

Trinity

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Dear Trinity Congregation,

You're good people, in a good place, and you're doing good work. Thank you for sharing all of that and more with me during these months. Going forward, help each other, support each other, and continue the tradition of community that you've built over so many years. It is up to you to share your Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, and Temple to serve Jesus and the community through Trinity's ministries. This is how it has always been; nothing has changed. You have everything that you need to face whatever the near and far future bring—whether it is joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain, healing or brokenness. You won't go alone. Recognize it, face it, and address it with Christ. Best wishes to all of you.

Pastor Peter

Blessing for Healing

We believe the Church has a primary role in advancing the healing of life and the fostering of wholeness as a gift of God in Christ. Through a comprehensive approach to pastoral and health ministries, we believe healing is very important individually and corporately. From its earliest days, the Church has engaged in ministries that provide healing of body, mind, and spirit.

On Sunday, July 29 at both worship services we will offer the blessing for healing. This is a special time to receive a healing prayer and anointing.

In addition to our Healing Service, if you are in need of comfort or know of someone who would benefit from a gift of a prayer shawl, we have beautiful shawls from which to choose. We also have Prayer Beads and “NEW” Pocket Prayer Shawls. As the name suggests, this is a miniature version of a prayer shawl that is small enough to fit inside of a pocket. Pocket prayer shawls are small enough to be tucked into pockets, purses, and even inside of bike helmets.

If you are interested in assisting our Prayer Shawl Ministry by knitting or crocheting shawls, yarn and patterns are available. Please contact Cindy at cindy@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 201. Monetary donations made payable to Trinity with memo "Prayer Shawls" are gratefully accepted.

TOGETHER

Rooted in Faith • Led by the Spirit • Forward Together

On Sunday, June 24, we celebrated Pastor Peter Bredleau. We thanked him for his service and for sharing his talents with Trinity over the last two years. Together the people of Trinity enter a season of change and move into the next steps of our congregation. The first step has Trinity Council working with the Synod office to appoint an Interim Lead Pastor to guide us through our forward movement. Council will host forums after worship services on Sunday, July 15, and Sunday, August 5, to discuss and answer any questions.



Pool Party!



Trinity is taking over Fairfax Pool! Come to the pool (4200 Fairfax St) on Wednesday, July 11 from 7:00 P.M.–8:45 P.M. for a special Trinity Night at Fairfax Pool. The pool will be open after regular hours just for Trinity, so you'll have lots of room to swim laps or just splash around. All ages are welcome and there WILL be lifeguards on duty. There is a suggested donation of \$5/10 per family. Fairfax season passes are not valid on this night. Contact Sara Reed with questions at sara@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 218.

Sunday Morning Worship Greeters "A Welcoming Smile"

Trinity members participate in worship weekly through audio/visual support, reading the lessons, serving communion, ushering, serving coffee, singing or playing music, and WELCOMING all to our space! We are recruiting for all areas for the summer months, particularly new Greeters to join our team, "A Welcoming Smile." For more information, contact Lucinda Kemmet, at lucinda@trinity-ec.org or Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 202.

VBS Goes International

Trinity is taking Vacation Bible School international to our friends at Jabneh Christian Academy! This is the first annual young adult mission trip as we continue to share God's love in Jamaica this July 21–28. We will share VBS in Jamaica at the same time as Trinity in Eau Claire. Trinity has eleven young adults and two adult leaders on the trip: Bridgette Ouimet, Abigail Clark, Aja St. Germaine, Bethany Karker, Caragan Hollenbeck, Kristen Jadeke, Ryan Mohr, Brennen Gumbert, Hannah Brenden, Makayla Moen, Michaela Haig, Pastor Sarah, and Cassie Brenden. A commissioning service for the group is on Sunday, July 15.

Summer Office Hours!

Office hours have changed just like the season! The office will be open from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. School year hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, September 4.

Thank You

—from Pastor Kurt Jacobson

Pastor Kurt writes: *"The generous, compassionate, and thoughtful gift of the journals and cards shared by the people of Trinity upon my diagnosis of lung cancer has been a source of immense comfort and joy. Thank you! I was very touched when Pastor Peter Bredlau gave them to me recently. I have read them many times and felt the love of Christ in each word. Also, the many cards and loving notes you have sent directly are cherished and will be read over again in the months ahead.*

This summer I'm enjoying feeling good again as the new, targeted oral treatment is working well, with no side effects. The goal is a progression free status for two years, if the gene mutation that caused this cancer doesn't change before then. I'm receiving the best medical care here in Cumberland through MCHS-Cancer Center in Eau Claire. There is so much to be grateful for each day.

