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Good Morning

Spring may be over a month away, but many are already planning their gardens. Paul points out that, like gardening, we may be the ones who plant or water, yet it's only God who gives the growth. Has there been much tending to your spiritual garden this winter? Are there areas of your faith life that could use a little nurturing?

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 Child

Trinity offers a class for parents planning to have a child baptized. 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 via Trinity's website: <http://www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml>

CVASing Concert "Come Together"

Enrich your soul and help Feed My People by attending the 12th Annual CVASing's Concert on Sunday, March 1, at 2:00 P.M. or 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Worship Center. All proceeds from this event benefit Feed My People. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door or from CVASing members. This year's performance is entitled "Come Together."

Early Deadline for Easter Flowers!

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

Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, February 18, in the Trinity Library at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *Angels Don't Get Tattoos* by Cecelia Zorn. Zorn is a local author who will join the Book Club to discuss her novel. To RSVP, please sign up at Clipboard Central or call the church office at 715.832.6601.

Kennedy Winger is a savvy 16-year-old with end-stage cancer, a leg amputation, and a lily tattoo. Driven by her gritty independence, she expects to die peacefully in her family's small home in a burly, well-worn Madison, Wisconsin neighborhood. *Angels Don't Get Tattoos* is filled with anger, revenge, sadness, shame, fear, and love. This novel was inspired by a real-life patient of Zorn's.



Lent 2020 "We Are Church Together"

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. Corinthians 12:27

Our 2020 Lenten Theme this year is *We are Church Together*. The Holy Spirit uses us all in ways we haven't dreamed or imagined to be the *Church Together*. Join us on Wednesdays for worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.

- February 26 • Ash Wednesday
- March 4 • Gathered By the Holy Spirit
- March 11 • Shaped By Word and Sacrament
- March 18 • Diversity and Challenges
- March 25 • Joys and Burdens
- April 1 • We Are Connected

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. Ash Wednesday will feature chili, corn bread, and dessert (all homemade and fresh). Please plan to join us in the Trinity Room each week. The menu will be posted before the service. We need volunteers to serve and clean-up! Please sign up at Clipboard Central. The freewill offering profit will support Health Ministries.

Noah's Ark Annual Pancake Supper

Come and celebrate with Noah's Ark at our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25 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 February 25, prices are \$10.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. Tickets will be on sale on Sundays, today and February 23, before and after worship in the lobby and also on Wednesday, February 19. During the week, tickets are available in the Church Office.

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 25, and March 10 and 24.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

**There will be no
OPEN GYM this week.**

Movie, Snacks, and Jesus

Today 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 watch 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

High School youth are invited to gather tonight 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 for Youth

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!

Summer Day Camps!

Summer will come! So it's time to mark your calendar for Summer Day Camps! Summer brochures were mailed out in early February, and registration will be online! Check out our website for more information. Registration will open on Monday, March 2, at 8:00 A.M. at www.trinityec.org/children_summer_camps.phtml

- Great Pretenders: June 8–11
- Luther Park Day Camp: June 15–18
- Camp Come and Play: Session One: June 8–11; Session Two: July 6–9
- Camp Cooking and Booking: July 6–9
- Master Chefs: June 22–25
- Vacation Bible School: July 27–31

Vacation Bible School "Built on God's Word"

VBS is scheduled for July 27–31 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Join us for a week of learning about what God has built! 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 26, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Registration will be online and will open on March 2 at 8:00 A.M.

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 www.trinityec.org/children_staff.phtml. Applications must be received by May 1.

CARE & CONCERN

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 also need volunteers to man the registration desk and canteen. You can sign-up at Clipboard Central.

Serving Others Locally

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!

Friends of Flynn

Friends of Flynn is a committee at Trinity that works to support the students and staff at Flynn Elementary School. Flynn is looking for volunteers to read with children. If you are interested, contact the Partnership Coordinator at Flynn through email at jhoff@ecasd.us for more information.

Help Feed My People Fill Empty Bowls

Feed My People Food Bank is committed to ending hunger in our community, but they can't do it alone! Join them in supporting local children, families, and seniors who struggle with hunger by attending Feed My People's Empty Bowls event on Thursday, March 5, from 11:00 A.M.–7:00 P.M. at The Florian Gardens. Enjoy delicious soups made by local restaurants, breads, beverages, and desserts. For a donation of \$20, you will receive your meal and take home a beautiful handcrafted bowl by UW-Eau Claire art students, area high school students, and other local potters. The meal without the bowl can be purchased for \$8.00. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets are available at Feed My People (www.fmpfoodbank.org) or at the door the day of the event.

Knit in Prayer

Prayer Shawls, Pocket Prayer Shawls, and Prayer Beads are available from Trinity to be given to friends, neighbors, and coworkers experiencing a challenging time due to health concerns, death, or other major life events. If you are in need of any of these items, please contact Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse, at vickid@trinityec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 208.

If you can assist by knitting prayer shawls or pocket prayer shawls, please contact Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 201 for more information on how to get started.

