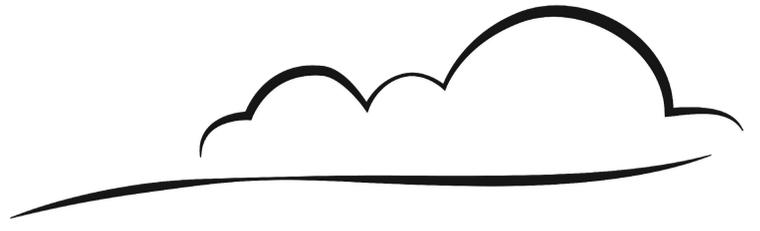


Good Morning



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Welcome to Worship!

On this Mother's Day, we recall all of the women who have shared mothering love with us. We also are cognizant of those who mourn their mother's death, who long to be moms themselves, or who grieve the loss of a child. Among the many things that this day can mean for each of us, we hear the story of Jesus' Ascension. What does it mean to look up to God for help when we live our lives rooted firmly on the ground? How does God reach down and interact with us today? We gather around this holy mystery in worship this week. Thank you for being a part of the community worshipping God today at Trinity!

Adult Forum

Join Pat Garber, Director of Visitation Ministry, in the Fireside Room today after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Pat will share about Trinity's Home Visitation Ministry.

"Traveling Mercies"

Join Pastor Natalie to discuss *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott on Tuesdays, May 15 or 22, at 6:00 P.M. in the chapel. Pastor Natalie tells people, "Anne Lamott is funny, insightful, faithful, honest, and swears like a sailor." What else has been said you might ask? "Anne Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, 'My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers.' At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, *Traveling Mercies* tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope." Come join the discussion and laughter!

Summer is Here!

Office hours are changing just like the season. Beginning June 1, the office will be open from 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. School year hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

Food Pantry Stats

- There were 17 pantries held in April.
- Total visits were 622 families, made up of 1,986 individuals; 760 were children.
- Trinity purchased 25,204 lbs. of food from Feed My People. Total Cost = \$5,154.08
- Kwik Trip donated 1,123.5 lbs. of food.
- Aldi's donated 1,543.7 lbs. of food.
- Three area scouting groups donated 1,080 lbs of food.
- Other donations were 539 lbs. of food.
- 58 volunteers donated 386 hours in April.

Friends of Flynn

We believe that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but increases self-confidence. With many of the Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for summer vacation, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. Please consider donating new books for this project. Look for the display in the lobby where you will find book lists. Thank you for your continued support.

Culver's Night

Tuesday, May 15, is Culver's Night (2021 Brackett Ave) from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. This is a fundraiser for the Flynn PTA which supports many initiatives at Flynn including student field trips, the Read-a-thon, events, etc. Students get to see each other outside of school, and families get to connect with other families and staff members. All Trinity members and friends are invited to purchase a sweet treat or anything else to support Flynn!

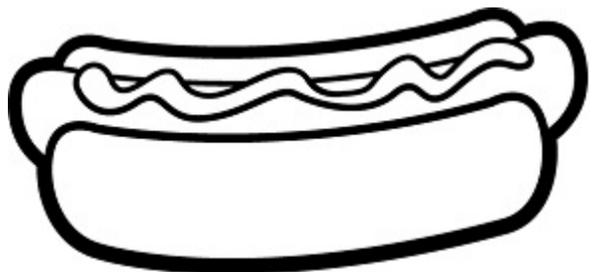
Soles for Special Souls

Our Soles for Special Souls ministry has held to its mission of providing new back-to-school shoes and winter boots for children in need within our community. In May, the Social Concerns Team is hoping to raise \$2,500 to support this ministry in 2018. On Sundays in May, you are invited to stop by the Soles for Special Souls table in the lobby. A member of the Social Concerns Team will answer any questions you may have and assist you with your financial contribution. Checks should be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church with memo "Soles for Special Souls."

