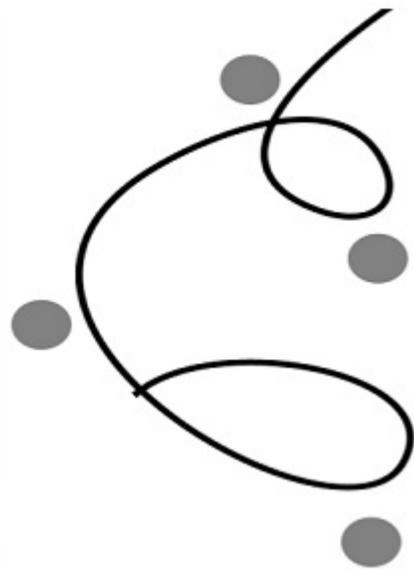


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Welcome to Worship!

Advent is a time of waiting. It is a time to enjoy the anticipation of an arrival. Today, John the Baptist encourages us to prepare ourselves for the arrival of someone who is greater than he is. How will you prepare? How might you intentionally savor the anticipation of Jesus' arrival?

Adult Forum Today

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, will be available in the Fireside Room after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services today to meet you, introduce herself, explain what a parish nurse is, and listen to your thoughts and questions.

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 TODAY!

Children's Ministries Inclement Weather Policy

During the winter, there are times when we cancel children's programs due to snow or ice storms. Please check our website for updates, or call the church office if unsure. It is our policy to close if the Eau Claire public schools are closed.

Year-End Giving

As the year draws to a close, we remember that much has been shared, and Trinity has shown itself to be a good steward of all that God has entrusted to us. Your year-end offerings are so important to our church and its mission of "serving in Christ's love and sharing the Good News." In this last month of 2017, consider what you will give to your church . . . what excites and inspires you about the ministry of Jesus Christ as it is lived at Trinity. Or, consider something new that God is calling you to do. Make time and space to pursue that thing or things, and tell others on what you are working. You'll be an inspiration. Thank you for every dollar and every hour you share that blesses thousands through our church.

Christmas Worship Schedule

December 17 Christmas Cantata

On December 17, the Trinity Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata "O Magnify The Lord" by Ronn Huff at the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. Worship Services. The cantata celebrates with choir, soloists, brass ensemble/timpani, and congregation the "Grand Miracle" of the birth and life of God the Son, the Christ, whom we magnify. Please note that there will be no 10:30 A.M. service on December 17.

December 24 Christmas Eve

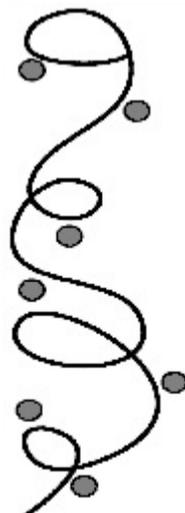
- 11:00 A.M. Family Christmas Eve Worship with Children's Choirs and Tangled Blue • Prelude begins at 10:30 A.M.
- 4:00 P.M. Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship led by Harmony in Spirit
- 8:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Organ, Orchestra, and Choirs • Prelude begins at 7:30 P.M.
- 11:00 P.M. Taizé Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Communion.

December 31 Lessons & Carols of Christmas

Sunday, December 31, at 9:45 A.M. (One service this day). A festive celebration of the birthday of Jesus.

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. 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 your bulletin this morning. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.



Are You a Snowbird?

You are if you're moving or heading south for the winter! 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! Please contact Becky at becky@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 202.



Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

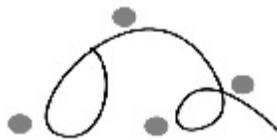
On Wednesday, December 13, from 4:00 P.M. –5:00 P.M. Trinity youth Club 78 and Club 9 and adult volunteers will assemble weekend meals for Flynn Elementary School students as well as many additional elementary schools in the Eau Claire district. Please meet at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, on Eau Claire's west side.

No Teen Study or Wednesday Night Programming

There will be NO Sunday Teen Study on December 24 or 31 and no Wednesday night programming on December 27. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is January 5–6. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is Lifeline. 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 if needed. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.



Sounds of the Season

Peder Eide Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 10
Meal at 5:00 P.M.
Concert at 6:00 P.M.

You are invited to enjoy an evening of good music for a good cause. On Sunday, December 10, Good Shepherd Lutheran in Eau Claire is hosting musician Peter Eide to raise funds to support the ECASD Homeless Youth Program. Come at 5:00 P.M. for a dinner with a free will offering. The concert begins at 6:00 P.M. Individual ticket suggested donation is \$10. Family ticket suggested donation is \$25. To reserve tickets, call 715.834.2959 or email pastor@goodshepherd-ec.org

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Advent is Here!

Caroling Party

Sing noel! Lift your voice to celebrate the coming of Baby Jesus at a Caroling Party on Sunday, December 10. We meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. near the preschool area to car pool and visit several of our shut-in members at area facilities where we share Christmas songs. This is a wonderful family activity, and people of all ages are invited to participate in and enjoy the season's festive music. Participants are invited to enjoy a light meal at the church following caroling.

Birth of the Baby

All families and friends of Noah's Ark children are invited to attend the Noah's Ark Party/Programs on either Monday, December 18, or Tuesday, December 19, at 10:00 A.M. or 1:45 P.M. in the Trinity Room! We invite all of you to a BIG birthday party/program for Jesus!

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 TODAY. 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.

Mitten Tree

Each year, a Christmas tree in celebration of Jesus' birthday is put up in the hallway by the preschool room. If you would like to help decorate the tree with mittens, hats, or children's sleepers sizes 0–six, hang them on the tree. These items will be included in the Christmas Sharing Project. Thank you!

Collecting Books for Flynn Kids

The Friends of Flynn Committee believes that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning but also increases self-confidence. For many Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for Christmas break, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. While Christmas shopping, please consider buying a book appropriate for K–grade 5. Suggested book titles are available in the lobby. Then bring your purchased books to the collection bin in the lobby. Financial donations should be made payable to Trinity with a notation of "Friends of Flynn." Thank you!



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