talk about what it means to be Lutheran and how we see that acted out in churches around the world. Beginning tomorrow at 6:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room, we will spend six weeks looking at the main aspects of what it means to be "Lutheran" and how we share this in a global community. The books cost \$12 with checks made payable to Trinity. Sign-up at Clipboard Central or contact Pastor Brahm at brahm@trinity-ec.org

Reformation 500 Book Fair

Want to know more about Martin Luther or the history of the Lutheran Church? You'll be able to peruse a number of books and order them right then and there! Reformation Books will be on sale at 50% off from Augsburg Fortress. A table will be set up in the library this morning after all services. Be sure to stop by and order your books!



Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House from November 5–9. 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 & Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

Spaghetti Supper

Noah's Ark Preschool will host their Annual Fall Spaghetti Supper on Tuesday, October 24, from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Come feast on a great spaghetti supper, meet new and old friends, enjoy children's activities, and participate in our annual Silent Auction. In advance, individual tickets are \$5.00 for ages 2–12 years and \$8.00 for age 13 and older. Advance tickets are available in the office during the week and in the lobby this morning and next Sunday, October 22. Tickets will also be sold on Wednesday, October 18, after worship. At the door, adult ticket prices will increase to \$10.00. Come join us to enjoy the community of Noah's Ark!



Author Visit

The Page Turners Book Club meets on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss with author B.J. Hollars his book *Flock Together: A Love Affair with Extinct Birds*.

Told with charm and wit, *Flock Together* is a remarkable memoir that shows how "knowing" the natural world—even just a small part—illuminates what it means to be a global citizen and how only by embracing our ecological responsibilities do we ever become fully human. If you haven't attended the book club in the past, or if you haven't attended for awhile, please join us. Feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. Please RSVP online at trinity-ec.org or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Youth Ministries

Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The Luther Park Recharge is scheduled for the weekend of October 20–21. The registration cost is \$80 and includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Sign-up at the Toolbench. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available to offset the cost of registration if needed. Contact Ashley or Cassie with any questions at 715.832.6601 ext 209.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. The Youth Gathering is for students currently in grades 8–12. Check the Tool Bench for more details and registration materials. The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 18. Contact Cassie with any questions about the trip at cassie@trinity-ec.org

Godstock 2017: Pray More, Worry Less

All high school students are invited to a weekend youth gathering at the Metropolis Resort from November 10–12. This weekend will be filled with a variety of learning opportunities, service projects, worship, and a concert all centered around *Praying More and Worrying Less*. The cost is \$135 which includes a t-shirt, all activities, lodging, and meals.

Supporting Trinity's Hunger Ministry

Trinity needs your help. Our Food Pantry is only possible through your faithful gifts of money, food, and time. During this month, we have a goal of raising \$15,000 to support our mission of addressing hunger in our community. To date we have raised \$2,618.

Your designated gift can be placed in the offering plate in worship or dropped off in the Trinity office during the week. Thank you for contributing to the strength and vitality of this mission!

September Food Pantry Statistics

- There were 15 pantries held in the month of September.
- Total visits were 672, comprised of 2,172 individuals of which 815 were children.
- Trinity purchased 24,393 lbs. of food from Feed My People.
- Kwik Trip Pick-ups amounted to 1,403 lbs. of food.
- Personal food donations to the pantry were 195 lbs.



"Stretch and Pray"

If you are looking for a healthful way to begin your week and center yourself and your relationship with God, this opportunity may be for you. You will find a place where you can fuse Christian faith with the life-giving practice of yoga. On Monday evenings in October and November, from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M., join others for Yoga and Prayer in our Trinity Room. Cost is free, or you are invited to give a free will donation to the Trinity Women's Giving Circle. No pre-registration is necessary. Invite a friend!

God's Work. Our Hands.

Our weekend for "God's Work. Our Hands." is coming soon! Our goal is to flood the community with 150–200 Trinity members and friends! We are looking forward to a great day of service! **Recently Added** → After the Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 P.M. service we will be offering an opportunity for serving by making Veteran's Day table accessories to be used at the Veteran's Home in Chippewa Falls.

Volunteer opportunities are available for Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday: October 18, 21 and 22. Please join us in developing community and serving in God's love. You can sign up in the lobby at Trinity or on our webpage.

Grants Available

The Trinity Endowment Trust Fund is a channel by which you may leave a legacy by dedicating an estate bequest or making memorial gifts right now. The Board invests with Thrivent Financial, and proceeds are available for grants that further the mission of our church. November 1 is the next grant application deadline. Find the form and read more about the Endowment Trust Fund at trinity-ec.org

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

Catholic–Lutheran Prayer Service

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther proposed his 95 Theses in a desire to reform the Church. This year marks the 500th anniversary of that historic event. The last 500 years have seen both helpful reforms and sad divisions. We pray for unity while staying committed to the truth. Throughout the world, Lutherans and Catholics will be gathering to pray together and commit together to the things we share in common. Locally, a Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1712 Highland Ave., Eau Claire, on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 P.M. A choir of over 200 will lead the music. Food and fellowship will follow immediately at St. John's Lutheran Church across the street. All Lutherans, Catholics, and others are welcome. The Prayer Service will be live streamed on both the Regis Catholic Schools website (www.regiscatholicschools.com/live) and their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/RegisCatholicSchools/) and will be archived in both locations for future viewing.