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From Our Interim Lead Pastor

Once upon a time, there was a man who made an appeal to W.C. Fields for money for a special cause. W.C. Fields said that he would need to consult his lawyer about making a financial contribution, and if his lawyer said yes, he would get another lawyer!

There are some people who perhaps feel that money and possessions are not really things that we should be talking about in church. Let's talk about spiritual things in church, right? In church, one should be talking about religious things. Things like praying, heaven, faith, kindness, love... you get the idea.

But get this: The Bible contains 500 verses on prayer and less than 500 verses on faith. However—and please note this very carefully—there are more than 2000 verses about money and possessions! There has got to be something behind that. Sixteen of the 38 parables in the Gospels are concerned with money and possessions. Jesus said more about possessions and how we manage them and feel toward them than he said about heaven and hell combined!

Does the squeaky wheel deserve to get some attention? When Jesus himself is the one making the noise, we best listen and pay some attention.

Our relationship with money is of great concern and interest to God. Our opportunity to live with the responsibility of management of money is honestly not a complicated formula. But that doesn't mean that it's an easy assignment given our human nature, natural inclinations, and approach to things.

November is a special month as our Trinity family of faith comes together for worship. On Sunday, November 4, we will lift up the glory of what it means to live life as an honest to goodness saint of God. (I know, doesn't quite seem possible, does it!) On Sundays, November 11 and 18, we will talk about contagious generosity and what our response to this God-given gift of sainthood looks like when it comes to managing those resources which God has entrusted to our care. On Sunday, November 18, we will make our commitments to the Lord's work through our stewardship campaign called "Contagious Generosity." And at the end of the month, we have the great privilege of celebrating Thanksgiving together with hearts of gratitude for God's saving love and grace through Jesus.

Be joyful in the Lord.

It IS contagious!

See you in church—

Brian Mortenson

Worship Schedule

- **November 4 All Saints Sunday** • All services the week of November 4 give honor to God for the faithful people who have gone before us. In generous love, God has provided us with the saints, and in worship we'll include a visual remembrance of our family and friends who have died in the past year. All Saints is a wonderful festival to recall the people who have died in faith and passed along to us a legacy that will continue into the future.
- **November 21 Thanksgiving Eve** • Come and worship at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 21. This festive worship includes the Trinity Brass and all choirs. The Lord's Supper is offered, and many children will make their first communion.
- **Christmas Eve** • Join us on Christmas Eve for worship.
 - 11:00 A.M. Family Christmas Worship with children's choirs. Prelude begins at 10:30 A.M.
 - 4:00 P.M. Contemporary Candlelight Christmas led by Harmony in Spirit.
 - 8:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Christmas with organ, Trinity Choir, and Trinity Toller Handbell Choir. Prelude begins at 7:30 P.M.



November & December Friendship Group

The November Friendship Group's meet on November 14 will be a bus trip to the Ames Center to view the new Church Basement Ladies play. Those registered should be at the church parking lot by 8:45 A.M.; the bus will leave promptly at 9:00 A.M.

The December meeting will be a Christmas service in the Chapel on December 12 at 10:30 A.M. Our business meeting and election of officers will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Give thanks with a grateful heart! Give thanks to the Holy One! On Thanksgiving Day, November 22, Trinity will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community. We'll offer two seatings:

11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. The atmosphere is festive, the food is great, the children's activities are fun, and the joy of giving thanks to God is on the faces of everyone!

Last year, we served 507 meals and had more than 100 volunteers serving in many ways. We hope to serve many again this year, and volunteers are necessary across a spectrum of duties: food preparation, carving turkeys, servers, clean-up, and home delivery drivers are only a few of the tasks needed to make this dinner a success.

Are you available and willing to volunteer to serve and/or donate food or funds for this event of service and fellowship? Watch for sign-up sheets to volunteer and lists of needed food items will be available soon in the lobby, as well as on our website under the "Serve" link.



