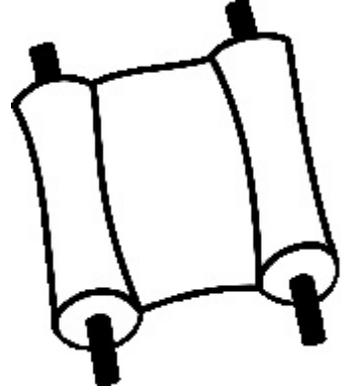


GOOD MORNING

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Drawn to the Word Event & Reception

Trinity is excited to host a Drawn to the Word event today at our 9:45 A.M. worship service. Paul Oman, artist and pastor, shares his artistic ministry with audiences ecumenically across the country. Receiving national and international recognition for his work in watercolor, Paul uses this gift to proclaim the Gospel in unique and powerful ways that impact lives and inspire mission. Paul works in many settings including congregations, schools, universities, seminaries, camps, prisons, non-profits, and more. The larger-than-life sized murals are painted with acrylics on stretched canvas. Paul lives near Amery, Wisconsin with his wife, Jana, and their children. Trinity expresses its gratitude to Paul for his ministry among us today, and to Mary and Ed Elworthy who are sponsoring this event in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Please join the artist for a reception featuring his work directly following 9:45 A.M. worship today.

Baptism Celebration

Don't miss the Baptism celebration in worship next Sunday and Wednesday 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!

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 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, at 6:00 P.M. in the Lobby; Sunday, March 3, at 11:00 A.M. in Room 208; Monday, April 29, at 6:00 P.M. in the Lobby.

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 today.

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 is holding a spice drive during the month of January. Please bring UNOPENED spices and food seasonings for the Trinity Food Pantry and place them in the marked container in the lobby.

Good God Books

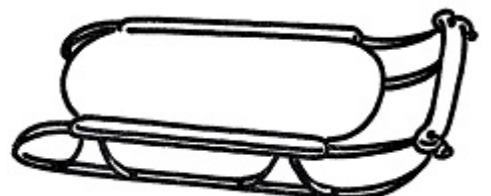
On Tuesday, January 22, at 6:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room, join Pastor Brahm to talk about the book "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles. It's a book about Miles' conversion to faith, the importance of communion, and her work in feeding the hungry.

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

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! Contact Sara Reed with questions at 715.832.6601 or sarar@trinity-ec.org





Knitters Needed

We are in need of additional prayer shawls. Our supply is diminishing! If you are interested in assisting our Prayer Shawl Ministry by knitting or crocheting shawls, yarn and patterns are available. Please contact Cindy at cindy@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 201. Monetary donations made payable to Trinity with memo "Prayer Shawls" are gratefully accepted.

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!

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. The dates are slowly but surely filling up, so check soon! Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity on Sunday, February 3, in the Worship Center at 10:45 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the staff, review 2018, elect a new council, and adopt the 2019 budget. Reports to be included in the report are due to Amber Moltzau this Wednesday, January 9. You may email them to her at amber@trinity-ec.org

The online Annual Report will be available at trinity-ec.org starting January 27. Please print a copy and bring it to the meeting. Print copies will also be available in the Lobby and at the meeting.

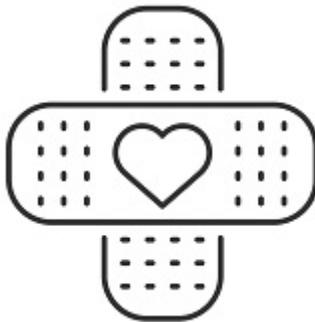
HEALTH MINISTRIES

When You Are Hospitalized

The Pastoral Care Team of Trinity makes frequent trips to visit hospitalized Trinity members. But to know about your hospitalization, they depend upon the hospitals having your admission coded into their system. This will not result in your name being shared with anyone beyond the staff. So, when you or a family member are admitted, please inform the hospital of your church affiliation. Better yet, share information about planned or unexpected hospitalizations directly with us by:

- Calling 715.832.6601 or emailing trinity@trinity-ec.org in advance of or at the start of hospitalization.
- Asking the hospital chaplain to call Trinity's office.

If you wonder if a Pastoral Care Team member is going to call on you, that's the time to call the church office! Thank you.



Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

One in three American adults have high blood pressure. High blood pressure increases your risk for serious health problems including stroke and heart attack. Get your blood pressure checked regularly starting at age 18—and do your best to keep track of your blood pressure numbers. Trinity's Health Ministries offers free blood pressure screenings in the Parish Nurse's office on the second Sunday of every month.

Monthly Healing Service

Trinity offers a Healing Service the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel starting at 9:15 A.M. This service is for anyone who seeks healing in body, mind, or spirit. We will offer time for personal prayers for healing, anointing, as well as time for reflection and peace.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

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

Community Table

Food is a basic need of humankind, and it is our privilege to serve those who go without! Trinity youth will prepare and serve a meal at the Community Table on Sunday, January 13, from 1:00 P.M. –5:00 P.M. Both students and parents are needed to provide this service to the community. The sign-up sheet is available at the Tool Bench.



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 ext 205.

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.

