

Trinity Lutheran Church—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Good Morning

Jesus welcomes us to Rally Day with a message that seems counter-intuitive after hearing his teachings about loving our neighbor. Here he instructs that we must hate our family and even life itself. If that's not bad enough, he tells us to give up all our possessions. He's giving us fair warning that to truly be a disciple, one must be willing to take up the cross and follow him. The good news is that he leads the way for us.

Showcasing the Life of Trinity!

Today after worship, head to the Trinity Room for ice cream and coffee and a Ministry Fair to marvel at the many ministries featured at the displays. Consider signing on to serve, learn, sing, or teach. People already involved in each ministry will be available to share personal insights into how faith grows and relationships prosper through engagement.

Pastor Patrick's Installation

You are invited to the installation of Pastor Patrick Patterson into the ministry of Trinity this afternoon at 3:00 P.M. A reception in the lobby to welcome Pastor Patrick and his family will follow the worship service. You can read more about Pastor Patrick at trinity-ec.org

Welcome the New Organist

Trinity is excited welcome our new permanent organist Brian Pressler. Brian has experience on Trinity's Tracker Organ and has been filling in on the organ for Trinity since Shirley Sands' retirement. Brian, his wife Kris, and their son Bjorn lead the 10:30 A.M. worship service in the Chapel each Sunday during the school year. Brian will bring his talents to both the organ and piano, combined with his passion for music, to our worship services each week. Please give Brian a warm welcome!

Backpack Blessing Next Sunday

Blessing of the Backpacks will occur on Sunday, September 15, during the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Please have your child bring their backpack to worship where they will receive a small charm. The charm will remind them of the love that God has for them.

Women's Prayer Retreat

Does the idea of a prayer retreat feel intimidating to you? Don't worry. You are not expected to have any particular background with prayer, and you decide if and how you chose to participate. Join the Women's Prayer Retreat from Monday–Wednesday, October 7–9, for rest, prayer, worship, and fellowship at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon City, WI. The cost is \$175; registration forms are at Clipboard Central. Turn in your registration form and payment to the Trinity Office. Registration closes on Sunday, September 15.

Wednesday Worship Resumes

Our Wednesday 6:30 P.M. worship service resumes on September 18. This worship service provides an opportunity to worship God and hear the sermon from Sunday whenever you miss on a weekend or if a weekday worship option fits your schedule. Come and join with others and hear God's word. *New this year we will offer communion weekly.*

"Flew the Nest" Night

Did one of your children move out and onto the next adventure in their lives? Join Pastor Natalie in the Fireside Room on Thursday, September 19, at 6:00 P.M. to talk about the young adults in our lives who "flew the nest" this year and what they will be doing now. We are experiencing a parenting milestone, so let's spend a little time reflecting on this together. Sign-up at Clipboard Central or email Pastor Natalie at natalie@trinity-ec.org

Invitation to Singers

The Trinity Choir welcomes and invites you to sing with us this Fall. We invite anyone from confirmation age and beyond to sing in our adult choir. We are in need of singers in all voice ranges. Our rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. and begin this week. We welcome "snow birds," singers with busy schedules and occasional conflicts, and offer a special invitation to new members of Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Trinity Choir Director Gary Rambo at 715.832.4429.

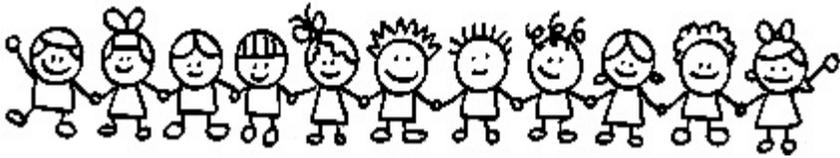
Hey, Social Seniors

On Thursday, September 19, at 11:30 A.M. we will meet at Pizza Del Rey for lunch. We simply gather to eat and enjoy one another's company. If possible, please sign-up at Clipboard Central or contact the Trinity Office. Giving the restaurants information about our numbers makes set up easier for them, but if you become free and haven't signed up, please come anyway!

Monthly Healing Service

Trinity offers a Healing Service the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel starting at 9:15 A.M. The next service is on Sunday, September 15, and 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.