Praying in Color

Here are some reasons to Pray in Color:

1. You want to pray, but the words escape you.
2. You have trouble sitting still and staying focused.
3. Your body wants to be part of your prayer.
4. You want to just spend time with God, but you don't know how.
5. You want to be a listener in prayer, but your mind wanders and your body complains.
6. You want a visual, concrete way to pray.
7. You want a NEW way to pray.

Praying in Color does not require artistic ability; just doodling and a desire to pray. Those who have experience are invited to gather together to pray alongside one another. If you have not experienced this before, Pastor Natalie will teach you. All supplies will be supplied. If you have a favorite set of colored pencils, markers, or pens you may wish to bring them. You are invited to join Pastor Natalie in the lobby on Friday, November 16, at 10:30 A.M.; Tuesday, November 27, at 1:30 P.M.; and Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 P.M.

Are You a Snow Bird?

If you're moving or heading south for the winter, Trinity can change your address. Let us know when you're leaving and how long you'll be away, and we'll be sure to get Trinity mail to you in a timely fashion. Whenever you change address, please let Trinity know! You can email Becky Ragsdale at becky@trinity-ec.org or by phone 715.832.6601 ext 202.

Christmas Cantata

On December 23, The Trinity Choir along with instrumentalists will perform the Christmas Cantata "A Night For Rejoicing" by Lee and Susan Dengler. The choir offers an invitation to singers in every voice section to join us for this seasonal event. Our cantata rehearsals are on Thursdays during the second half of our weekly choir rehearsal in the choir room and begin at approximately 7:30 P.M. Please walk right in. Also, this year we are going to try a Sunday rehearsal between services for those who can not attend on Thursdays. We will begin at approximately 9:10 A.M. with a tenor/bass sectional and at 9:25 A.M. with a soprano/alto sectional starting on Sunday, October 28. The cantata is very accessible so, even if you have some scheduling conflicts but can make most of the rehearsals, please join us in performing this enjoyable work. Call Gary Rambo with any questions at 715.832.4429.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, November 15, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: La Von Schlenker
Leader: Barbara Johnson

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 P.M. Trinity
Hostess:
Leader:

Miriam

Wednesday, November 21, 9:30 A.M.
Trinity
Hostess: Marsha Arnette
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

Ruth

Tuesday, November 20, 1:30 P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Marge Oleson
Leader: Group



ADVENT APPROACHES

Hope Advent Devotions

Trinity is creating Advent Devotions on the theme Hope to post on our Facebook page and to turn into a booklet for those who like print materials. Writers are needed from the congregation to write a devotion for one day. There is a bulletin board display that will show you the Bible verse or hymn phrase for each day. You may choose a day and take the card with the theme verse or hymn phrase. The back of the card will have basic guidelines for writing your devotion. Under your card will be a place to write your name and contact information. You can put your card in a billfold or purse and have everything you need to know! Please contact Pastor Natalie with any further questions at natalie@trinity-ec.org

Faith Lights

This Christmas, the Trinity Endowment Trust Board invites you to honor and memorialize relatives and special friends by dedicating Faith Lights in their name. These lights will adorn Christmas trees in the Trinity Lobby this season. For a small donation, you can dedicate a white light to memorialize a loved one; or a blue light to honor a living relative or friend, or simply to express the joy of faith this Christmas. Faith Light orders will be received through December 10. Forms are available in the Lobby, office, or at trinity-ec.org. All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.

Christmas Wreaths

Trinity youth will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths and Door Swags from Baroka's Wreaths on Sundays, November 4 and 11, and on Wednesdays, November 7 and 14. A table, along with wreath samples, will be in the lobby. Wreaths and swags will be available for pick-up at Trinity on Sunday, November 25. This fundraiser will assist students in raising money to attend the summer mission trip to the Appalachian Mountains.

Give the Gift of Reading this Christmas

We can help you share the joy of the season through storytelling. The Trinity Library will have books on display that celebrate the season of Christmas to share with the children in your life. The Christmas Book Fair display will be in the lobby on Sundays November 11 and 18. Samples of the books will be available for you look over.

