



Flamingos Have Landed!

If you wake up one morning to a sea of pink in your front yard, just look for the lead Flamingo. Instructions will be attached to the lead Flamingo. Each evening the flock of flamingos will find a new yard in which to rest, and flamingos will continue to fly through mid-May. Money raised from the Flamingo fundraiser will help support students serving in Christ's love this summer at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston. A title will be given to Blast Off For Books: ELCA Houston Literacy Campaign.

Church Picnic

Trinity's Annual Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 20. Food will be available beginning at 10:30 A.M. Carnival games and inflatables start at 10:45 A.M. Volunteers are needed to help with setting up, serving food, leading the games, and making cakes for the cake walk (need 25–30). If you are willing to help, please sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby or contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

***Please note:** The last session of Sunday School classes is Sunday, May 20.

Celebrate!

Please join us on Sunday, June 3, to honor Mrs. Lien for her years of service to Trinity, educating, influencing, and loving children at Noah's Ark Preschool. Ginny Lien, a long time teacher at Noah's Ark Preschool, is retiring at the end of this school year. She has been a teacher here since 1992 and has touched the lives of countless children and families. During these years, she has also been a faithful servant at Trinity through her contributions in Children's Ministries programs including the Advent Workshop, VBS, and the Angel Breakfast. One tradition that she began at Trinity is the tie dye day at VBS. If you have tie dye, wear it that day as a way to help her celebrate!



Noah's Ark Preschool Openings

Be a part of our preschool where children learn to be peacemakers who will take care of themselves, others and the world while playing and discovering in a Christian environment! Openings available for the 2018–2019 school year are:

- M/W/F 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. for children who turn four before 9.1.18
- M/W/F 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. for children who turn four by 12.31.18

Program Costs: Tuition \$150/month, Supply and Registration Fee \$200/year

When You Desire Baptism

We celebrate baptisms of children, youth, and adults throughout the year at Trinity! For adults or teens, please contact Pastor Sarah Semmler Smith directly for information. Before you schedule a baptism for a child, we ask that you attend a baptism class.

Baptism classes are offered approximately every eight weeks at Trinity. These one-session gatherings are an opportunity to learn about the Sacrament of Baptism and strategies for nurturing faith while getting to know other families and children at the same point in their faith journey. The next Baptism Class will be held on Monday, May 7, at 6:00 P.M. Childcare is available. Register on our web page at www.trinity-ec.org/baptism.phtml

If you have questions about preparing for your child's baptism, or you are an adult who desires to be baptized, please contact Pastor Sarah at sarah@trinity-ec.org



Women & Justice



Dear Friends in Christ,

"Mom, they used to say that only boys could fly airplanes but that's not true," our oldest daughter, Meta, said to me at bedtime the other night. "And anyway, girls are better than boys!" she added. While I affirmed her line of thinking on the first statement, I corrected her on the second. Girls and boys are equal, I let her know, and added some unsolicited commentary on how boys can wear pink and girls can be soldiers, etc.

My six year old's comment wasn't entirely without prompting. For the last few months, we have been reading a book together called "Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls" which uplifts the narratives of amazing women—from Amelia Earhart and Jane Goodall to Frida Kahlo and Queen Elizabeth—and does so in a way that young people can connect with and understand. While we do enjoy many other books, it's refreshing to offer my impressionable daughter images of women that go beyond a Disney princess or Barbie.

Perhaps you have never treated your sons or daughters differently. Perhaps you have not felt the barrier or been encountered differently based on whether you were male or female. Perhaps it is a wonder to you why this is even a conversation in 2018 at all! Yet study after study shows that there remains both an opportunity and pay gap between men and women in this country. Ordained ministry remains closed to women in many Christian denominations. And a study cited by NPR found that 81 percent of women had experienced some form of sexual harassment during their lifetime.

In Genesis 1:27, the litany of the creation ends with the statement: "So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God they were created, male and female, God created them." There is a fundamental affirmation in our faith that God created all people equal, and God intends for all people to flourish and have life abundantly.