Children, Youth & Family Ministries



Baptism Class

A Baptism Class is offered regularly throughout the year. This one-session meeting at church is an opportunity to learn about baptism and ongoing opportunities for nurturing faith and meet other individuals and families at the same point in their faith journey. Our next class will be Tuesday, September 17, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 304. Childcare is provided. You are welcome and encouraged to attend a baptism class before your child is born.

Fall Enrichment Class Openings

Openings are available for Come and Play, meeting on Wednesdays from 12:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M. This class is for children whose birth dates are between 9.1.2016 and 5.31.2017. Readers, Writers and Artists has openings for children who turn four by 9.1.2019. This class meets on Tuesdays from 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. For more information, please contact Marlee Knickerbocker at marlee@trinity-ec.org.

Important Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

- **Sunday, September 15:** First day of Sunday School; Blessing of the Backpacks at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services.
- **Wednesday, September 18:** Wednesday night Impact and Children's Choir rehearsals begin.

Parenting through the Phases

We invite all parents to check out Parenting through the Phases at Trinity. This six week experience kicks off on Sunday, September 29, at 6:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. We will gather as a large group for fellowship and conversation and then split into small groups according to the ages of your kids. To register, use the link <http://www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml> Contact Sara Reed for more information at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.660, ext 218.

Shaping Young Lives

The importance of building lifelong faith in kids and teens is a primary mission of our congregation. If your gift is teaching, sign up today to teach Sunday school or Wednesday night Impact. See the display in the lobby. For more information, visit trinity-ec.org or contact Sara Reed, Children's Ministries Director, at sarar@trinity-ec.org Thank you to all who extend the love of God by making a difference in the lives of the kids and teens of Trinity!

7th Grade Bibles and Backpacks

On Wednesday, September 18, at the 6:30 P.M. worship service, our 7th grade Affirmation of Baptism class will receive their Bibles and backpacks. They will use these throughout their Affirmation of Baptism years to learn, study, and grow in their faith. Please join us on September 18 as we celebrate with them.

Affirmation of Baptism Orientation

Trinity's Affirmation of Baptism classes, Club 78 and Club 9, include grades seven, eight, and nine. Registration materials are available in the Youth Office and on Trinity's website. Club 78 and Club 9 Orientation is this Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. All youth, parents, and mentors should attend. Affirmation of Baptism booklets and calendars will be handed out at the orientation meeting. The Affirmation of Baptism Service Fair will occur following the orientation meeting. Please contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

Care & Concern

Call for Food Pantry Volunteers

Trinity's Food Pantry will be expanding their service times to help serve the food deprived in our community. Beginning October 3, we will expand our evening pantries to include Thursdays from 5:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. We are looking for five volunteers to be a Team Leader one Thursday evening a month, plus two more volunteers for each Thursday evening pantry. Volunteers should be at the pantry by 5:00 P.M. to help with the setup and then assist our clients. Please contact Sharry Hebert, Food Pantry Coordinator if you're interested or for more information, sharry@trinity-ec.org

Produce To Share

If your garden is producing more than you can consume, please remember that Trinity's Food Pantry will gladly distribute your abundance. Deliver produce by noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays to the pantry entrance at Door #5. Contact Sharry Hebert, Food Pantry Coordinator, at sharry@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Cognitive Loss: Conversations and Relationships Finding Meaning

Do you have a loved one who has memory loss or dementia? Are you uncertain about how to have meaningful conversation and relationship? Join the group for three weekly sessions to discuss this challenge. You will receive a workbook ("I Was Thinking" by D. Waugh) and view a coordinated DVD. Meetings will occur in the Fireside Room on Thursdays—September 19, 26, and October 3—from 3:30 P.M.–5:00 P.M. To register, sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Pat Garber at 715.835.5801 or garberpa@uwec.edu by September 12.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Trinity will participate in God's Work Our Hands on September 29 beginning with worship and lunch at Grace Lutheran Church at 11:15 A.M. Most work projects occur from 12:30 P.M.–2:30 P.M. on Sunday with additional projects on the preceding Friday and Saturday. Projects include building beds for children through Sleep in Heavenly Peace, serving at The Community Table, participating in a Migrant Walk and Talk with AMMPARO, and much more. Project sign-up begins online and in the lobby on September 8. For more information, please contact Lucinda Kemmet at lucindakemmet@me.com