

Welcome

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Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the ELCA
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Good Morning

The voice came from heaven upon the baptism of Jesus: “You are my son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” If the human side of Jesus had any doubts or questions to this point, this certainly brought some clarity to his self-identity! Today’s reflection serves as a reminder that we too, in and through our baptism, can understand who we are in light of God’s claim on us.



Baptism Class Tomorrow

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. Upcoming baptism classes for parents: Tomorrow 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.

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.

Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House from February 17–21. 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 & Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

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.

Global Missions in Jamaica

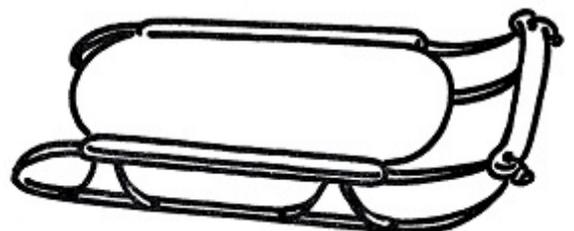
A group of men will be heading back to Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica January 24–30. This is part of Trinity's dedication to mission and serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news. They will work to replace a roof and windows in a communal bathroom structure, put up ceiling panels in the cafeteria, and take down some termite infested trees. The men's team welcomes your support by providing funds for purchasing supplies. Pick up a sponsorship slip in the lobby of Trinity through January 20 or give directly online at Trinity noting: "Jamaica project." The men pay their own expenses and also contribute toward materials, but your support helps make the projects a success.

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 715.832.6601ext 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org



New Painting Commissioned

This week, to the right of the altar, you'll notice a new piece of artwork at Trinity. Created during worship on Sunday, January 6, we give thanks to the artist Pastor Paul Oman and his ministry, "Drawn to the Word." The painting is based on Luke 4:14–21 and Trinity's mission statement of 'Serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news.' We are grateful to Mary and Ed Elworthy for sponsoring the event in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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.



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! Dates available are February 17; March 3, 10, 31; April 7, 14; May 26; June 23; August 25; September 1, 22, 29; October 13, 20; November 17, 24; December 1, 15, 22, 29. 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. 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. There are free blood pressure screenings in the Parish Nurse's office this morning.

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. Our next service will be Sunday, January 20, at 9:15 A.M.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Action City

On Wednesday, January 23, Club 78 youth will be attending their mid-year party at the Metropolis Trampoline Park from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. It will be a night to celebrate all their hard work this school year thus far!

Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals Thank You

On Wednesday, January 9, 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 Wednesday, February 6, from 4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Open Gym

On Tuesdays, 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.

Early Childhood Enrichment Classes

Registration for the following classes opens to Trinity members on Tuesday, January 29, at 8:00 A.M. for the 2019–2020 school year.

- **Creative Arts** (for children who turn four between 9.1.19 and 8.31.20) on Mondays, September—May, from 10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Cost is \$365 per year.
- **Readers, Writers, and Artists** (for children who turn 4 by 9.1.19) on Tuesdays, September—May, from 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. Cost is \$500 per year.
- **Thrilling Thursdays** (for children who turn 4 by 9.1.19) on Thursdays, September—May, from 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. OR 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. Cost is \$500 per year.

For more information, contact Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext 205. Watch for additional Early Childhood Enrichment Programs for 1–2 year olds in late spring.