Recognizing this aspirational value, and the lived experience of so many women, the ELCA is in the process of drafting a social statement on Women and Justice. The draft that is in circulation, based on a study by a task force released in August of 2016, represents an initial attempt to formulate a social statement. It is intended to encourage deliberation on what this church should say about issues of sexism and patriarchy.

That's where we come in. ELCA congregations are invited to study and offer comments on the draft document, which will then be voted on this coming fall at the ELCA's church-wide assembly. On May 9 and 16 at 6:30 P.M. you are invited to a two-part conversation surrounding this draft statement on Women and Justice. The statement can be found online at <http://elca.org/womenandjustice> and print copies are available at our information center.

I look forward to faithful conversation and civil discourse surrounding a topic that affects us all. If you have any questions about the social statement or the upcoming forum events, any of the Trinity pastors will be happy to sit down with you!

In Peace,
Pastor Sarah

"Traveling Mercies"

Join Pastor Natalie to discuss *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott on Tuesdays, May 15 and 22 at 1:30 P.M. Pastor Natalie tells people, "Annie Lamott is funny, insightful, faithful, honest, and swears like a sailor." What else has been said you might ask? "Anne Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, 'My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers.' At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, *Traveling Mercies* tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope." Come join the discussion and laughter!

Talk Listen Pray Chronic Illness

Pastor Natalie invites anyone with a chronic illness to gather in the Trinity on Library Tuesday, May 1 from 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. A Talk, Listen, Pray gathering is not an educational group, an advice giving group, or a therapy group. The gathering is an opportunity for deepening relationships with God and with those gathered and experiencing mutual spiritual encouragement surrounding a shared challenge or experience. This is a place to tell your story and to hear from others. Please let Pastor Natalie or the Trinity office know if you plan to attend.

Senior Citizens The Friendship Group

Join the Friendship Group on Wednesday, May 9, at 10:00 A.M. in the chapel. After a brief meeting, our program will be "A History of the Mount Washington Sanatorium" by Janice Wnukowski and Linda McClelland. Lunch will be on our own at Yankee Jacks.



Friends of Flynn

March Fund Appeal Goal • Thank you to all who donated to the recent Friends of Flynn Fund Appeal— \$3,963 was received. Most of these funds help support the weekend meal project through Feed My People. In addition, funds provide healthy snacks in September and May, staff appreciation treats twice a year, books for children to take home at Christmas break and summer vacation, and emergency clothing needs for the children. Flynn Elementary is Trinity's partner school in the Eau Claire Area School District.

Book Drive During May • We believe that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but increases self-confidence. With many of the Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for summer vacation, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. Please consider donating new books for this project. Look for the display in the lobby where you will find book lists. Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all of those who attended the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning. We served breakfast to 255 people. We would also like to thank Thrivent Financial for granting Trinity Youth Ministry a \$250 Community Impact Card through the Thrivent Action Team member benefit. The grant was used to help purchase groceries for the breakfast meal. Youth will use funds from the breakfast to help financially support camp and retreat opportunities such as the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, Summer Stretch, and Luther Park. A title of \$85 will be given to Blast Off For Books: ELCA Houston Literacy Campaign.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Trinity's Spring Blood Drive is schedule for Thursday, May 10, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. Mark your calendars! The need is always great, not only for those needing blood, but also because blood drives get canceled due to bad weather which lowers the blood supply. Volunteers are also needed for registration and to help in the kitchen. Sign up at Clipboard Central.



