

# Good Morning

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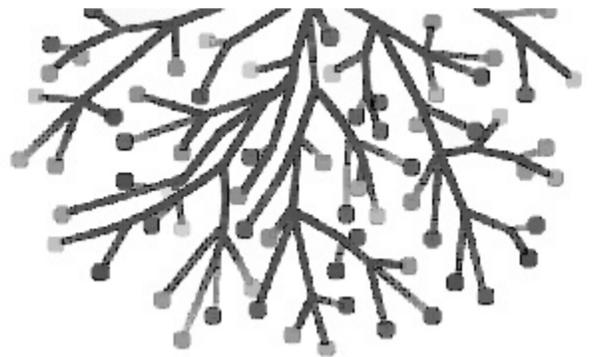
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## Welcome to Trinity!

*With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. —Colossians 3:16*

This week, Christians around the world are celebrating the Christmas season of the church year. Having been in Advent for the month of December to this point, now we have twelve days of recognizing and celebrating God's incarnate love. Today we'll listen to God's Word and enjoy singing the Carols of the season that resound with the hope and joy of Christ's presence. In addition, all will be invited to participate in prayers for healing, making concrete this assurance that God is with us, Emmanuel. Thank you for adding your presence to the community worshipping God today!

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## January Worship

### Trinity Welcomes Artist Paul Oman

On January 6, you are invited to a special worship and artistic experience, "Drawn to the Word," at Trinity's 9:45 A.M. service. Within the hour of worship, artist and pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural before our eyes, inspired by the gospel text and worship unfolding around him. The mural will then remain at Trinity to enjoy for years to come. We are grateful to Mary & Ed Elworthy who are sponsoring this event in honor of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A reception in the Trinity Room will follow the worship, featuring food, fellowship, and a gallery of 20–30 of Paul's paintings. Our regular worship services will be offered at 8:15 A.M., and at 10:30 A.M. in the chapel.

### Baptism Celebration

Don't miss the Baptism celebration in worship on Sunday, January 13, and Wednesday, January 16, when we look back at photos of those baptized at Trinity in 2018! We will read about Jesus' Baptism and see how it has an important message for our lives today. Come to worship and hear again the news of Jesus' Baptism and how it applies to your life!

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### December Giving Goal

Together as a church, we do great things to extend the love of Christ to thousands of people throughout this community and beyond. Every financial offering you make provides hope, peace, and joy in the name of Christ!

Your contributions in December are very important. This month we have a goal of \$196,500 in offerings to Regular Ministries. Please give generously, and remember that you can set up an electronic fund transfer from your financial institution by going to [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

If you are age 70½ or older and wish to make an end of year contribution out of your IRA, congress has made provision for you to make a direct charitable transfer without needing to first receive the income as taxable income. Please consult your tax advisor or financial planner for additional information.

Your donations may be given in the offering during Sunday worship, brought to the church office, or mailed to Trinity with Attention: Amber Moltzau. Thank you.

### Recycle

You can recycle plastic and paper bags, but don't put them in your recycling bin! Drop them off at the Trinity Food Pantry. We are in need of both plastic and paper bags. Thank you!

### Call Committee

Application forms are available online on Trinity's website, in the Church office, and also at the Information Center in the Church lobby. If you know of someone whom you believe would make an excellent member of the Call Committee, we ask you to share that person's name either in person with Tami Satre, Congregation President, or with Interim Pastor Brian Mortenson. The deadline is Sunday, January 6.

### Flower Chart

There are weekends available in 2019 to sponsor altar flowers for worship to memorialize or honor some person or event in your life. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

### January Spice Drive

Myrrh is mentioned in the New Testament as one of the three gifts the wise men brought to Jesus when he was born (Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh). Myrrh is a spice that has many uses including as a fragrance and as a flavoring in food products. One of the things rarely donated to food pantries is spices and food seasonings. To mark the arrival of the three wise men and highlight this need in the food pantry, Children's Ministries will be holding a spice drive during the month of January. Watch for the display in the lobby for more information. Please bring UNOPENED spices and food seasonings to donate to the Trinity Food Pantry.



# Adult Education

## Genesis: New Year, "Old" Wisdom

Ever wanted to begin digging into the Bible but didn't know where to start? The book of Genesis is both foundational to the Christian faith and fascinating to read! From where do we come? How does God deal with evil? What does it mean for God to make promises, and how are they kept? We will explore these questions and more on six Thursday evenings at 6:00 P.M. beginning January 10. Register by Friday, January 4, at Clipboard Central or online at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org) by clicking on the blue "Sign Up Here" button to ensure your spot. Cost is \$12 to cover materials; checks/cash can be dropped off at the church office.

## Good God Books

On Tuesday, January 22, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room, join Pastor Brahm to talk about the book "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles. It's a book about Miles' conversion to faith, the importance of communion, and her work in feeding the hungry.



# Youth Ministries

## Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is January 4 and 5. 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—7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Sign-up at the Toolbench. Register online at [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact Ashley at [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

## Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals Thank You

On Wednesday, December 12, Trinity youth and adults assembled weekend meals for Flynn Elementary School students as well as many additional elementary schools in the Eau Claire District. Weekend meals are delivered weekly to all of the Eau Claire public schools. Thank you to everyone who helped with this amazing ministry. Our youth will volunteer at Feed My People Food Bank again on Wednesdays, January 9 and February 6, from 4:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.



# Children's Ministries

## Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Call in registration continues for Winter Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs. There are still openings in Music & Movement One, Music & Movement Two, and Readers, Authors, and Artists. You may register by calling Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601.

## Open Gym

On Tuesdays, January 8 through March 19, 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. The area will be supervised and a story time and snack will be offered 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 per session is \$3 for one child; \$2 for each additional child from the same family.

## For Everyone Pinehurst Park Get Together

Join us on Sunday, January 20, from 1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M. at Pinehurst Park, 3523 Delbert Rd, Eau Claire, for an afternoon of sledding, ice skating, and cross-country skiing. We will provide hot chocolate! Bring your sled or ice skates, and join us for an afternoon of fun! All ages are welcome! It is a family friendly event. Contact Sara Reed with questions at 715.832.6601 or [sara@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sara@trinity-ec.org)

## Baptism

Trinity celebrates baptisms as an affirmation of God's gracious claim and a welcome into Christian community. For parents seeking to baptize their children, baptism classes are offered regularly. The class seeks to help parents both reflect on the meaning of the sacrament and prepare for the day, as well as connect them to faith formation resources. Childcare is provided. Sign up is online through the Trinity website. If you are an adult who is not baptized and are interested in pursuing your own baptism, contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) or through the office at 715.832.6601. We look forward to walking with you toward that meaningful day!

Upcoming baptism classes for parents: Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Lobby; Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 11:00 A.M. in Room 208; Monday, April 29, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Lobby.



## Noah's Ark Preschool Open House

All interested families are invited to attend our Preschool Open Houses on Sunday, January 27, at 10:45 A.M. following the Noah's Ark Sunday worship, and Monday, January 28, at 6:00 P.M. Visit the Noah's Ark classroom, learn about the Noah's Ark program, ask questions, and gather 2019–2020 school year registration information. You will meet Marlee Knickerbocker, the Noah's Ark Preschool Director, along with teachers Jill Kasmarek and Cassie Brenden. Members of the 2019 Noah's Ark Preschool Committee, who are Noah's Ark parents, will also be available to share their family experiences at Noah's Ark and answer parent questions. Registration will open to Trinity members on Tuesday, January 29, at 8:00 A.M. Brochures for the 2019–2020 school year are available in the Trinity Lobby and throughout the building. It is also available online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)