Church Picnic

Trinity's Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 20. Food will be available beginning at 10:30 A.M. Carnival games and inflatables start at 10:45 A.M. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, serving food, leading the games, and making cakes for the cake walk (need 25–30). If you are willing to help, please sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby or contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

***Please note:** The last session of Sunday School classes is Sunday, May 20.



Summer Story Time for Young Children

Join Library Committee members in the church library on Sunday mornings; June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15; following the 9:45 A.M. worship service where they will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

Celebrate!

Please join us on Sunday, June 3, to honor Mrs. Lien for her years of service to Trinity, educating, influencing, and loving children at Noah's Ark Preschool. Ginny Lien, a long time teacher at Noah's Ark Preschool, is retiring at the end of this school year. She has been a teacher here since 1992 and has touched the lives of countless children and families. If you have tie dye, wear it that day as a way to help her celebrate!

Noah's Ark Preschool Openings

Be a part of our preschool where children learn to be peacemakers who will take care of themselves, others, and the world while playing and discovering in a Christian environment! Openings available for the 2018–2019 school year are:

- M/W/F 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. for children who turn four before 9.1.18
- M/W/F 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. for children who turn four by 12.31.18

Program costs: Tuition \$153/month, Supply and Registration Fee \$200

Serving the Homeless

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at The Beacon House from June 10–14. 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 and Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference

The ELCA Women's Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek, Wisconsin is August 15–16. The presenter is Trinity member Deb Gilbertson, and the theme is "Change is Good." Come and enjoy while you meet and praise with women of all ages. Enjoy free time to swim, shop the book store, go on a pontoon ride, and many more activities. Every woman is welcome! Register before July 31 for the early bird special. The one day rate is \$35, and the two day rate is \$65. Registration forms are located on the Women's Bulletin Board across from the nursery. Contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 for more information.

Children's Ministries

Summer Fun!

We still have openings in our summer day camps and Vacation Bible School! You can register by accessing our web page at www.trinity-ec.org and clicking on the REGISTER HERE BUTTON on the right side of the page.

Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for all grade levels. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Sara Reed for specific information at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or by email at sarar@trinity-ec.org

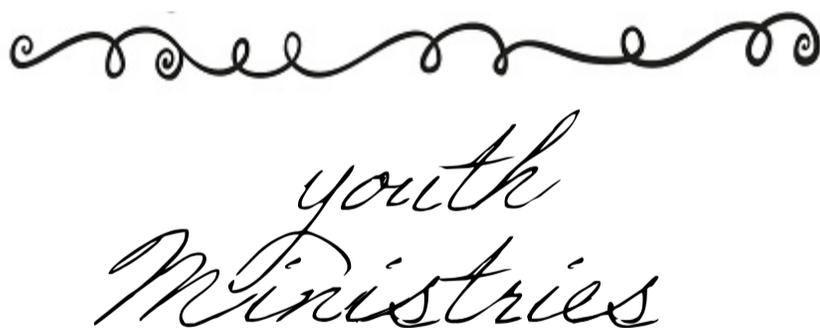
Collect VBS Supplies!

Please collect and save items needed for Vacation Bible School! You can bring your donations, marked for VBS, to the Children's Ministries Office. Thank you!

- Ice cream LIDS only
- Wine corks
- Empty Voss water bottles

Fall Programming for Early Childhood Enrichment

Call-in registration for Come and Play only will begin on May 23 at 8:00 A.M. Call-in registration for all other enrichment programming (Music & Movement; Creative Arts; Readers, Writers, and Artists; Thrilling Thursdays) will begin on May 24 at 8:00 A.M. For more information on any of our Children's Ministry programs, 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



Luther Park Summer Camp

Join the Trinity Lutheran Church group 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. Check out lutherpark.org to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register. Trinity offers grants toward Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants.

High School Seniors Recognition Sunday

Congratulations! You are graduating, and we want to help you celebrate this wonderful transition in your lives. Please join us on Sunday, May 20, at either 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. worship services to celebrate this incredible accomplishment with your community of faith. We are so proud of you!