Annual Advent Workshop

It's time for one of our most anticipated events of the year! The Advent Workshop will be held on Sunday, November 25, from 2:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. The Advent Workshop is for people of all ages. Participants will be able to choose from more than 25 activities centered on getting ready for the birth of Jesus. Members are encouraged to invite friends. Delicious treats will be served throughout the afternoon.

We are looking for people to lead an activity. This is a great service project for confirmation students and their parents. Beginning on November 4 there will be a sign up sheet and display located in the lobby. For more information, please contact Sara Reed at sarar@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext. 218.

Angel Breakfast

Preschool and kindergarten age children and one adult guest per child are invited to the Annual Angel Breakfast on Saturday, December 1, from 8:30 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Children and adults will participate in activities, have breakfast together, and hear the Christmas Story. The cost is \$10.00 per couple along with two non-perishable food items for the Wall of Food. Registration forms will be available outside the Children's Ministries Office. Reservations are required.

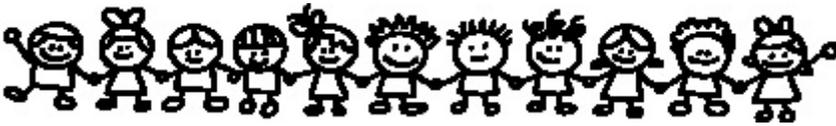
Advent Tea

Trinity's Fifth Annual Advent Tea is on Monday, December 3, in the Trinity Room from 2:00 P.M.–4:00 P.M. Good food, great fellowship, a sing-a-long, and performances by Janet Martin (one of the Church Basement Ladies) and Trinity's Noah's Ark Preschool children will be the highlights. There is no cost for this event. We are again looking for people willing to share their Christmas dishes, fancy sandwiches, and holiday cookies. We will also collect items for the Homeless Women Vet's Boutique. A list of needed items will be available when you sign up for the Tea. Look for the sign-up board in the lobby starting on Sunday, November 4. You will be able to sign up until Friday, November 30. Please call Sheila Running at 715.832.9686 or Ann Nelson at 715.836.09495 with questions.





Children's Ministries



Wednesday Impact and Sunday School

Wednesday Impact and Sunday School is underway! Registration remains open for Wednesday Impact (Grades 3–6), choirs (Pre-Kindergarten–Grade 6), and Sunday School classes (three year old–Grade Six). For more information, contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext.218, sarar@trinity-ec.org or visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org. We encourage children to bring their Spark Bibles to each Sunday School class and Wednesday Impact class.

First Communion Instruction

We invite children and parents who are in second grade and above who have not participated in Communion to meet for instruction on Saturday, November 3, from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. Their first Communion celebration will be during the Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 21 at 6:30 P.M. For more information about our programs please see our website www.trinity-ec.org, our Facebook page, or contact Sara Reed 715.832.6601 ext 218.

Open Gym Tuesdays

On Tuesdays, beginning January 8 through March 19, from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. the Trinity Room will be open for parents and their young children (toddlers–preschool) to come in and use our equipment in a large safe space. We offer a story time and snack during the last half hour. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. No registration is required for Open Gym. The cost is \$3 per child, per session.

Volunteer in the Nursery

If you like to help care for young children and are be willing to help out in our Nursery during the 9:45 A.M. service on Sunday 1–3 times a year, we would greatly appreciate it. We do have a full time nursery attendant, so your responsibility would be to assist. We will be making a new schedule of volunteers for January–May, 2019. If you are interested in being a part of that ministry helping young families, please contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or sarar@trinity-ec.org

Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Call in registration for our Winter Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs opens on November 6 for Come and Play Wednesday session and Come and Play Friday session (formerly called Friday Friends). On November 8, all other ECE classes are open for registration at 8:00 A.M. Registration is call-in on a first come, first serve basis. You may register by calling Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601.