Please know I have you in my daily prayers, even as I find incredible support and love from your prayers. I will keep periodically updating my caringbridge.org site so you may know what's transpiring in my goal of living well with this disease. No matter what, I stand confident knowing that we are together in the great mission of extending to others the Good News of Jesus, through our daily living, no matter what challenges we face. God bless you all."

Nurturing Generous Lives

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28, 31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for "heart" is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or nonverbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives; not just the "religious" sector or the percentage we give away.



Before You Move

Whenever you're moving or going temporarily away and changing delivery status with the postal service, please let Trinity know. When your mail is returned to Trinity, a cost per item is incurred.

Email new address information to Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or send Trinity a post office change of address card or call the Trinity office at 715.832.6601. Thank you.

Prayer Link

You are invited to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and become part of Prayer Link. Each week many people ask for the prayers of the pastors, staff, and members who've agreed to pray for others. When you join Prayer Link, you will receive prayer requests via email or phone message. Then you pray wherever and whenever you can! We'll provide you a monthly update of prayers and some inspiration for your praying.

If you appreciate the benefits of prayer and are willing to pray for those who share requests, email Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or note your willingness via the Prayer Link on the homepage of trinity-ec.org

When You Are Hospitalized

The Pastoral Care Team of Trinity makes frequent trips to visit hospitalized Trinity members. But to know about your hospitalization, they depend upon the hospitals having your admission coded into their system. This will not result in your name being shared with anyone beyond the staff. So, when you or a family member are admitted, please inform the hospital of your church affiliation. Better yet, share information about planned or unexpected hospitalizations directly with us by:

- Calling 715.832.6601 or emailing trinity@trinity-ec.org in advance of or at the start of hospitalization.
- Asking the hospital chaplain to call Trinity's office.

If you wonder if a Pastoral Care Team member is going to call on you, that's the time to call the church office! Thank you.

The Friendship Group

The Friendship Group will tour Historic Menomonie on Wednesday, July 11. The bus will leave the parking lot at 9:15 A.M. We will tour Mabel Tainter Museum, and have lunch at the historic Knapp, Stout and Company Cafe in Downsville. Lunch is included, and the choices are 1. Honey Crunch Salad, 2. Chef Salad, 3. Roast Beef Sandwich with side of cole slaw or potato salad, or 4. Teryaki Wrap with side of cole slaw or potato salad. We will tour this store after lunch. We will continue our tour at the Rassbach Museum and then travel to the Cottage Winery. Price for the trip is \$60 which includes all tours, meal, and wine tasting. Please contact Linda McClelland at 715.836.7719 to reserve a seat and make your lunch selection

ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference

The ELCA Women's Retreat at Luther Park in Chetek, Wisconsin is August 15–16. The presenter is Trinity member Deb Gilbertson, and the theme is "Change is Good." Come and enjoy while you meet and praise with other women of all ages. Enjoy free time to swim, shop the bookstore, go on a pontoon ride, and many more activities. Every woman is welcome! Register before July 31 for the early bird special. The one day rate is \$35, and the two day rate is \$65. Registration forms are located on the Women's Bulletin Board across from the nursery. Contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 for more information.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, July 19, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Jan Jenson
Leader: Vicki Fields

Martha/Mary

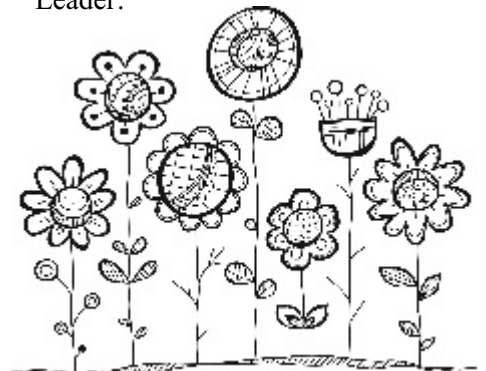
No Meeting in July

Miriam

Wednesday, July 18, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostesses: Mary Schoenknecht & Gloria Crossman—Offsite
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Char Finseth, 1715 Chumas Drive Eau Claire
Leader:





Financial News

Your offerings to God through Trinity are so important. Each dollar you offer is invested in bringing hope and encouragement to people, advancing ministries that bring healing and faith development, and investing in missions that bring alive here and across the world our desire to “Serve in Christ’s Love and Share the Good News.”