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 women of all ages. Enjoy free time to swim, shop the book store, 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, May 17, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Helen Mateski
Leader: Pat Hanson

MARTHA/MARY

Tuesday, 15, 6:30 P.M. Trinity
Hostess:
Leader:

MIRIAM

Wednesday, May 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Bev Tamke
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

RUTH

Tuesday, May 22, 1:30 P.M.
Hostess: Char Finseth
Leader: Group

Received in March Memorials & Gifts

Memorials

- In memory of Shirley E. Anderson: Pat Garber
- In memory of Jeanne Mortvedt: Pat Garder
- In memory of Ken Miller: Theodore & Beatrice Larson, Sam Retallick, Carla Brandrup

Health Ministries

- In memory of Ken Miller: Pat Garber

Library

- In memory of Ken Miller: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Jeanne Mortvedt: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Friends of Flynn

- In honor of Rose Sippel's 90th birthday: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Ken Miller: Ardelle Brown

Women's Ministries

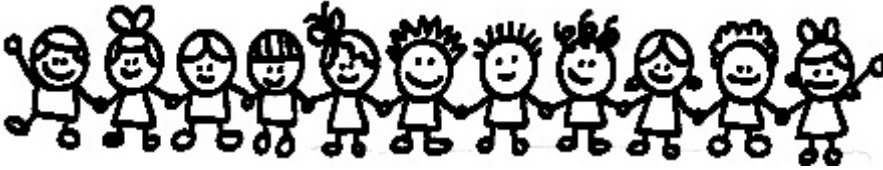
- In memory of Ken Miller: Miriam Circle

Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Ken Miller: Deyon Ziehme



Children's Ministries



Summer Fun!

It's time to mark your calendar for Summer Day Camps! 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. Camps that still have openings are:

- Trinity's Sports Camp: June 11–13
- Tell the Good News: June 18–21
- Great Pretenders: Session 2: June 18–21
- Cook and Book: June 25–28
- Camp Discovery: July 9–12
- Vacation Bible School: July 23–27

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 all grade levels. 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 ext. 218 or by email at sarar@trinity-ec.org

Be a VBS Grandparent!

If you have a grandchild or great-grandchild who will attend Vacation Bible School this year at Trinity (July 23–27), this may be for you! But you need not have a grandchild in the program to take part. Trinity is looking for caring adults, age 50 and up, who are interested in taking on the role of elder at VBS. The time frame required is just over an hour/per day, or more if the grandparent desires. VBS grandparents will not be the main teacher in a classroom, and no preparation is necessary for them! Contact Pastor Natalie with any questions at natalie@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 215. You can sign-up at Clipboard Central.

Noah's Ark News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool!

Spring is here! As I write this article, I look out our window at the piles of snow and have to be reminded of that fact. However, we know through God's promises, spring will indeed arrive. And with spring comes the discovery of new life. The children are investigating and discovering about insects and butterflies. We have just placed our order for the larva which we will watch develop into caterpillars, then butterflies, and then set free to fly from our playground. We will also be discovering new plant life from the leaves budding on the trees to the many fruits and vegetables grown for food at Sunbow Farm, our final field trip destination of the school year. New life and miracles surround us and, through the eyes of these young children, we discover again and again!

Thank you to all who continue to support the Noah's Ark ministry. Many members ordered coffee and biscotti from our Noah's Ark fundraiser sale in April. Those items will be available for pick up the first two Sundays in May or in the Children's Ministries Office during the week. Thank you for your continued support through your prayers for our children, families, and teachers.

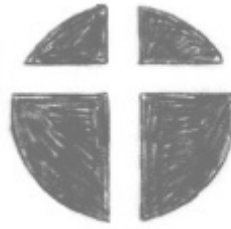
Our registration process for the 2018–2019 school year continues. We continue to seek out families with three, four, and five year olds to join us at Noah's Ark on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. Information about our classes is available on our website.

May is our final month of the school year. It is hard to believe how the days have flown! They have been filled with fun, creativity, peacemaking, friendships, and discovery. God will surely continue to bless our time together in these final days of the school year.

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker



Youth Ministries



Luther Park Summer Camp

Join the Trinity Lutheran Church group this summer at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek. Pastor Brahm and Ashley invite students completing grades 6–8 to attend Camp Pathfinders from June 10–15. These campers stay in cabins and experience the wide variety of fun and activities available at Luther Park. Pathfinders experience the heart pounding excitement of the High Ropes course and Disc Golf. Along with swimming, games, and developing community with new and old friends, you will experience creative Bible Studies, worship, campfires, and meaningful small group discussions. Check out lutherpark.org to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register. Trinity offers grants toward Luther Park registration fees. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org for more information about grants.

