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Good Morning

What is she doing there at midday? Why does Jesus engage with her? How is it that she's had five husbands? All of the details from the story of the woman at the well distract us from seeing what Jesus sees in this woman and the way that his approach leads her to become the first Gentile evangelist for Jesus. Today, try to see like Jesus the divine presence in every plain and put-down person, including yourself.

Worship Changes

In trying to be proactive and protect the spread of illness, we're implementing some minor worship changes:

- **Sharing of the Peace:** Instead of shaking hands, we encourage you to try a non-contact sign of peace.
- **Offering:** Instead of passing the plate, ushers will receive your offering at the exits as you leave the worship center.
- **Communion:** Instead of intinction, we will pour wine or grape juice into individual cups.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do what we can to keep people safe.

Norris Rainford Family Fund

Our congregation lost a dear friend and partner in our Jamaican Mission with the sudden death of Mr. Norris Rainford on March 7. Since 2008, Norris has offered his time, talent, and faith to assist Trinity logistics and planning on an assortment of projects. The Rainford family visited Trinity over the 2018 Christmas Holiday, so many of you have been touched by Norris's infectious personality and genuine generosity. Pastor Patrick will represent Trinity at Norris's funeral in Westmoreland, JA on March 21. To support the Rainford family, the Global Mission Board is offering a \$5,000 matching grant for contributions brought forth by this congregation. If you would like to participate, please place your contribution in the offering plate with the memo "Rainford Family Fund" or drop off at office. All gifts received by Sunday, March 22, will be matched up to \$5,000. Thank you for your prayers and support of the Rainford family during this time of loss.

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

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 in the lobby this morning or on Trinity's website.

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.

"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 18 • Diversity and Challenges
- March 25 • Joys and Burdens
- April 1 • We Are Connected

Please plan to join us in the Trinity Room each week following the 12:15 P.M. worship service for our Lenten Soup Lunch. The menu will be posted before the service.

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 suggestions for your prayer walk on the Labyrinth will be provided.

Friendship Group

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment that gave women the right to vote. Wisconsin was the first state to ratify that amendment, and the large Scandinavian population had a lot to do with that. Join the Friendship Group on Wednesday, April 8, to learn about the Scandinavian Woman's Suffrage Association presented by Linda McClelland. The group meets at 10:00 A.M. with the program beginning at 10:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room. We will also enjoy the soup lunch following the 12:15 P.M. Lenten service.

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 so we can let the restaurant know approximately how many will be coming.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY MINISTRIES



No Children's Programming No Club 78 or Club 9 Programming

Just a reminder that there will be no programming the week of March 23. Have a wonderful and safe spring break.

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 7 or 8) to assist with Day Camps in June and July. For more information and to apply, visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml. Applications must be received by May 1.

High School Breakfast

All high school students are invited to have breakfast with Youth Director 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

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.

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 to volunteer.

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

CARE & CONCERN



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.

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@trinity-ec.org or marykaye@trinity-ec.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.

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!