

The Beatitudes

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Welcome

Jesus gives us a set of blessings and woes this morning in Luke's version of the Beatitudes. However, they are not what we expect blessings and woes to look like. These are words of promise for the weak. These are words of challenge for the strong. These are words to teach Jesus' disciples what the kingdom of God values.



“Hand in Hand with the Master”

You are invited to participate in an upcoming extraordinary 40 day journey, walking *“Hand in Hand with the Master”* through the opportunity provided in our Lenten worship time together. This is a time of year to experience a deeper dive into your relationship with God as we take a look at significant happenings surrounding the passion of Christ and what the scriptures and the Holy Spirit have to say to each one of us in our respective spiritual quest. Please see this also as a special opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or work colleague to experience the discipleship ministry of Trinity through this significant series on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.

- March 6 • Ash Wednesday
- March 13 • Folded Hands
- March 20 • Clutching Hands
- March 27 • Washing Hands
- April 3 • Pierced Hands
- April 10 • Wringing Hands
- April 18 • Serving Hands—Maundy Thursday
- April 19 • Open Hands and Open Arms—Good Friday



Lenten Soup Lunches

Each Wednesday after the 12:15 P.M. Lenten service, the Trinity Room will be the place for marvelous soup and bread, enjoyable fellowship, and something sweet to end the meal. The menu will be posted before the service. **We need volunteers to serve and clean-up! Please sign up at Clipboard Central.** The free will offering will go to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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.

Today's Adult Forum

“How to Walk a Labyrinth” is the topic of today's forum in the Fireside Room with Pastor Natalie following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. services. Prepare to walk Trinity's Labyrinth during Lent or be ready to walk the outdoor one at Phoenix Park this spring. If you have experience with Labyrinths, please come and share your stories with the group. It is really as simple as taking a walk with God, but some guidance can give you confidence as you try something new.

Pancake Supper

Come and celebrate with Noah's Ark at our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 from 4:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. Advance ticket prices are \$8.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. At the door on March 5, prices are \$10.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays, February 24 and March 3, before and after worship in the lobby and also on Wednesday, February 27. During the week, tickets are available in the Church Office.

Special Guest Preacher

Pastor Randy Olson will be our guest preacher on Sunday, March 3. He serves on the staff of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin with primary responsibilities in the areas of call process and candidacy. He has a wide range of pastoral experience having served congregations in Ohio, Wisconsin, and Iowa. He and his wife Mary

enjoy spending as much time as possible at the lake with their three grandchildren.

Pastor Olson will also lead the Adult Forum immediately following the 8:15 A.M. worship service. There will be only one forum on Sunday, March 3.

Food Pantry Statistics

- There were 14 pantries held in January.
- Total visits were 494 families, made up of 1425 individuals including 483 children.
- Trinity purchased 17,610 lbs. of food from Feed My People; total cost was \$3,673.84
- Kwik Trip donated 1,694 lbs. of food.
- Aldi's donated 1,306 lbs. of food.
- Other donations were 281 lbs. of food.
- 67 volunteers donated 278 hours in January.

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. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. The cost per session is \$3 for one child; \$2 for each additional child from the same family. * **Please Note: there will be no Open Gym this Tuesday, February 19.**

Early Childhood Enrichment Classes

Registration continues for the classes for 3–4 year olds for the 2019–2020 school 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Noah's Ark Preschool

Pancake Supper Experiential Opportunity

Noah's Ark Preschool is hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5. Youth are invited to serve in various roles during this event. Sign-up for open shifts at the Toolbench!

Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is March 1 and 2. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is *Firm Foundation*. The registration cost is \$80 and includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Sign-up at the Toolbench. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available if needed.

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 20. Please sign-up at the Tool Bench to register. For more information, contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org

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. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org if you have any questions.

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.

Call Committee Update

- The Call Committee was installed at all worship services on Sunday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 13.
- Tom Fiedler was selected by the committee to become its Chair, with Mark Hofer appointed as Vice Chair.
- As the Call Committee continues to plan and prepare for its work, they expect to receive names and profiles of qualified candidates for Lead Pastor through the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin office of the ELCA before the end of March.
- Please keep the Call Committee in your daily prayers as they prepare to launch their search.

Flower Chart Only TWO Dates Remain!

There are only two weekends remaining in 2019 to sponsor altar flowers for worship to memorialize or honor some person or event in your life. Dates available are November 24; December 22. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

Serving Others Locally

- 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!

Baptism

Trinity celebrates baptisms regularly 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 715.832.6601. We look forward to walking with you toward that meaningful day!

Upcoming baptism classes for parents: Sunday, March 3, at 11:00 A.M. in Room 208; Sunday, May 5, at 11:00 A.M. in the Lobby.