

Good Morning

Trinity Lutheran Church—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Welcome to Trinity!

What does a life with Christ look like? Paul tells us it is a life lived in love, as Christ loved us. The path Christ lays out before us is one of giving ourselves for others. Sometimes, we feel like we can't continue; the journey is too tough. But in Christ, we support each other in love. Welcome to worship!

A Note From The Treasurer

As noted in the bulletin last week, Trinity is experiencing a shortfall of \$75,673. Overall the expenses are slightly under budget for the year, and a significant portion of the increase in expenses over last year is related to two positions that were not filled until March and April of last year. As a result, we had a savings in 2017 until these positions were filled. Although current expenses are near budget, the income is well below budget. As of the end of July, our income is at 49% of our annual budget. In prior years, we were at 53%–55% of our budget in July.

The council asks for your prayerful consideration of our "Special Offering" on August 26 to help close this gap in revenue. We look forward to celebrating God's many blessings on August 26. Together we can bring our offerings in line with our excellent programming and mission. Thank you. —Craig Olsen, Trinity Congregational Treasurer

A Time to Give Thanks Mortgage Burning Event

In 2004, Trinity completed a building project involving the worship center and lobby that we have all benefitted from this past decade. What amazing ministry this space has facilitated! Through the faithful stewardship of many members, we have paid off the mortgage in full. Come celebrate this milestone with the congregation as we burn the mortgage and welcome Pastor Kurt Jacobson to preach and take part on Sunday, August 26. We give thanks to God for faithful generosity and fruitful mission these past many years, and look forward to the ways in which God continues to be on the move. Your continuing generosity is welcomed!



Monthly Healing Service

Join us for our next Healing Service in the Trinity Chapel on Sunday, August 19. The service begins at 9:15 A.M. and is completed by 9:45 A.M. It is a brief service devoted to prayers for healing and comfort. It is for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit or who knows someone for whom they would like to pray.

Playtime in the Park

Make sure to catch the last "Playtime in the Park" for the summer on Tuesday, August 21, at Rod & Gun Park from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.. Bring the young people in your life to the park and catch up with other Trinity members while the kids play. All ages are welcome! There will be no structured activities, just play time, but there might be a treat to share! No need to RSVP; just show up! Bring a friend! Contact Sara Reed with questions at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 218.

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 other women of all ages. Enjoy free time to swim, shop the bookstore, go on a pontoon ride, and many more activities. Every woman is welcome! Contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 for more information.

Help Serve the Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House from August 26–30. 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 Clipboard Central. Roman and Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

Produce to Share

If your garden is producing more than you can consume, please remember that Trinity's Food Pantry will gladly distribute your abundance!

Noah's Ark Preschool

Noah's Ark Preschool has openings for children in their fall classes. Noah's Ark is a great place for young children and their families! We have openings in our M/W/F classes. The 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. class enrolls children who are four by September 1. The 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. class enrolls children who are four by January 1, 2019. Contact Mrs. Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext 205 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information or to sign up.

Blood Pressure Screening

One of the ongoing activities of Trinity's Health Ministry is free blood pressure screenings offered the second Sunday of the month between worship services. Because it is possible to have high blood pressure without any symptoms—and because untreated high blood pressure can cause serious problems, even death—it is often called the "silent killer." Come to the next free blood pressure screening today to help you monitor and control your blood pressure.

August Friendship Group

Thank you to all who have donated and/or helped us pack Birthday Bags for our guests at the food pantry. We have no bags left so on Wednesday, August 15, at 10:00 A.M. we will be packing birthday bags. You may leave donations in the church office marked for Friendship Group. Items needed are as follows (all of these items can be purchased at the dollar store): cake mix, can of frosting, sprinkles/cake decorations, birthday plates, birthday napkins and fun add-ons such as hats, blowouts, a small toy, or surprise.

Circle Bible Study for August

The Miriam Circle invites all women to their Circle Bible Study on Wednesday, August 15, at 9:30 A.M. in the Trinity Room. Pastor Natalie will lead us through "Let us Pray—Session Two: The Practices of Prayer." Copies of the study are available in the Library. Coffee and treats will be served. Hostesses are Ann Nelson and Sheila Running.

Baptism Class

Baptism Classes are offered regularly throughout the year. This one-session meeting at church is an opportunity to learn about baptism and ongoing opportunities for nurturing faith and to meet other individuals and families at the same point in their faith journey. Our next class will be Monday, August 20, at 6:00 P.M. in Trinity's lobby. Childcare is provided. You are welcome and encouraged to attend a baptism class before your child is born.



Walk the Labyrinth

The Labyrinth will be available in the Trinity Room from Tuesday, August 21, at noon until Thursday, August 23, at 4:00 P.M. Please call the office to confirm availability in case something comes up that requires the use of the Trinity Room. If you haven't walked it yet, please come and give it a try!

Labyrinth Team Forming

Did you enjoy walking Trinity's Labyrinth during Lent? Have you appreciated the spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth as part of your faith journey? Those physically able to lift and bend will be trained in setting up and taking down our labyrinth. Others can help with signage and other aspects of hospitality. You can show your interest by signing up at Clipboard Central in the lobby or by contacting Pastor Natalie at natalie@trinity-ec.org

Women's Giving Circle

Trinity's Women's Giving Circle is excited to continue making an impact in the community through its charitable giving, and there are two ways you can help.

- First, join us! It's never too late to become a member.
- Second, help spread the word that our grant cycle is now open! Our goal is to give funds to as many groups as we can. Applications are accepted from May 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018.

For more information, and to access the grant application, visit Trinity Lutheran Church's website www.trinity-ec.org and click on Women's Giving Circle under the Endowment tab.

CrossWord Youth Band

Calling all high school students who love music! Trinity's high school praise band, CrossWord, led by Andy Hofer, is preparing for another year of music, worship, and fun. Our first meeting, including pizza, is Wednesday, September 5, at 5:30 P.M. in the Lobby. Band practice will follow dinner. Contact Pastor Brahm at 715.832.6601 ext 213 or brahm@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Prayer Friends

Being a Prayer Friend is a powerful way to connect with God, and it is an extraordinary blessing to have other people praying for you. The Youth Leadership Team invites adults to be Prayer Friends with our seventh and eighth grade Affirmation of Baptism students. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed at a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to use Ashley's email (ashley@trinity-ec.org) to direct prayer requests to their Prayer Friend. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. You'll be providing a great ministry to our youth. Sign up on the chart in the lobby. Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext 209 or ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Affirmation of Baptism Students

- Club 78 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation on Wednesday, September 5, at 7:15 p.p. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 9 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:15 p.m. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:15 p.m. in Room 208.