Your weekly offerings may be made through electronic fund transfer. You may set this up on Trinity’s Give page at trinity-ec.org or by contacting Amber Moltzau at amber@trinity-ec.org

Your generosity is appreciated as your church invests faithfully and wisely to make a difference in people’s lives with the grace of Jesus Christ. Thank you!

Financial Update January through May

Offerings to Regular Ministries	2018	2017
Income	\$469,514	\$470,018
Expenses	\$495,595	\$463,846
Variation	-\$26,081	\$6,172

The Women’s Giving Circle

The mission of the Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Trinity Endowment Trust, is to "demonstrate God's love by positively impacting people's lives through collective philanthropy and awarding of financial gifts." Grant applications are welcomed between now and August 31.

Grant criteria will focus on the following:

- Support for basic human needs
- Promotion of health and wellness (spirit, mind, body)
- Education to advance the quality of life
- Support for the arts in ministry
- Meeting needs of the elderly
- Encouraging self-sufficiency for women and girls
- Support for families in need

If you know of a group that could benefit from one of these grants, please encourage them to apply! The Circle Governance Board reviews all grant applications, and the full membership of the Women's Giving Circle has the opportunity to vote on the Board's recommendations at their annual meeting in October. The Women's Giving Circle invites and encourages all members of Trinity Lutheran Church to become participating members. You can read more about the Women's Giving Circle and find the grant application at trinity-ec.org under the Endowment tab.

Endowment Trust Awards Grants

The Endowment Trust of Trinity exists to serve God's people in Christ's name by providing financial foundations to the ministries and missions of Trinity Lutheran Church for all generations. It is a means by which you can leave a legacy of your faith in God through a gift now or a bequest in your will.

The Trust Fund is overseen by a Board elected by the congregation, and they recently reviewed grant applications and awarded funds. They include: Adult Chaperones ELCA Houston Trip, Trinity Quilters, Sojourner House—Food for Meals, Friends of Flynn—Weekend Meals and Other, Trinity Food Pantry—Nutritious Food, Soles for Special Souls—Boots, Cassie Brenden—Lay School, Young Adults in Global Mission—Anne Halloin, God's Work Our Hands, Yoga Class—Yoga Blocks & Straps, Young Adult Jamaica Trip, Noah's Ark Tuition, Trinity Staff Orange Conference, St. John's Bible.

You can leave a lasting gift to the future of this mission through the wise distribution of your estate or gifts/memorials right now. When you include the Trinity Endowment Trust in your charitable giving or estate, your assets can go on to influence lives with God’s love for generations to come.

Please visit trinity-ec.org to explore creative ways you can make a difference in the world through the Trinity Endowment Trust Fund. A nine member Board of Trustees, elected by the congregation, guides and carries out our mission.

Endowment Trust Information Folders

Endowment Trust Informational Folders are available in the lobby and the office. These new folders describe our Endowment funds, advise on how to give and get involved, provide an outline of the Endowment assets, and much more.



Noah's Ark News

Noah's Ark Preschool students and teachers are on summer break following a great 2017–2018 school year. We hope they are all enjoying summer fun, relaxation, and rejuvenation in God's summer world with families and friends. As summer began, we wished Mrs. Lien a wonderful retirement! Thank you for joining us at her retirement celebration. She will be missed at Noah's Ark, but she leaves a legacy of peacemaking and love for children.



In these summer months, I will take the opportunity to reflect on our school year and our mission at Noah's Ark. As the new school year begins in the fall, we will welcome Cassie Brenden to our staff. It will be exciting to have new partnerships, energy, and ideas come forth while maintaining the mission and wonderful programming for which Noah's Ark has come to be known. God is truly at work through the Noah's Ark program and will continue to be our guide!

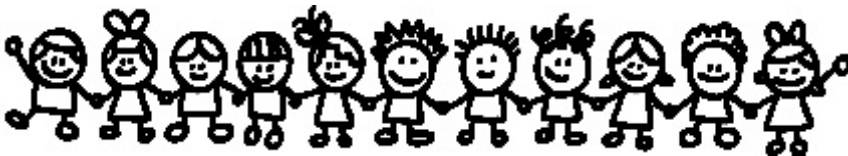
Enrollment for the 2018–2019 school year continues. We look forward to enrolling more children in our MWF afternoon classes. Noah's Ark is a wonderful experience for all children. We appreciate when you spread the word so we can share our ministry with others.