Noah's Ark News

Greetings from Noah's Ark,

We have been enjoying wonderful days at Noah's Ark Preschool this fall! The children are getting into their routines and learning about being in school. They are becoming more and more independent as they learn to make choices, help at clean up time, get ready for their snack, and have fun with friends! It is a blessing for us to be able to guide these children at the start of their school years and help them become peacemakers for the years that follow.

As I write this article, we are preparing to host our annual Fall Spaghetti Supper. It will be a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and fun! We hope to see many congregational members there to be a part of the Noah's Ark community. I am filled with gratitude for the support for Noah's Ark Preschool and our ministry here at Trinity. I am thankful for the many parents, youth, and other adults who volunteer their time to help. I am thankful for the generosity of many individuals, families, and businesses who donate food or money to sponsor this event. I am also thankful that through the tithe chosen by our Preschool Committee, we are able to share our blessings. This is all peacemaking in action! It is so heartwarming to feel this support! All of you help make Noah's Ark strong!

In October, we spent days outside in God's world as we observed the many changes that fall brings. We enjoyed field trips to Leffel Roots Apple Orchard. We baked apple pies with the kids rolling out their own pie crust and filling it with apples. They were delicious and added a delicious aroma to the halls of Trinity! As we close up the month of October, we will have fun at our costume party days. Kids love to pretend and imagine, and this is a day made just for that!

We continue to be blessed by the wonderful smiles, peacemaker words and actions, and inquisitive minds of the children of Noah's Ark every day!

In Peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker





Youth Ministries



Luther Park Recharge

The next Luther Park Recharge is November 2–3. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is *Firm Foundation: Our Refuge and Strength*. The registration cost is \$80 and includes programming from 7:00 P.M. Friday until 7:00 P.M. Saturday, meals, lodging, and a Recharge t-shirt. Sign-up at the Toolbench AND register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available if needed. Contact Ashley at ashley@trinity-ec.org with any questions.

No Club 78 or Club 9 Programming

Just a reminder that there will be no programming on Wednesday, November 21. Please consider attending Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 P.M.

Student Fundraising Accounts

All students in grades 7–12 at Trinity have the opportunity to fundraise for their own Student Account. For every fundraising activity they participate in through Trinity, they will be given a portion of the proceeds from that fundraiser according to the time they spent at the fundraiser. The students are then able to use this money toward any Trinity sponsored event to help ease the burden of the financial cost. If a student does not use the money by the time they graduate high school, then this money is either given to a younger sibling's account or given to the Scholarship Fund for all students. Families may check their account balance by contacting Ashley in the Youth Office.

Wall of Food Competition

For the month of November, grades 7, 8 and 9 will be having a competition of which grade can bring in the most food items for our Wall of Food. Please turn in all food items to Ashley so that she can count them and record them for your grade. The grade that brings in the most food items will receive a GRAND SURPRISE!

Cookie Bake

The annual Cookie Bake is scheduled for Saturday, November 17, from 9:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. in the Trinity Room. Youth will decorate bags and bake cookies. The festive bags of cookies will then be delivered to shut-in Trinity members during Pastoral or Parish Nurse Visits, as well as included with the Christmas Sharing Project.

Youth Make Affirmation of Faith

Confirmation is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church that is designed to help baptized children identify with the life and mission of the adult Christian community. It is celebrated in a public rite. On October 28, the following high school youth publicly affirmed their baptism in worship: Madeline Avery, Tia Batz, Jake Becker, Callie Berg, Brooke Betley, Henk Boese, Lydia Brandenburg, Keagan Brown, Jack Campbell, Carly Engel, Emily Fletcher, Grant Gerber, Anthony Giani, Tanner Groseth, Matthew Gyorfi, Abigail Hager, Preston Heit, Joseph Holtman, Logan Hughes, Connor Jol, Campbell Kapanke, Ellie Knickerbocker, Sarah Kuenkel, Cole Long, Carter Mangus, Alina McIntyre, Annika Meyer, Makenna Moen, Austin Monson, Jack Myhre, Leah Olsen, Hannah Olson, Nick Owens, Ally Planert, Abigail Proudlock, Austin Reed, Spencer Rhoten, Rachel Scarseth, Annaka Scherf, Andrew Southard, Nathan Studt, Simon Twite, Alison Voelker, Kailyn Walukas, Austin Zainhofsky, Bailey Zainhofsky

