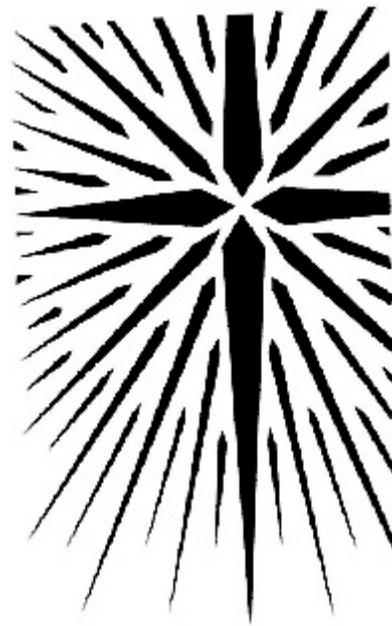


GOOD MORNING

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Welcome to Trinity

Today's lessons include some scary elements—poisonous snakes, an angry God, and a disobedient people. As odd as these stories are, they are a popular image of God for many. That's too bad because it is not the God you'll hear about today. The God that we worship today, as revealed in Jesus, has boundaries, but also love and forgiveness. Listen carefully for the description of that God as God is revealed in word, song, and fellowship. Thanks for being here!

Adult Forum Today

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's Lay School of Ministry (LSM) emphasizes the baptismal vocation of all Christians. LSM's mission is to provide students with opportunities to reflect on their past and present ministries while engaging in theological studies. Pastor Greg Kaufmann, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of LSM, will host Adult Forums in the Fireside Room after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services today. All are welcome and invited!

Friends of Flynn

- The Friends of Flynn Fund Drive runs through March 25. Friends of Flynn provides clothing, shoes, books, healthy snacks, and more to students of Flynn Elementary School. Donations can be made online using the GIVE NOW button at trinity-ec.org. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran with the memo "Friends of Flynn" and placed in the offering plate or dropped off in the office. Our goal this year is to raise \$6,100. To date we have received \$970.
- Flynn is looking for adults to read with students. They have many one-hour Reading Buddy spots available on various days and times throughout the week. They will provide training for you, no experience necessary. Ideally, a volunteer would come at the same time one day per week for 6+ weeks, but they will try to accommodate different schedules. Please contact Alison Harder if you're interested in learning more at 715.852.3307 or aharder1@ecasd.us

The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet in the Chapel on Wednesday, March 14, at 10:00 A.M. Our program will be an Irish Sing-a-long with Janet MacCauley. After our meeting, we will pack birthday bags for the food pantry. Lunch will be the soup lunch after Lenten worship. Items needed for the birthday bags are: cake mix, frosting, sprinkles or other decorations, small plates, napkins, fun items like party hats, blow toys, crowns. We also want to include a small present such as (child) small car, doll, necklace, etc; (adult) deck of cards, coffee mug, snacks, etc. You can drop off donated items to the office. Please mark them for the Friendship Group.

LENT • "Inside Out: Transformed by Faith"

Join us on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M. as we move from the "Inside Out" witnessing Christ's gracious affect on ourselves, our families, our community, our nation, and our world. Don't forget to stay for our Lenten Soup Lunch in the Trinity Room after the 12:15 P.M. service!

Come Walk the Labyrinth

Trinity's new Labyrinth will be available to anyone who wishes to walk it during Lent. The Labyrinth resembles a maze, but it is a prayer tool with only one path that leads you to the middle circle and back out again. The Labyrinth will be available in the Trinity Room on Thursdays and Fridays through March 29; Thursdays from 8:45 A.M.–8:00 P.M. and Fridays from 8:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M. Please note: **The Labyrinth will not be available on Friday, March 16.**

Lenten Prayer Vigil

On Wednesday and Thursday, March 28 and 29, Trinity will host a 24-hour prayer vigil to pray for our congregation, our community, and the world. Space will be set aside in the Worship Center, and participants will sign up for 20 minute time slots from 6:40 P.M. on Wednesday–6:20 P.M. on Thursday. Look for sign-ups in the lobby.

Preschool Teacher Position Available

Due to the upcoming retirement of long time teacher Ginny Lien, at the end of this school year, Trinity Lutheran Church seeks a qualified part-time teacher to lead three year old children in our Peacemaker classroom. Teaching times are Tuesday and Thursday, morning and afternoon. Noah's Ark teachers share the love of God with the children and their families through an exciting curriculum of discovery and exploration while equipping children with peacemaking skills. To apply, submit cover letter and resume to Marlee Knickerbocker, Director of Noah's Ark Preschool, by March 20, 2018. Email Marlee at marlee@trinity-ec.org

Strategic Planning "Question of the Week"

What Do You Value Most About Trinity? Email your answer to strategicplanning@trinity-ec.org or use the paper sheet found at the Coffee Station or in the Library. Your ideas are important!