Enjoy these great summer days!

In Peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Vacation Bible School

There's a place saved for you at the table! Bring your appetite and join us this summer for a *Feast in God's Word*. VBS is scheduled for July 23–27 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. The cost is a suggested \$25 donation per child. VBS is for children who are three through sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 22, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. You can register online by accessing our web page at www.trinity-ec.org and clicking on the REGISTRATION BUTTON on the right side of the page.

Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for the following grade levels: four Preschool, one Pre K, 1 Kindergarten, and one fourth grade. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Sara Reed for specific information at 715.832.6601 or by email at sarar@trinity-ec.org

VBS Staff Orientation

Orientation for Teachers and Teacher Helpers will be held on Monday, July 16, in the Worship Center with check-in at 6:00 P.M. and orientation from 6:15 P.M.–7:15 P.M. Staff will receive copies of the materials, guides, and procedures—all items to help you get ready! VBS class lists will also be available during orientation.

Orientation for Recreation, Craft Tent, Science, Kitchen, and VBS Grandparent volunteers will be on Tuesday, July 17, in the Trinity Room with check-in at 6:00 P.M. and orientation from 6:15 P.M.–7:15 P.M.

Collect VBS Supplies

Please collect and save items needed for Vacation Bible School! You can bring your donations, marked for VBS, to the Children's Ministries Office. Thank you!

- Ice cream LIDS only
- Empty Voss water bottles

Fall Programming for Early Childhood Enrichment

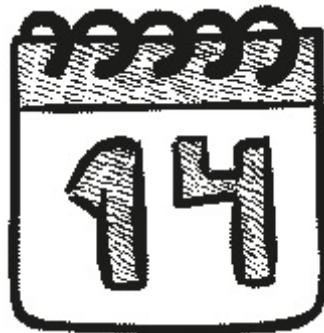
Call-in registration for Early Childhood Enrichment programming continues. Contact Sara Reed by phone or email at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org

- **Music & Movement** • Children will move and groove as they explore music with song, dance, and instruments. *Session One:* 9:00 A.M.–9:45 A.M. This class is for children whose birthday are between 9.1.2015 and 5.31.2017. This is a parent/child class. The cost is \$75. *Session Two:* 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. This class is for children who turn four between 9.1.2018 and 8.31.2019. Children experience this class independently. The cost is \$150. This class meets on Mondays beginning September 10. There will be no class on October 29 or November 19.



- **Creative Arts** • Spend Mondays engaged in a variety of creative activities! Children will dance, sing, and experiment with art processes. They will hear stories, Bible stories, and enhance language learning through finger plays. For children who turn four between 9.1.2018 and 8.31.2019. This class meets on Mondays from 12:30 P.M.–2:30 P.M. beginning September 10. There will be no class on October 29 or November 19. The cost is \$180.
- **Readers, Authors, and Artists** • Immerse your child in literature and early oral and written language experiences, with a focus on nurturing a child's natural readiness for reading, writing, and creating. Children will explore books, authors, and illustrators through discovery, music, play, and art. For children who turn four by 9.1.2018. This class meets on Tuesdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. beginning September 11. There will be no class on November 20. The cost is \$190.
- **Come and Play** • In this great precursor to preschool, children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children. Art and music activities and snack are included. For children whose birthdates fall between 9.1.2015 and 5.31.2016. This class meets on Wednesdays in Trinity's Nursery from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. beginning September 12. There will be no class on November 21. The cost is \$220.
- **Thrilling Thursdays** • Using a STEM model (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in a Christian environment, children will observe, predict, investigate and explore, tapping into their natural curiosity about God's World. For children who turn four by 9.1.2018. This class meets on Thursdays from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. or 12:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M. beginning September 13. There will be no class on October 25 or November 22. The cost is \$190.

Mark Your Calendar!



