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## Welcome to Trinity!

Some challenging questions arise out of our Gospel reading from Luke this morning. Bad, difficult and hurtful things happen in this world of ours... and we wonder, along with the people of Jesus' time, why? While we don't necessarily find satisfaction in the answers—or in this case, the non-answers—from Jesus, we can still find life direction from our Lord in the midst of it.

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Folded hands—Gethsemane; Was there the master prayed.

Clutching hands—has Judas; For silver he betrayed.

Washing hands—Tis Pilate; Who decided to comply.

Pierced hands—the king of Kings; So ridiculed and scorned.

Wringing hands—has Mary, As beneath the cross she mourned.

Serving hands—the blessed Lord; An example in humility gives.

—Unknown



You are invited to participate in an extraordinary 40 day journey, walking *"Hand in Hand with the Master"* through the opportunity provided in our Lenten worship time together. This year's Lenten Series is based on the poem above. This is a time of year to experience a deeper dive into our 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 with worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.

- March 27 • Washing Hands • Matthew 27:11–14, 24–26
- April 3 • Pierced Hands • Matthew 27:27–31
- April 10 • Wringing Hands • John 19:25–27
- April 18 • Serving Hands—Maundy Thursday • John 13:1–8
- April 19 • Open Hands—Good Friday • John 18:1–19:42

## 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. The free will offering goes to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

## Walk the Labyrinth this Lent

You are invited to walk Trinity's Labyrinth during Lent. As well as a personal experience, walking the labyrinth is a good experience for a small group or a family. In the past, members have invited friends to join them for a shared spiritual experience. The Chapel will be set up as sacred space, and you are welcome to enjoy the space for quiet time or prayer without using the labyrinth.

The Labyrinth will be available in the Chapel during the times listed below:

- Wednesday, March 27, from 10:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M.
- Thursday, March 28, from 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
- Friday, March 29, from 9:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

## Today's Adult Forum Young Adults in Global Mission

Join Trinity member, Annie Halloin in the Fireside Room following the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. Trinity was one of the churches who helped sponsor her year as an ELCA Global Mission volunteer in Tepoztlan, Mexico. Come hear about Annie's work with La Jugarreta, an organization dedicated to protecting the rights of children, the impact this year of service had on her life and faith, and how you might help support YAGM in years to come!

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Summer!

Registration is open for Summer Day Camps! Check out our website for more information. You can register online at [www.trinity-ec.org/children\\_summer\\_camp\\_s.html](http://www.trinity-ec.org/children_summer_camp_s.html)

- Luther Park Day Camp: June 17–20
- Camp Come and Play: Session 1: June 17–20; Session 2: July 8–11
- Cook and Book: July 8–11
- Backyard Bonanza: Wednesday's, June 12–July 10
- Vacation Bible School: July 22–26

## Vacation Bible School "Promises in God's Word"

VBS is scheduled for July 22–26 from 8:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. Join us for a week of learning about God's promises! The cost is a suggested \$25 donation per child. VBS is for children who are three through those completing sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 21, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration is open .

## Next Sunday Blessing for Healing

Come and worship on Sunday, March 31, when a blessing for healing is offered. This offering in worship acknowledges that God's Spirit has the power to bring wholeness. In the blessing for healing, we trust God offers a process of transformation that occurs gently over time. Christ's love heals our souls from the damage of sin so we may be transformed by God to become stewards of healing ourselves and others.

## Serving Others Locally

- Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at The Beacon House from April 7–11. 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 serve at Sojourner House on Friday, April 19, 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 Grohn at 715.836.7055.

## It's Friends of Flynn Fund Drive Time!

Donations are being sought this month to help fund the Friends of Flynn efforts. We know that many of you give to this wonderful community service mission through your weekly or monthly gifts. Others donate through memorial gifts and/or make donations of books, school supplies, and more. We appreciate those donations, and we thank you.

Our goal is to raise \$6,100 or more this month. Please make the checks payable to Trinity Lutheran with memo; Friends of Flynn. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in giving to Friends of Flynn.

## Call Committee Update and Prayer Request

As I write this update, the Call Committee is making great progress in preparation for our work in considering potential lead pastor candidates for Trinity Lutheran Church. It appears that we are on schedule to begin receiving candidate names and profiles over the next couple of weeks.

The committee has received great support, training, and information through working closely with Pastor Randy Olson from our Northwest Wisconsin Synod office of the ELCA. (You may have met Pastor Randy when he preached at Trinity on March 3.) We are also working closely with Pastor Mortenson who provides guidance in helping us gain readiness for this process. Our hope is that the month of April will be a time of reviewing information and profiles on prospects, as well as beginning first round interviews with select candidates.

In these days to come, we ask you, members of Trinity, for prayer support in a few specific areas of need:

1. Pray for God's grace in helping us not only have wisdom in our time of preparation but also maintain a sense of openness as we learn about the various candidates.
2. Pray for all of those whom we will be considering (and who will be considering) that each candidate has the ability to engage in discussion and relationship with a sense of openness and peace as we together trust in the Lord and through this process.
3. Pray that God's sense of timing and pace becomes our sense of timing and pace. We realize that all of us are excited to move into the next chapter of ministry for Trinity and wish to "get moving" in this process. However, we also realize that going about our business and carrying out this process with the sole end-game objective of finding the right person for the job is paramount over any concern related to calendar or timeline.

Thanks, for your support and prayers in this process.  
Stay tuned, and keep the faith!  
Tom Fiedler, Chair

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## No Club 78 or Club 9 on March 27

Just a reminder that there will be no programming on Wednesday, March 27. Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break.

## Summer Stretch

GATHER together to learn from the Bible and one another, SERVE our community with our time and presence, and PLAY together through activities and fun. Summer Stretch gives youth who have completed grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 a safe, healthy place to belong where they can contribute to the community and socialize with their peers. Summer Stretch dates are July 16, 17, 18, 30, and August 1. We have something new this year! Our first date to gather, July 16, will be a trip to Bloomington, MN for rock climbing. We will use this experience to discuss why participating in service around our community is so important. The registration deadline is June 1. Registration information may be found at the Toolbench.

## Luther Park Summer Camp

Spots are filling up fast, so get registered today! Pastor Brahm and Ashley are inviting all students who are completing grades 6, 7, or 8 to attend Camp Pathfinders on June 16–21 at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI. Check out [www.lutherpark.org](http://www.lutherpark.org) to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register.

## High School Counselors & Middle School Volunteers Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for high school counselors (completing grades 9–12) and middle school volunteers (completing grades 6, 7, or 8) to assist with Day Camps in June and July. For more information and to apply, visit our website at [trinity-ec.org/children\\_staff.phtml](http://trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml). Applications must be received by April 30.

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

