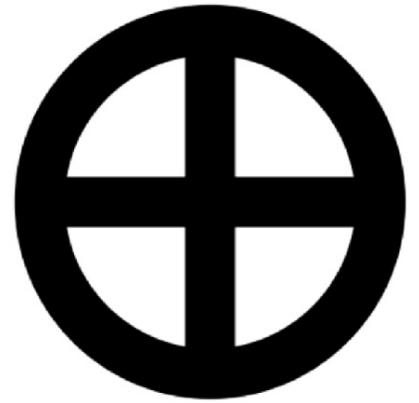


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Good Morning!

How good it is to hear that all God has done for us is for our benefit, that the Son of God came into the world in order that the world might be saved through this Jesus, and that the Lord continues to hold our lives, both in our going out and our coming in, forevermore. How do we see that happening in our lives and in our world? And how might we help others to see God's love in their dark times?



Call Committee Two

Call Committee Two wants to hear from you! They will host a series of listening sessions during the week of March 15–21 to hear how God is working in and through the members of Trinity. The information gathered will serve to guide the committee's work as they define the call for a second Associate Pastor. Each session is limited to eight participants. To participate in a session, sign-up at Clipboard Central or on Trinity's website.

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.

Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, March 17, in the Trinity Library at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. Sign up at Clipboard Central or email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

Blessing for Healing

On Sunday, March 29, our worship will include a blessing for healing. We offer this acknowledging that God's Spirit has the power to bring wholeness. Jesus performed many different acts of healing, and the Church has continued these practices as a part of its ministry in Christ's name. In the praying for healing, we offer to God what is burdensome to us, believing that God accepts us and that we are embraced in God's goodness, care, and concern. Come and worship on March 29, and bring your friends with you.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group for seniors meets on Wednesday, March 11, at 10:00 A.M. in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome! This month they are making St Patrick's Day cards for our homebound, assisted living, and nursing home members. All you need to know is how to color within the lines! You learned that in kindergarten or first grade. Those who are interested will go out for lunch afterwards. The Friendship Group has received a grant from Thrivent for \$250 to use for supplies for children's birthday bags for the Food Pantry which they periodically assemble.

"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.

- 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 soup and bread, enjoyable fellowship, and something sweet to end the meal. 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.

Walk the Labyrinth

You are invited to walk or visit Trinity's Labyrinth. The Labyrinth will be available in the Trinity Room on March 25 from 2:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M., March 26 from 9:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M., March 27 from 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M., March 29 from 8:00 A.M.–1:00 P.M., and March 30 and 31 from 9:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M. Instructions and possible ideas for your prayer walk on the Labyrinth will be provided. Shoes are not allowed on the cloth, so we provide clean socks for you to borrow if you need them. Handheld Labyrinths will also be available for your use if walking is difficult or you feel the somewhat uneven cloth will be a challenge. Please remember to sign and date the guest book and, if you wish, share your thoughts and/or experience.

Social Seniors

The Social Seniors will meet on Thursday, March 26, at 11:30 A.M. at Dooley's Pub, 442 Water Street (corner of Water and 5th Street). This is an Irish themed restaurant and bar. Most entrees are \$10 or under. Please sign up at Clipboard Central when the date is closer so we can let the restaurant know approximately how many will be coming.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Summer Day Camps!

We still have openings in our summer programming. Check out our website for more information. You can register at www.trinityec.org/children_summer_camps.phtml

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.

Middle School Game Night

Do you want to celebrate Friday the 13th? Do you enjoy a little friendly competition with your friends? Do you love hanging out with Ashley? Please join Ashley on Friday, March 13, from 6:00 P.M.–8:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room for a creepy night of fun and games. Sign up at the Tool Bench.

High School Breakfast

All high school students are invited to have breakfast with Ashley on Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 A.M. at Altoona Family Restaurant. It will be a fantastic morning of food, fun, and fellowship. Sign up on the orange bulletin board across from the Tool Bench.

Summer Stretch 2020

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, July 21, July 23, August 4, and August 6. The registration deadline is June 1. Registration information may be found at the Toolbench.

Faith Formation in the Early Years "Why Brains Matter"

Join developmental expert Dawn Rundman this afternoon, at 3:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room for a helpful session on brain development, faith formation, and what parents, grandparents, and other caregivers can do to support faith in young children. Dawn pairs scientific research findings with practical suggestions to help equip caregivers with ways to weave faith into daily life. This event is co-sponsored by Trinity Women's Giving Circle, Children's Ministries, and Noah's Ark Preschool.

Nursery Volunteers and Impact Teacher

Pastor Mary Kaye is looking eagerly for help on two fronts. We need someone willing to work in the nursery the morning of April 5, Palm Sunday. We also need someone, or more than one person, willing to teach our IMPACT third graders on Wednesday nights from 5:00 P.M.–6:30 P.M. We have five more sessions (March 11, 18, April 1, 15, 22), and even a willingness to help by teaching one would be a blessing. Call Pastor Mary Kaye at 612.532.7083.

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. 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.

CARE & CONCERN

Perinatal and Infant Loss Group

Trinity has been asked to field test a series from Spark House, and Pastor Mary Kaye and Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer will host the sessions on four Sunday afternoons—March 15 and 29; and April 5 and 19—from 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M. in the chapel. Please contact either Vicki or Pastor Mary Kaye (vicki@trinityec.org or marykaye@trinityec.org) with questions. We hope you will join us for thoughtful reflections, a safe place to share difficult feelings and thoughts, and reminders that God is with us through it all. Additional opportunities to care for families with these losses will happen later, including a remembrance service in the fall.

It's Friends of Flynn Fund Drive Time!

Donations are being sought this month to help fund the Friends of Flynn efforts. Our goal is to raise \$6,100 or more this month. You may already 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. All gifts and donations are greatly appreciated.

There are many monetary expenses of this mission, and we use the month of March to raise additional funds to support this work. Friends of Flynn provides Weekend Meals through Feed My People, and our financial contribution to these meals is about \$7,000 a year. We also purchase shoes, clothing, books, sunscreen, and more to help support the basic needs and education of the children at Flynn. More than 50% of the children at Flynn qualify for free or reduced meals and need our support. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in giving to Friends of Flynn.

Serving Others Locally

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at The Beacon House from March 29–April 1. 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!