- Wednesday, September 5: Pizza Registration Event for all Wednesday night programs and Sunday school beginning at 5:00 P.M. Watch for specific information in the August Children's Ministries mailing and on our website.
- Rally Sunday, September 9: Register for Sunday school and enjoy an ice cream sundae. Children who are three years old and in third grade will receive their Spark Bibles at the 9:45 A.M. worship service.
- Sunday, September 16: First day of Sunday school with Blessing of the Backpacks at 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. services.
- Wednesday, September 19: Wednesday night Impact and children's choir rehearsals begin.
- Saturday, November 3: Fall Communion Instruction for children in grades 2–5 from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Luther Park Bible Camp Recap

Ashley Olson, Youth Ministry Coordinator, spent a week at Luther Park Bible Camp with 14 children and youth. They studied how they are saved by grace through faith. They enjoyed meeting new friends, worshipping, having campfires, engaging in various outside activities, and playing games. It was a great week! Trinity will have 32 children, youth, and adults attend Luther Park Bible Camp sometime throughout the summer. Ashley invites you to join in the fun next summer.

Summer Stretch

Summer Stretch meet on July 12, 17, 19, 31, and concludes on August 2 with a trip to Valley Fair. There are 16 youth participating, as well as two counselors and two adult leaders. Summer Stretch participants will be out in the community doing service as well as taking time to relax and enjoy various recreational activities. They will have a great time!

Confirmation Students Mark Your Calendars!

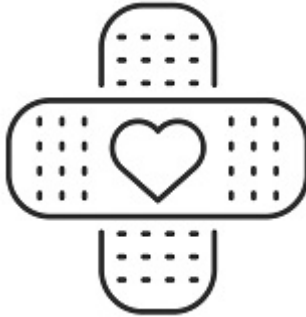
- Club 78 Student and Parent/Guardian Orientation on Wednesday, September 5, from 7:15 P.M.–8:30 P.M. in the Trinity Room.
- Club 78 Group Guide Orientation: Wednesday, September 12, at 7:15 P.M. in Room 208.
- Club 9 Student, Parent/Guardian, Orientation on Wednesday, September 12, from 7:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room.



HEALTH MINISTRIES

Dear Trinity Members,

There seems to always be a guarantee in life that change will happen. Change is something we tend to fear and become anxious about because we do not feel in control of life. The good news is that God has a plan for our lives. If we trust in God and allow the change to grow us to become more like Jesus Christ in how we respond and act, then we are promised that all things will work together for good for those who love God and keep God's commandments!



I experienced two major changes this week. One is the resignation of Pastor Peter who, over the past two years, I have grown to greatly admire and respect. His leaving saddens me, and I will miss him. The second is having to say goodbye to one of our homebound members who is moving to Minnesota so she can be closer to family, a family who loves and cares for her and wants her near. I adore and love her and will miss her very much. She has taught me that even in your 90s, life can be good, meaningful, and productive. The move is not easy for her either. She is now teaching me how to be patient, kind, and resilient during her time of change. She could have been stubborn and angry about the move. Nope! Her sewing machine is ready to go, and she already has plans for projects for her great-grandson. She is going to be such a huge blessing to her grandchildren and great grandchild. God is putting her right where she needs to be. So I thank God for putting her in my life, and I thank Lorraine for all she has taught me.

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Senior Americans Day

I attended this event for the first time on June 5 at UWEC. It was fantastic, and I highly encourage everyone to attend next year. The keynote speaker was entertaining as well as informative. The breakout sessions ranged from flower arranging to an overview of Islam. The "youngest" attendant was 55; oldest was 102.

"Walk with Ease"

A program that will be offered through the Arthritis Foundation and ADRC developed for people with arthritis and other chronic disease. The six week program will be offered in both fall and spring. Pre-requisite is the ability to be on your feet for at least ten minutes without increased pain. More information will be available later this summer.

Monthly Healing Service

Join us for our next Healing Service in the Trinity Chapel on Sunday, July 15. The service begins at 9:15 A.M. and is completed by 9:45 A.M. It is a brief service devoted to prayers for healing and comfort. It is for anyone who is in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit or who knows someone for whom they would like to pray.

Home Communion Visitors Needed

Are you on a less structured, more leisurely schedule during the summer? This might be a great time to become oriented to the role of Home Communion Visitor. The training only takes two hours. You will then be paired with a homebound member who will enjoy your visits and access to regular communion. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pat Garber at garberpa@uwec.edu or 715.835.5801.

Blood Pressure Screening

Don't forget that on the second Sunday of each month between worship services, the Parish Nurse and her team of screeners offer blood pressure checks in the Trinity office. Know your numbers!

