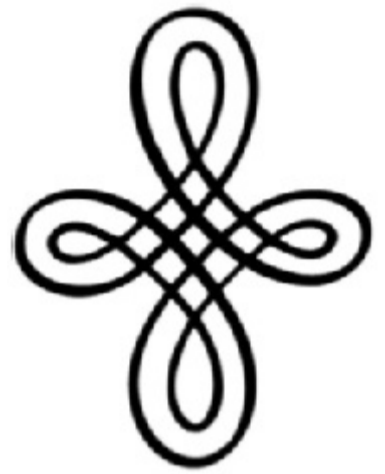


All Saints

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Welcome to Worship!

This week we observe All Saints Sunday which is to observe a mystery. The Christian faith confesses a belief in “the communion of saints,” and today we’ll explore the questions implicit in that belief. What does it take to be considered a “saint?” Are saints living or only deceased? What happens to our loved ones when they die? How is it that the saints are present with us still today? Thanks be to God that faith is found as much (if not more) in the wonder and questions. Thank you for being here today as we wrestle with such mysteries together.

Adult Forum Today

Join Pastor Natalie and Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, in the Fireside Room after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services today to discuss "Conscious Aging." What does it mean to be an elder? What does our society believe about getting older? What are your hopes for aging well.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Come and worship at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 22. This festive worship includes the Trinity Brass and all choirs. The Lord's Supper is offered, and many children will make their first communion.

Milestone Ministry Care Packages

Trinity would like to extend our continued support to all students who have begun their first year of post-secondary education. We would like to send care packages to students to show how God's love at Trinity extends beyond our walls to support them as they finish up their first semester of school. We hope this small token will remind students they are still a valued part of their home faith community. If you would like a package mailed to your child, please forward their mailing address to Cassie at cassie@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 209 by Sunday, December 3.

Thank You!

God's Work Our Hands was a tremendous success! Thank you to the 200+ Trinity friends and members who participated in this Outreach Ministry. You touched many lives. If you would like to return your shirt for use next year, please drop it at the office. If you have any feedback or would like to be involved in the committee next year, please contact Lucinda at lucinda@trinity-ec.org

Serving in Christ's Love

Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House beginning today through Thursday, November 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Trinity will host a blood drive on Monday, November 13, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. The need for blood is greater than ever with all the natural disasters and tragedies that have occurred over the past few months. PLEASE GIVE! Either sign-up online at redcrossblood.org or at Clipboard Central in the lobby.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Give thanks with a grateful heart! On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, Trinity will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. We'll offer two seatings: 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

Are you available and willing to volunteer to serve and/or donate food or funds for this event of service and fellowship? Sign-up sheets to attend this event, to have home delivered meals, or for food donations are available in the lobby, as well as on our website under the "Serve" link. Financial donations (\$25.00 requested donation for turkey) can be made payable to Trinity with “Turkey” in the memo. Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available in the lobby. For more information, contact Pastor Peter at peter@trinity-ec.org or Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org

You Did It!

The response to the October Food Pantry appeal has been amazing, and \$17,472 has been received! Thank you for helping us surpass our goal! Your donations make a difference and prosper our mission of "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News." Thank you!



Moving or Going South?

If you're moving or heading south for the winter, Trinity can change your address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Whenever you change address, please let Trinity know! You can email Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or by phone 715.832.6601 ext 202.

Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Call-in registration for our Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs is open on a first come first serve basis. You may register by calling Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext 218.

Christmas Tree Crew Needed

Our church is decorated by volunteers every year for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. We rely on the dedication and talent of our volunteers to ensure that the building is ready! This year we are in search of a Christmas Tree Crew. We need volunteers who are willing to help set up, place, and take down our Christmas trees and wreaths.

- Setup Date: Thursday, December 7, at 3:00 P.M.
- Take Down Date: Thursday, January 11, at 3:00 P.M.



Christmas Wreaths

Trinity youth will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from Baroka's Wreaths this morning and on Sunday, November 12, and on Wednesdays, November 8 and 15. A table, along with wreath samples, will be in the lobby. Wreaths and swags will be available for pick-up at Trinity on Sunday, November 26. This fundraiser will assist students in raising money to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas in July 2018. A tithe of profits will be taken to the Youth Gathering.

Wall of Food Competition

For the month of November, grades 7, 8 and 9 will have a competition of which grade can bring in the most food items for our "Wall of Food." Please turn in all food items to Ashley so that she can count them and record them for your grade. The grade that brings in the most food items will vote on which pastor they will "pie in the face."

ADVENT APPROACHES

Annual Advent Workshop

It's time for one of our most anticipated events of the year! The Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 26, from 2:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. The Advent Workshop is for people of all ages. Participants will be able to choose from more than 25 activities centered on getting ready for the birth of Jesus. Members are encouraged to invite friends. Delicious treats will be served throughout the afternoon.

We are looking for people to lead an activity. This is a great service project for confirmation students and their leader/mentor. Beginning on November 5, there will be a sign up sheet and display located in the lobby. For more information, please contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

Angel Breakfast

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Annual Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 2, from 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Children and adults will participate in activities, have breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story. The cost is \$10.00 per couple along with two non-perishable food items for the Wall of Food. Registration forms are available outside the Children's Ministries Office. Reservations are required.

Advent Tea

Be sure to save the date for Trinity's Fourth Annual Advent Tea on Monday, December 4, in the Trinity Room from 2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. Good food, great fellowship, a sing-a-long, and performances by the Threshold Singers and Trinity's Noah's Ark Preschool children will be the highlights. There is no cost for this event. We will again be looking for people that are willing to share their Christmas dishes, fancy sandwiches, and holiday cookies. Please sign-up in the lobby by Thursday, November 30. For more information, please contact Phyllis Grohn (715.836.7055), Sheila Running (715.832.9686), or Ann Nelson (715.836.9495).

Faith Lights

The Christmas season is a special time to remember Jesus, the Light of the World. It is also a special time to remember the people who have shared faith in Jesus. This Christmas, the Trinity Endowment Trust Board invites you to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by dedicating Faith Lights in their name. These lights will adorn Christmas trees in the Trinity Lobby this season. For a small donation, you can dedicate a white light to memorialize a loved one; or a blue light to honor a living relative or friend, or simply to express the joy of faith this Christmas. Faith Light orders will be accepted through December 10. Forms are available in the Lobby, office, or at trinity-ec.org. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.



Christmas Sharing Project

Again this year, Trinity will provide food, outdoor clothing, household items, and gifts for kids to 25–30 families in the Eau Claire/Altoona area. Look for gift tags with specific information in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 26. You can also help build the Wall of Food with non-perishable items in the lobby through Wednesday, December 13. Members are also able to support this ministry by making donations which will be used to purchase turkeys (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran with memo: Christmas Sharing Project) or by delivering the gifts to the families on Sunday, December 17. For more information, please contact Lucinda Kemmet at lucinda@trinity-ec.org or 720.272.6743.