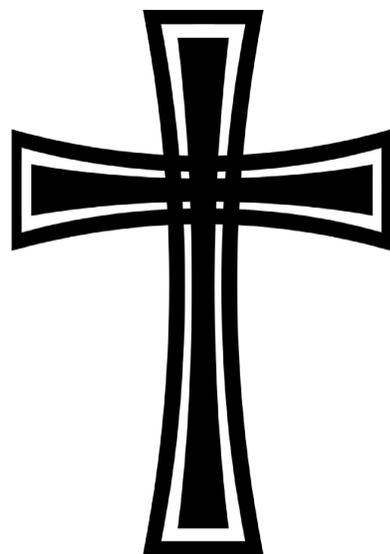


Welcome

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Good Morning

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders. And this is but one example of the prophetic voice of Jesus!

Noah's Ark Preschool Open House

All interested families are invited to attend our Preschool Open House tomorrow evening 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. 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

Flower Chart Only Ten Dates Remain!

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 10, 31; September 1, 22; October 20; November 24; December 1, 22, 29. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

Serving Others Locally

- Trinity will serve at **Sojourner House** on Friday, February 15, from 6:30 P.M. –9:30 P.M. We are looking for volunteers to donate three large fruit salads to be served with the meal. Sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Phyllis at 715.836.7055.
- 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 and Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!
- Trinity will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Thursday, February 21, from 12:30 P.M. –6:30 P.M. Many of our regular donors are no longer able to donate. We need to replace them "with fresh blood!" Register at church or online at redcrossblood.org The blood you give does make a difference in someone's life. PLEASE DONATE!

Trinity Quilters

Come join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting "warmth" and "comfort" of God's love! Join us February 12 and 26, and March 12 and 26.

TODAY

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity today in the Worship Center at 10:45 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the pastors, review 2018, elect a new council, and adopt the 2019 budget.

Altar Guild Meeting

Trinity is seeking both women and men, or whole families, willing to take a turn with Altar Guild responsibilities. There will be a meeting today at 9:00 A.M. in room 306 for all current Altar Guild members as well as any new persons who might be interested in sharing their gift of time in this way. Please come be a part of this important ministry!

Souper Bowl of Caring

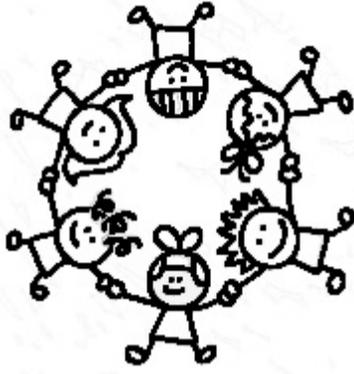
Today Trinity Youth will lead the "Souper Bowl of Caring," a nationwide hunger relief effort. Youth, sporting their desired team apparel, will invite each person present in worship to help reach our goal of \$1,000 in support of hunger relief efforts in the Eau Claire community. Look for the giant soup pots as you exit worship today. All contributions will be donated to Trinity's Food Pantry.



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 is open 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. OR 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.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. (*At this time both the A.M. and P.M. classes are filled. If you would like to be added to the wait lists, contact Marlee Knickerbocker.*)

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

NEW Club 78 Youth Group

Attention all Club 78 Youth! Do you love hanging out with friends, playing games, and serving others, all while growing in your faith? I have the group FOR YOU! A NEW 7th and 8th grade youth group is meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 5:15 P.M.–6:15 P.M. Youth are welcome to bring supper to eat while we meet and are encouraged to bring their friends. Come and check it out! Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org if you have any questions.

Christ Jam 2019

Christ Jam, for youth in grades 6–8, will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 8:30 A.M.–4:00 P.M. at the Davies Center, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. This year's theme is *Holy Experiments*. The cost is \$25 and is due to Ashley by Wednesday, February 6. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench to register. For more information, contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org

Luther Park Summer Camp

This year we are trying a new week! We invite students completing grades 6–8 to join Ashley for Camp Pathfinders, June 16–21. Campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun activities available at Luther Park. Pathfinders experience the heart pounding excitement of the High Ropes course and Disc Golf along with swimming, games, and developing community with new and old friends. You will also engage in creative Bible Studies, worship, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. 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.

For more information about any of the scheduled events listed above, please contact Ashley Olson at ashley@trinity-ec.org or call her at 715.832.6601 ext. 209.

Good God Books

“Where is God? is one of the most consequential questions of our times. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot.” These are words from Diana Butler Bass' book *Grounded: Finding God in the World*. Pastor Sarah invites you for a lively discussion of the book on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Books can be purchased individually, or there is a copy available in the Trinity Library.

Friendship Group Meeting

Our February meeting will be held Wednesday, February 13, in the Chapel. Following a brief meeting, we will pack Birthday Bags. We hope to pack at least 50 bags. If you are willing to help, we will begin to pack bags at 10:30 A.M. We also accept donations of cake mixes, frosting, small birthday plates and napkins, and birthday bags. Following our meeting, we will have lunch on our own at Olive Garden.

Save The Date

Get ready for “The Day Of Renewal.” The ELCA Chippewa Valley Conference will meet on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. at New Hope Lutheran Church, N2698 460th St. in Downsville, WI. Lunch is provided. The cost is \$13 per person; only \$10 for first time attendees. Registration forms and more information are located on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 with any questions.

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.



Luther College Nordic Choir

The Nordic Choir of Luther College will be singing at Hope Lutheran, 2226 Eddy Lane, as part of their Great Lakes Tour on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 P.M. Tickets to the concert are available in the Hope Lutheran office. Cost of the tickets are: Adults—\$20.00; Seniors and Students—\$15.