Summer Health Tip

Take advantage of summer to relax, de-stress, have fun, and experience the joy and beauty around you. If your response to this is "t h a t ' s n o t



happening!" then you have overscheduled yourself and your children. If the vacation planning is stressing out you and your family, that's not a vacation! Take advantage of every moment of this summer!



LIBRARY

Soak Up the Fun—READ!

Summer Story Time for Young Children Read S'more Books!

Join Library Committee members in the church library on Sunday mornings; July 1, 8, and 15. At the 9:45 A.M. worship, children will be dismissed during the service to the library where Library Committee members will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.



The books for Trinity's Summer Story Time are animal theme picture books that share values of friendship, diversity, and kindness.

- *The Great Puppy Invasion* by Alastair Heim. What's a town to do when not one, not two, but hundreds of adorable, wriggling puppies invade? (++) FIC HEI)
- *Just Right for Two* by Tracey Corderoy. Dog has everything he needs in his big blue suitcase— it's the perfect fit for all the little treasures he has collected along the way. Dog is sure he is happy; just him and his suitcase. (++) FIC COR)
- *Strictly No Elephants* by Lisa Mantchev. A boy is excluded from joining his friends' pet club because of his unusual pet. (++) FIC MAN)
- *Carl's Summer Vacation* by Alexandra Day. Carl is a dog who goes on vacation with his family to a lake cabin in the north woods. This beautifully illustrated book shares his and Madeleine's adventures. (++) FIC DAY)
- *Ellie In Concert* by Mike Wu. Since Ellie the elephant saved her home with her wonderful paintings, the zoo is back in business and the animals are more energetic than ever. All except for Lucy the giraffe who hasn't been able to sleep with all the noise. Determined to help her friend, Ellie tries to tone down the ruckus and organize the animals into an orchestra. (++) FIC WU)
- *The Water Hole* by Graeme Base. As ever-growing numbers of animals visit a watering hole, introducing the numbers from one to ten, the water dwindles. (++) FIC BAS)

These books for children encourage kindness to others—look for the special label on the book cover.

- *Good People Everywhere* by Lynea Gillen. This story to help children become mindful of caring people in their world, to ease their fears, and to develop their sense of gratitude. It includes two activity pages to encourage children to find the good people in their lives. (++) FIC GIL)
- *Toad on the Road, A Cautionary Tale* by Stephen Shaskan. With bouncy text and vivid illustrations, this lively picture book, shares what it means to be a good friend by keeping each other safe. (++) FIC SHA)

Fiction for Adults

- *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman. The best selling author of *A Man Called Ove* returns with a profound novel about a small town with a big dream — and the price required to make it come true. (FIC BAC)
- *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This is a historical novel set in 1946 and is a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German occupation. (FIC SHA)

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

After a wonderful year, we are taking the summer off to read some books on our own personal lists. BUT, we will return in September for the Trinity Page Turners Book Club! Our completed book list for 2018–2019 is available online at www.trinity-ec.org or you can pick up a brochure in the office. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. So, are you ready to start reading in September? We're happy to have you join us! For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



SOCIAL CONCERNS

Christmas in July

Get ready for Christmas in July, showering our homeless with much needed gifts. Bring your gifts now through July 15. If you prefer to donate money, a matching gift up to \$500 will be available for the Beacon House. Take an envelope off the tree and drop it in the collection or give it to the church office. A list of suggested items needed by the Sojourner House and Beacon House is available on the table in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate!

Thank You From Soles For Special Souls

Thank you Trinity members for your continuing support of our Soles for Special Souls ministry. Due to your generosity, we were able to meet our goal during our recent fundraising campaign. Your support helps put smiles on the faces of children of our food pantry guests as they return to school this fall in their new shoes. It also helps parents provide warm winter boots for their elementary school children. Thank you for all your support of Social Concerns Ministries.

Save the Date God's Work Our Hands

Trinity members are invited to participate in the ELCA sponsored event, God's Work Our Hands. The date this year is Sunday, October 14. Trinity members will be joining members from the other seven ELCA Eau Claire based churches to work throughout the community in ministries to address local and global inequities.