Summer Stretch 2018

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 in a safe, healthy place to belong where they can contribute to the community and socialize with their peers. This year our 8th graders will take a more active role leading participants through service activities. The registration deadline is May 1. Registration information may be found at the Toolbench. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org for more information.

Prayer Friends and Youth Meet

On Wednesday, April 11, nearly 80 adults who have been praying daily for our 7th and 8th grade youth met their students for the first time. A Prayer Friend is paired with each Club 78 Confirmation student in the fall. Without knowing the identity of the adult Prayer Friend until now, students may pass along prayer requests and find comfort knowing a caring congregation member is lifting them up in prayer throughout the school year. When the meeting takes place, there is anticipation, joy, and gratitude for prayers. Watch for the opportunity to volunteer to be a Prayer Friend again in the fall. Thank you to the adults who volunteered to be Prayer Friends this year: Ethan Anderson, Kelly Beaudette, Linda Berg, Ali Blazek, Michele Branco, Drew Brandenburg, Jill Brandenburg Pastor Peter Bredlau, Ben Brenden, Suzanne Brinkmeyer, Sharon Colburn, Jeanne Cooper, Sara Denure, Vicki Dueringer, Valerie Fedie, Char Finseth, Jill Fletcher, Lee Fletcher, Chet Fridlund, Matt Gerber, Randi Gerber, Lisa Goetz, Angi Goodwin, Jenny Gullicksrud, Coralie Gumbert, Brenda Gyorfi, Kerry Hager, Dee Halverson, Natalie Hanson, Ellen Harris, Jeff Harris, Kate Harris, Holly Hassemmer, Barb Johnson, Bob Johnson, Lucinda Kemmet, Lee-Ellen Kirkhorn, Jackie Krumenauer, Katie Kuenkel, Anne Lindahl, Holly Linn, Jill Mangus, Mark Mangus, Sue Marczinke, George McLeod, Joy Miller, John Moen, Amber Moltzau, Paul Moltzau, Kevin Monson, Mike Moszer, Sandy Moszer, Peggy Munden, Kirk Myhre, Jeff Nelson, Jane Olsen, Lauren Passi, Janelle Patenaude, Johanna Peterson, Bob Pielhop, Judy Pielhop, Vicki Proudlock, Mary Rambo,

Sara Reed, Michelle Richards, Ali Rouse, Dan Rouse, Susan Schaefer, Bob Schoenknecht, Mary Schoenknecht, Stacy Secker, Steve Secker, Rose Sippel, Aja St. Germaine, Mary Strayer, Cindy Thompson, Suzie Twite, Matt Walukas, and Michelle Zumwalt.

The Youth Ministry Team Thanks You

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the volunteers who made our 2017–2018 school year and Wednesday worship services a huge success. We couldn't have done this year without you!

Thank you to:

- Ushers who did an outstanding job with offering and communion. Your faces help to light up the middle of our week!
- Projectionists and audio engineers; our services could not run without your attention and presence each and every Wednesday.
- Members of CrossWord; your musical talents are outstanding! Your leadership and dedication are a driving force for every worship experience.
- Group Guides: Ethan Anderson, Joslyn Brantner, Herschel Day, Kelly Fridlund, Jennifer Hughes, Kacy Irvine, Anne Lindahl, Jill Mangus, Mike Moszer, Jenna Murphy, Kathleen Nybrotten, Bob Peterson, Kris Pressler, Lee Shoberg, Lisa Winzenz, and Michelle Zumwalt
- Mentors: Carol Anderson, Dave Anderson, Brian Becker, Melissa Becker, Paula Becker, Colleen Berg, Nancy Boese, Jill Brandenburg, Kevin Brown, Jeanne Cooper, Jill Fletcher, Lorrie Feeney, Scott Funk, Matt Gerber, Amy Giani, Ron Gullicksrud, Rich Hager, Dave Hesse, Scott Hughes, Scott Jadeke, Harry Jol, Heather Kapanke, Shawn Kapanke, Becky Krumrie, Katie Kuenkel, Kris Lauer, Lars Long, Mark Mangus, Dawn Marcott, Lisa McIntyre, Sara Meyer, Mike Monson, Sandy Mozser, Kirk Myhre, Jane Olsen, Renae Pierce, Vicki



