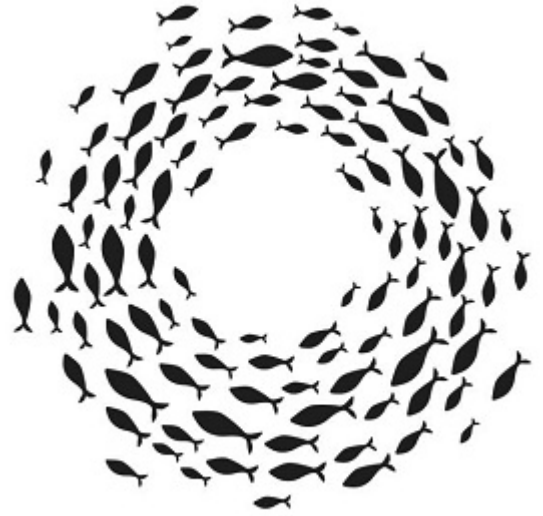


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Welcome to Worship!

Don't we all want to come to where we as people feel well-regarded, appreciated for what we offer, and respected? Yup, that's what Paul wants for the Corinthians, too. Not that we think all the same things, but watching for the light of Jesus in Epiphany, we are trying to go the same direction, while not getting caught up in being right. We'll talk more about that.

Baptizing Your Children

Trinity offers a class for parents planning to have a child baptized. The goal of this one session class is threefold:

- To answer practical questions about the baptism day.
- To provide a basic Lutheran understanding of baptism along with resources for fostering faith in the home.
- To help build relationships among parents within the Trinity community.

It is strongly encouraged that parents take this class before their child's baptism. You are even welcome to attend a baptism class before your child is born. The next opportunity for this class is Sunday, March 1, at 11:00 A.M. Contact the church office at 715.832.6601 or sign up for the class and/or baptismal date via Trinity's website: <http://www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml>

Pastor Call Updates

Call Committee One Set for Interviews

Call Committee One submitted the ministry site profile in mid-December. This is the group charged with recommending a candidate for call as our Associate Pastor of Children, Youth and Family ministries. They've been assured by the synod that they will receive the rostered leader profiles for eligible candidates before the end of January. They've prepared the interview questions and hope to be working out interview schedules when they meet next on January 28. Please continue to pray for clarity and discernment as this call process enters a new phase.

Call Committee Two

The Trinity Council has elected a Call Committee Two to identify and recommend our next Associate Pastor. This Trinity Call Committee consists of: Herschel Day, Manny Friberg, Lucinda Kemmet, Kathy Gjesfeld, Joe Stienessen, Alison Blazek, and Pastor Patrick Patterson. They met for the first time on Thursday, January 23. If you know of a pastor who you believe should be considered for this call, please provide nominations to Pastor Patrick by filling out the Associate Pastor Nomination Form found on the Trinity website, in the office, or in the lobby.

Please pray for these Call Committees and our congregation during this process which may take several months.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity on Sunday, February 9, in the Worship Center at 10:45 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to review 2019, elect a new council, and adopt the 2020 budget.

There will be a Budget Review in the Trinity Room this morning after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. The online Annual Report will be available at trinity-ec.org starting February 2. Please print a copy and bring it to the meeting. Print copies will also be available in the Lobby and at the meeting.

Discover Trinity

"Discover Trinity" is the one-time event designed to introduce new people to our congregation's mission and many ministries. If you're looking for a faith community to provide you support, guidance, and growth in faith as well as joyful fellowship and opportunities to serve with people who love God, please join us! "Discover Trinity" is available for you to learn more about our church and become a member. The next Discover Trinity will be held on Monday, March 16, from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. Please register online at trinity-ec.org or call Becky Ragsdale at 715.832.6601 ext. 202.

FYI

While Pastor Patrick is out of the country on the Men's Mission Trip, Pastor Mary Kaye wants you to know she is here to help and is available if you need a pastor. You can text or call her at 612.532.7083 or 715.832.6601 ext 217.

Only Seven Dates Remain

Seven dates remain in 2020 to sponsor altar flowers for worship to memorialize or honor some person or event in your life. Dates remaining are **February 2, 16, 23; March 29; April 5; May 17; August 30**. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

CARE & CONCERN

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, we will hold a spice drive during the month of January. Please bring UNOPENED spices and food seasonings for the Food Pantry to the display in the lobby.

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 11 and 25, and March 10 and 24.



Calling All Seniors!

A Valentine's Luncheon will be held at Trinity on Thursday, February 13, at 12:30 P.M. for all seniors whether single, married, or with a significant other. The lunch is free, and there will be entertainment! Please sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Vicki Dueringer at 715.832.6601 ext 208.

Socializing is important for seniors to prevent isolation, loneliness, and depression. Join us because it is good for your health!

Serving Others Locally

- Trinity will serve at Sojourner House on Friday, February 21, 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 call Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.
- Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at The Beacon House from February 23–26. 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!

GLOBAL MISSIONS

Jamaica Men's Trip

A group of men will head back to Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica this coming week. During the week, they will build a recycled plastic bottle green house, along with providing general building maintenance and a community painting project.

The men's team welcomes your support by providing funds for purchasing supplies. Look for a table in the lobby to pick up sponsorship slips this morning or give directly online at Trinity noting: "Jamaica Project." The men pay their own expenses and contribute toward materials, but your support helps make the projects a success.

Jamaica Global VBS

Young adults, ages 16–29, are invited to consider a trip to Jamaica this summer, July 25–August 1, where they will share Vacation Bible School with the Grange Hill community in Jamaica. This is a high impact, high energy week where God's light shines in cross-cultural Christian partnership. Applications are on the bulletin board across from the office. The application form and a \$750 deposit are due now. For more information, contact Cassie Brenden at cassie@trinity-ec.org or Lisa McIntyre at lismcintyre1113@gmail.com

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Open Gym

On Tuesdays through March 17 from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. the Trinity Room will be open for parents, grandparents, or caregivers and their young children (toddlers—preschool) to come together to 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.

Sailing with Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

High School youth are invited to join us July 11–18! The registration form (available at the Tool Bench) and a deposit of \$300 is required to secure your spot. The cost is approximately \$700–\$800. Space is limited, and spots will be filled on a first-come basis. The deposit is non-refundable but transferable.

Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext 209 or ashley@trinity-ec.org for more information.

ADULT OFFERINGS

Unfinished Reformation

The *Unfinished Reformation* class continues this Wednesday, January 28, from noon to 1:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. Bring your lunch, and join facilitator Pastor Don Wisner.

Inspired

Heather Day will lead an *Inspired* book study on Monday evenings, January 20–February 10, from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. in the Lobby. Please purchase the book on your own. Sign up at Clipboard Central or email heatherd@trinity-ec.org

New Book Study

Join Pastor Mary Kaye to talk about Rollie Martinson's new book, *Elders Rising: The Promise & Peril of Aging*. They will meet on Thursday afternoons from 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. on February 6, 20; March 5, 12, 26 and April 16. Anyone (of any age) is welcome to read the book and join us for discussion, or just come and listen if you prefer. Copies of the book are available for purchase for \$10.50. If you'd like a copy, please call or email Pastor Mary Kaye at 715.832.6601 ext. 217 or marykaye@trinity-ec.org