Friends of Flynn School Supply Drive

As a reflection of our mission statement of "Serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news," Trinity has a wonderful partnership with Flynn Elementary School to help address the needs of children. Have you seen the great prices recently on all the school supplies that children need? If so, please consider purchasing some to give to children at the beginning of the school year. We are in need of folders, paper, bottles of white glue, small glue sticks, boxes of Kleenex facial tissue, child size Fiskar scissors, eight or ten count Crayola classic markers, erasers, yellow highlighters, red pens, and colored pencils. Most stores have a printed list near the supplies to help with your selection for Flynn students. The supplies can be dropped off at Trinity (lobby after worship; office during the week) beginning July 15 through August 12. Thank you!



Received in May Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Ann Ayres: Evelyn Berndt, John & Nancee Burbank, Carla Brandrup, John & Carolyn Barstad, Mary Lamb, Sharon Schank, Pat Cliff, Anna Trullinger, Barb Vorhes, Patricia Hanson,
- In memory of Dorothy Jensen: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Jane Edson, Barb Vorhes
- In honor of Joanie Lindau: Michael & Lynn Lindau
- In memory of Robert Herdrich: Linda McClelland
- In memory of Joanne Johnson: Barb Vorhes

Library Fund

- In memory of Joanne Johnson: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Glenn St Arnault: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Ann Ayres: Joanne Dow

Quilters Fund

- In memory of Bev Kruckman: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht, Barb Vorhes

Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In memory of Ann Ayres: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

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Q & A with Pastor Sarah The Bishop's Election



Q: We hear that you were almost elected Bishop of the Northwest

Synod of Wisconsin in early June. How did that happen?

A: Every five to six years, there is an election for the Bishop of our synod who functions like the pastor to the pastors of this region of the ELCA. One year ago, Bishop Rick Hoyme announced his retirement, and so we knew that at the Synod Assembly in 2018 there would be an election by Ecclesiastical Ballot. A Synod Assembly happens once per year and is a gathering of pastors and lay representatives from the close to 200 churches in this area.

Q: What, exactly, is an Ecclesiastical Ballot?

A: An Ecclesiastical Ballot is a way of electing a church leader which relies on prayer, the willingness of participants, and the Spirit to move, usually all in one weekend! There is no process of pre-nomination in our Synod and no official campaigning by any interested parties. On the first ballot of the weekend of Synod Assembly, any ordained ELCA pastor can have their name written in by a voting member. Somewhat unexpectedly, I received over a dozen nominations on that first ballot (and was listed with well over 30 other names also receiving nominations). On the first ballot, nominated pastors could take their name out of the running if they are not willing to let their name stand for Bishop.

Q: But you let your name go through. Why?

A: Being a part of the Bishop's election was not something I was anticipating seriously. Some of my pastor colleagues had shared that

they had heard rumors that I would be nominated, but being Bishop was not something I was actively seeking. I left my name "in" in order to be open to the Spirit, the call of the wider Church, and to be a part of the conversation at hand.

Q: So then what happened?

A: After the first and second ballots, the list of nominees for Bishop was whittled down to seven. At that point, we filled out biographical information sheets on ourselves which were distributed to the 400+ voting members present at the assembly. We also had five minutes to answer a question in front of the group. After this round of voting is when I found out I was among the final three candidates remaining.

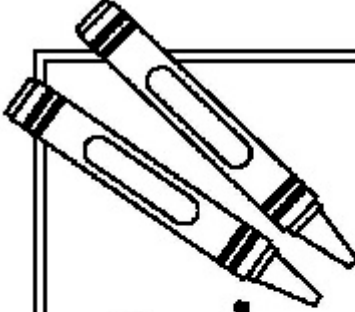
Q: And what did Pastor Brahm think of all of this?

A: When I went through to the final three, it was very much a surprise, and suddenly it all became real—real as to what I (we) were opening ourselves up. If I were elected Bishop, it would have been a six year term, and my life, schedule and collegial relationships would have changed dramatically. This was a crazy exercise in trusting the Spirit to be present and at work in the church.

Q: And what did you think of the result?

A: On that fourth ballot, when I received the third most votes and dropped out of the race, I felt an overwhelming sense of relief. If (big IF) the Spirit/the people of this Synod had called me to lead, I would have answered. But, I was never so glad to walk into Trinity the next Monday morning. This feels like home. This is where I am called. The Bishop-elect is Laurie Skow-Anderson, and she will be excellent. All turned out as it needed to be. Thank you Trinity friends for your prayers, support, and curiosity about this Spirit-filled process!
















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








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




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























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









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



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




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