Proudlock, Gary Rambo, Andy Reed, Sara Reed, Melissa Scarseth, Larry Studt, Mike Twite, Suzie Twite, Matt Walukas, and Mark Wathke

- Teen Study Leaders: Valerie Fedie, Kelly Fridlund, Lucinda Kemmet, and Michelle Zumwalt
- Youth Committee: Jennifer Geurts, Heather Kapanke, Matt Walukas, Michelle Parks, Karen Rosolowski, John Moen

High School Seniors Recognition Sunday

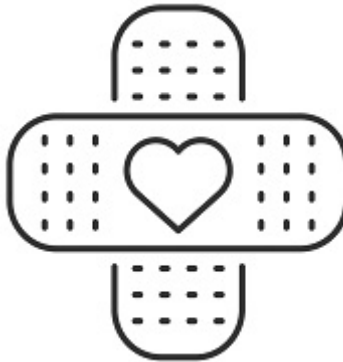
Congratulations! You are graduating, and we want to help you celebrate this wonderful transition in your lives. Please join us on Sunday, May 20, at either 8:15 A.M. or 9:45 A.M. worship services to celebrate this incredible accomplishment with your community of faith. We are so proud of you!

HEALTH MINISTRIES

Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Visit

This week, I had my monthly clinic nurse meeting. The main topic of discussion was the patient appointment and how frustrating it can be for staff when a patient's needs do not fit with the allotted time. Scheduling an appointment may seem simple enough, but there are several parts to the process. These include the patient arrival time, the nurse rooming time, the "provider enters the exam room" time, the patient's 20 or 40 minutes with the provider (determined by number of medications or concerns of the patient, complexity of the problem sore throat is usually quick; abdominal pain is complicated), and wrap up time. Here are some tips on how to get the MOST out of your provider visit:

- When you call for an appointment and you have multiple concerns or questions, ask for a long appointment (usually 40 minutes).
- Prepare for your appointment before arriving: What do you want from the visit? What is your top priority? What questions do you have? If it is a 20 minute appointment, you will only be able to address a couple of concerns. Write these things down.
- Speak Up: Providers are trained to evaluate symptoms and determine what is causing them. They are not mind readers nor do they have a crystal ball. Make a list of your symptoms, when they occur, what they feel like. Even if something seems minor or unrelated, share it.
- Be Honest: Don't hide embarrassing symptoms. Trust me.....we have heard it all before! Don't diminish side effects of medications that are making you uncomfortable.
- Listen reflectively: Ask for clarification if you do not understand! Understanding your treatment plan, even a medication choice, helps you



fully participate in your care and healing.

- Double Check: Before leaving the appointment, check your notes to make sure everything important to you was covered. Make sure you understand and are clear on your instructions and follow-up.

It is fine to bring a relative or friend with you to the appointment. Having a second person to listen and take notes is always a good thing.

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Legacy Letter Writing

Do you ever wonder what your great-grandparents were like? What were their values; what did they struggle with; what were their accomplishments. Do/Will your grandchildren and great grandchildren know what is important to you, what your life has been like, and what wisdom you want to pass on to your family? Join Pastor Natalie and Vicki Dueringer on Thursdays, May 3, 10, and 17 from 1:30 P.M.– 2:30 P.M. in the chapel to begin writing Legacy Letters.

Community Events

- Unlocking Dementia Symposium sponsored by Azura Memory Care on Thursday, May 24 at Florian Gardens 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Register at bitly.com/azuraecsymposium
- "Steering Into the Skid," a one act play that tells the story of a loving couple and their experiences through the early stages of dementia, at Bethesda Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 1, at from 5:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. This event is FREE and includes light supper. Sponsored by ADRC and Mayo Clinic Health System.
- Senior Americans Day on Tuesday, June 5, from 8:30 A.M.–3:30 P.M. at UWEC.



