

Good Morning



Trinity Lutheran Church—Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the ELCA
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Welcome to Trinity

Paul is writing to the congregation in Corinth, a church with many divisions. One of those divisions, that he writes about in today's Scripture, is between people who are very learned and those who the learned think aren't. Paul points out that God's ways are not our ways, and Jesus' dying for us doesn't have to meet our idea of wise, just God's.

FYI

While Pastor Patrick is out of the country on the Men's Mission Trip, Pastor Mary Kay 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 Two Dates Remain

Two 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 23; May 17**. Sign-up on the chart at Clipboard Central. Cost: \$40. Pick up the blue card with further instructions.

Early Deadline for Easter Flowers!

We have a new vendor for Easter flowers. As a result, orders have to be in by February 28. Forms are available in the church office.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity next 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.

The online Annual Report is available. 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 the Trinity Office at 715.832.6601.

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 prepared the interview questions and will receive profiles for eligible candidates and hope to be work out interview schedules soon. 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 second 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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Open Gym

On Tuesdays through March 17 (no Open Gym in February 18) 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.

Movie, Snacks, and Jesus

On Sunday, February 16, from 1:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M., all seventh and eighth grade youth are invited to attend a movie afternoon with Ashley in the Chapel! We will be watching one of her favorite movies which is not known by many people. Even though it is not a Christian movie, she guarantees it will inspire, challenge, and encourage watchers to engage with and think about their faith in new ways. Sign-up at the Toolbench.

High School Bible Study and Coffee

Join Ashley on Sunday, February 16, from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. at The Coffee Grounds for a Bible Study. We will engage with Scripture, drink delicious warm beverages, and engage in caring conversations with each other. Sign-up at the orange bulletin board across from the Toolbench.

Noah's Ark Preschool Pancake Supper Experiential Opportunity

Noah's Ark Preschool is hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25. Youth are invited to serve in various roles during this event. Sign-up for open shifts at the Toolbench!

ADULT OFFERINGS

Unfinished Reformation

The final *Unfinished Reformation* class is this Wednesday, February 5, from noon to 1:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. Bring your lunch, and join facilitator Pastor Don Wisner.

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 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

Women's Day of Renewal

The Women's Day of Renewal will be held on Saturday, April 25, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Eau Claire from 9:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M. Come and hear Julie Court speak about her faith. It's a day to feel spirited and refreshed. Come early for a Spa Surprise. Cost is \$13 and includes lunch. Free Childcare will be provided. Registration sheets are on the Women's Board. If you have questions, contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 or jackij7

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will meet on Wednesday, February 12, at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel. After a short business meeting, we will pack Birthday Bags for the food pantry. We have very few funds left for the bags so would appreciate donations. We need small birthday bags, small birthday plates and napkins, cake mixes, cans of frosting, and small gifts. We also need people to help us pack the bags. Following the meeting, we will have lunch on our own at Olive Garden.

CARE & CONCERN

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.

Valentines Day Luncheon

A Valentine's Luncheon will be held at Trinity on Thursday, February 13, at 12:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

As always, the need for blood donations is great, and fewer people are donating. Trinity will sponsor a blood drive on Thursday, February 20, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. We encourage anyone who has not donated before to give it a try. We also need volunteers to man the registration desk and canteen. You can sign-up at Clipboard Central.