Milestone Ministry Care Packages

Trinity would like to extend our continued support to all students who have begun their first year of post-secondary education. We would like to send care packages to students to show how God's love at Trinity extends beyond our walls to support them as they finish up their first semester of school. We hope this small token will remind students they are still a valued part of their home faith community. If you would like a package mailed to your child, please forward their mailing address to Sara Reed at sara@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 218 by Sunday, December 2.



SOCIAL CONCERNS



Serving in Christ's Love

Friends of Flynn

- **Giving Thanks and Showing Appreciation** • We give thanks for the staff at our partner school, Flynn Elementary, and all they do for children. During November we will show our appreciation by sharing a treat with them and continuing to offer our support.
- **Weekend Meals** • Also in November, we will send in our contribution for weekend meals to Feed My People Food Bank. FMP supplies the foods that go into the bags, Trinity confirmation students and parents are part of packing teams, and Trinity drivers deliver to the school on Friday mornings. Please note that we are looking for drivers to help with these deliveries. Contact Lynn Gullicksrud at 715.835.4795. Currently over 77 meals are being sent home each weekend.
- **Books for Flynn Children** • As students leave for Christmas break we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. We have done this for several years now, and the students really look forward to and enjoy this gift from our congregation. So please keep this project in mind as you do your Christmas shopping. A display will be in the lobby by Sunday, November 25, where you can pick up book lists and then place your purchased books in a bin.

Thank you members and friends of Trinity for your support of Flynn Elementary School through your donations—you do make a difference for these families in our community.

Beacon House

Trinity will fulfill a variety of tasks at the Beacon House from November 4–8. 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 & Diane Fritz, Trinity members, will contact you with additional details. Thank you!

Thank You for Supporting for Special Souls

As a part of our “Soles for Special Souls” outreach ministry, we provide vouchers for children to receive new winter boots through our partnership with Payless Shoe Source. Parents visiting our Food Pantry sign up to receive vouchers for their children. In addition, we provide vouchers to school counselors at Robbins Elementary and Flynn Elementary to distribute as needed.

In mid-October, we were able to distribute vouchers to children in need of winter boots. What a joy it is to see children excited to have new boots well

before the snow begins to fly! Thank you for your donations to keep children's feet warm this winter!

Lutheran World Relief Load-A-Truck

Various churches from around the region, including Trinity, brought their donations of quilts and kits and loaded them on the truck that then drove the donations to Minnesota. These items will now be shipped around the world to those in need. Lutheran World Relief works to improve the lives of millions of smallholder farmers and people experiencing poverty in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and the Middle East both in times of emergencies and for the long term. Thank you to the great team of youth and adult volunteers who showed up to unload items from vehicles and load them into the LWR truck.

Hospital Visits

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.



Health Ministries



Dear Trinity,

Today a very special person, who has been in my life for just a couple of years, died. I will miss her! She was one of the first "homebound" church members that I visited. I was nervous because I was taking another visitor's place. Would I do communion right; what would we talk about; would I live up to her expectations. Well, she welcomed me with a smile and a hug, she had baked a dessert, and

we talked for almost two hours. From that time on, our friendship blossomed. Just by her example, she showed me how to be patient, determined, and giving. Age does not define what you can do to help others. She touched so many lives with her small acts of kindness. If I make it to 90+, I want to be just like her.

This weekend was "God's Work. Our Hands." for Trinity and several other churches in Eau Claire. Again, there were small acts of kindness and caring that touch people's lives in ways we may never know.