Men's Group

The Saturday Morning Men's Group invites you to join them this Saturday, March 17, for the DVD series "Bad Boys of Easter" by Andy Stanley. Join them for any or all of this unique and engaging series. They meet on Saturday's from 8:00 A.M.–9:00 A.M. in the Fireside Room. Coffee and conversation provided!

Knitting 101 Basic Knitting Know-How

Do you want to learn how to knit? It's your lucky day because Knitting 101 will be offered this spring. You will learn how to knit, purl, cast on and bind off, yarn over, and read a pattern. By the end of this class, you will have made a cowl and a dishcloth. Classes are on Mondays; April 2, 9, 16, and 30; at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room.

Sign-up at Clipboard Central (*don't forget to grab a supply sheet*). Class size is limited to ten, so sign up quickly! If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org or call 715.832.6601.

Good God Books

The Bible is the source and norm of our life together. At the same time, for centuries Christians have listened for wisdom in the lives and thoughts of people of faith. Don't miss the final conversation of the Good God Book Series with Pastor Brahm on March 26 at 6:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room to discuss *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. All are invited and welcome to this discussion. It is recommend that you acquire and read the book beforehand, but regardless you are welcome to come and be a part of the exchange of ideas.

Volunteers Needed

Feed My People has an urgent need for people to assist with picking orders in their warehouse for their partner food pantries. Shifts are flexible Monday–Friday during normal business hours. If you have a few extra hours, please consider helping us out. For questions or to set up a time to volunteer, please contact Nick at 715.835.9415, ext 101 or email nick@fmpfoodbank.org

February Food Pantry Statistics

- There were 16 pantries held in February.
- Total visits were 575 families, made up of 1,762 individuals; 630 were children.
- Trinity purchased 22,387 lbs. of food from Feed My People. Total Cost = \$5,306.98
- Kwik Trip donated 979.1 lbs. of food.
- Aldi's donated 1,487.5 lbs. of food.
- Other donations were 216 lbs. of food

Help Support the Food Pantry

Cousins Subs is inviting Eau Claire and surrounding communities to donate three HEALTHY nonperishable food items from March 1–31 at their local Cousins Subs, 2605 Golf Road, to support Trinity's Food Pantry! Those who donate will receive a "Buy a 7 ½ sub, get a FREE 7 ½ sub" offer and a Milwaukee Bucks ticket offer. Please help Trinity's Food Pantry and relieve hunger when you donate three food items while enjoying two Cousins Subs!



Luther Park Summer Camp

Join Pastor Brahm and Ashley this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm and Ashley invite students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders from June 10–15. These campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun and activities available at Luther Park. Trinity offers grants toward Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants.

For more information on any of our Youth Ministry programming, please check out the Trinity Website www.trinity-ec.org or contact Cassie Brenden or Ashley Olson at 715.832.6601 ext 209.

Children's Ministries

Open Gym Tuesdays

On Tuesday, March 13 from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M., the Trinity Room will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. We offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. No registration is required for Open Gym. The cost is \$3 for one child, \$2 for each additional child, per session. This is the final session for the winter.

Summer Fun!

Before we know it summer will be here. It's time to mark your calendar for Summer Day Camps! Registration will open **online** April 9 at 8:00 A.M. at www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml Check out our website for more information.

- Sports Camp: June 11–13
- Great Pretenders: June 18–21
- Tell the Good News: June 18–21
- Camp Cooking & Booking/Master Chefs: June 25–28
- Come and Play: Session ONE: June 25–27/ Session TWO July 9–11
- Camp Discovery: July 9–12

High School Counselors & Middle School Volunteers Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for current high school counselors (completing grades 9–12) and middle school volunteers (completing grades 6, 7, or 8) to assist with Day Camps in June and July. For more information and to apply, visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml. Applications must be received by April 26.

Vacation Bible School

There's a place saved for you at the table! Bring your appetite and join us this summer for a *Feast in God's Word*. VBS is scheduled for July 23–27 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. The cost is a suggested \$25 donation per child. VBS is for children who are three through sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 22, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration begins on Sunday, April 9, at 8:00 A.M. Register and pay online!



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