Lenten Luncheon Thank You

A very sincere thank you to all who helped with the Lenten Soup Luncheons.

- Mary Strayer and Barb Strey for soup preparation.
- Jeanne Boring for providing all the bars.
- Set-up, serving, and clean-up: Shirley Parr, Barbara Lee, Mary Schoenknecht and Solveig, Linda McClelland, Ann Nelson, Phyllis Grohn, Mary Black, Marilyn Thompson, Lucinda Kemmet, Jeanne Cooper, Kim Hill, Warren Hermodson, Diane Solberg, Bev Fishbaugher, Sandy Nelson, Mary Goldun, Marti Hofer, Ardelle Brown, Ginny Lien.

Attendance was down this year, with an average of 30 people attending each week.

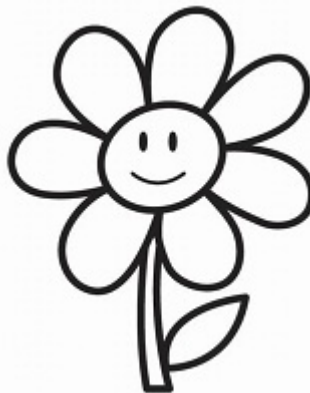
This project is another example of the many caring and giving people we have in this congregation. We appreciate each of you.

LIBRARY

Blooming and Growing with Our Good Books!

Books for Youth

- *Invisible Emmie* by Terri Libenson. This is the story of two totally different girls—quiet, shy, artistic Emmie and popular, outgoing, athletic Katie—and how their lives unexpectedly intersect one day when an embarrassing note falls into the wrong hands. (+ FIC LIB)
- *Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom* by Booki Vivat (Vissra Vivatnamongkon). In this book the reader will meet Abbie Wu. She is in crisis—and not just because she's starting middle school or because she's stuck in a family that doesn't quite get her or because everyone seems to have a Thing except her. Abbie Wu is always in crisis. (+ FIC VIV)



Books for Children

- *Alabama Spitfire: The Story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird* by Bethany Hegedus. This is the inspiring true story of Harper Lee, the girl who grew up to write *To Kill a Mockingbird*. (++) B HEG)
- *I Am Enough* by Grace Byers. *I Am Enough* is an essential book for everyone—an inspiring lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another. (++) FIC BYE) This book has been added to our library's Anti-Bullying display. Look for the special label.

Fiction

- *Only Child* by Rhiannon Navin. For fans of Jodi Picoult comes this dazzling, tenderhearted debut about healing, family, and the exquisite wisdom of children. (FIC NAV)

- *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Alaska in 1974 is untamed and unpredictable, and for a family in crisis, it's the ultimate test of the human spirit. (FIC HAN)

Children's Book Week

Celebrate Children's Book Week, April 30–May 6, by checking out a book from the Trinity Library and sharing it with a special young person in your life. Library Committee members will be available Sunday, April 29, for a kick-off promotion with Sunday school classes.

Summer Story Time for Young Children

Join Library Committee members in the church library on Sunday mornings; in June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 8, 15; following the 9:45 A.M. worship service where they will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

Join the book club on Tuesday, May 15, at 5:30 P.M. at the home of Pat Mertens when they review the book *Under the Wide and Starry Sky* by Nancy Horan.

At the age of thirty-five, Fanny Van de Grift Osbourne has left her philandering husband in San Francisco to set sail overseas—with her three children and nanny in tow—to study art. It is a chance for this adventurous woman to start over, to make a better life for all of them, and to pursue her own desires. Emerging from a deep sorrow, she meets a lively Scot, Robert Louis Stevenson, ten years her junior, who falls instantly in love with the earthy, independent, and opinionated “belle Americaine.”

We will begin with a potluck supper. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office by calling 715.832.6601, by signing up at Clipboard Central, or by emailing Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org

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 - Deadline for the June Newsletter is Tuesday, May 15.