When our lives intersect with others, it is an opportunity to show God's love and receive it. A smile for a stranger, a thank you for a store clerk, holding the door for someone... we will never know what that small act of kindness means to another person and how it may come back to us. A quilt top to warm, a pair of mittens for a little one's hands, a stuffed animal to comfort. God bless and keep you, Lorraine.

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Colossians 2:16–17 *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.* Happy Thanksgiving!

Connect With Others Support Group

A Huntington's Disease Support Group will begin at Trinity on Saturday, December 1, from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. in the Fireside Room. It will run from September through May and meet on the first Saturday of each month. Participating in a support group will help you live well with Huntington's Disease. This group will help provide support and hope. Get involved and learn about advances in Huntington's disease health care, and how to cope with HD: being at risk, managing symptoms, and care giving. Learn about resources available to you and your family and connect with other HD families that are living well with HD.

Mark Your Calendars!

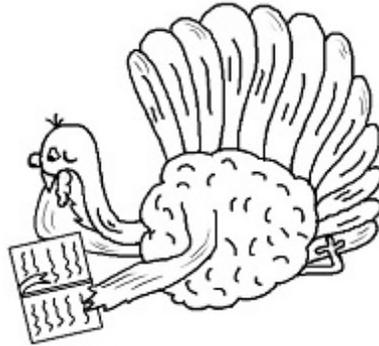
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** • Monday, November 12, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. The challenge to the congregation is for a record donation. Our goal is 45 units! Register at church or online at redcrossblood.org. In August, Parish Nurse Vicki Dueringer donated blood. A short time later, she received a card in the mail stating that her "double red cell" donation was sent to Regions Hospital in St Paul and to Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN. The blood you give does make a difference in someone's life. PLEASE DONATE! In 2017, Trinity donated 92 units of blood and received a certification. There might be birthday cake and ice cream also.
- **Annual Caregiver Town Hall Meeting** • Monday, November 12, from 3:30 P.M.–8:00 P.M. at Florian Gardens. The meeting will include a resource fair, educational breakout sessions, dinner and a show by the "Looney Lutherans." Cost is \$10. Register by calling ADRC 715.839.4735 or online at adrcvents.org.
- **Trinity Caroling for the Whole Family** • Sunday, December 9. We will meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. We will then go to the Classics, River Pines, and Heritage. A soup and bread supper in the Trinity Room follow caroling.
- **Prayer Beads** • We have had some of the stringing wire break on the prayers beads. If your beads have "broken," please return them to the office and they will be repaired.
- **Blood Pressure Screening** • Stop by the church office on Sunday, November 11, to have your blood pressure checked!





TRINITY LIBRARY

During November ... Look for books with a Thanksgiving theme in a specially marked display and feast with our bountiful books! This is what is new in the Trinity Library.



Fiction

- *Salt Houses* by Hala Alyan. Lyrical and heartbreaking, *Salt Houses* is a remarkable debut novel that asks readers to confront that most complicated of all truths: you can't go home again. (FIC ALY)
- *A Spark Of Light* by Jodi Picoult. One of the most fearless writers of our time, Jodi Picoult tackles a complicated issue in this gripping and nuanced novel. How do we balance the rights of pregnant women with the rights of the unborn they carry? What does it mean to be a good parent? (FIC PIC)

Biography

- *The Restless Wave* by John McCain and Mark Salter. An American hero, John McCain reflects on his life and what matters most. (B McC)
- *The Good Neighbor, The Life and Work of Fred Rogers* by Maxwell King. This full-length biography of Fred Rogers tells the story of this unique and enduring American figure. (B KIN)

Youth

- *Who Is Wayne Gretzky?* by Gail Herman. Wayne Gretzky was a hockey superstar known as the Great One. Young people can read about his life and contributions to his sport in this volume of the best-selling series, *Who Is...* (+ B HER)
- *Soldier Sister, Fly Home* by Nancy Bo Flood. Half-Navajo, half-white sisters Tess and Gaby are separated when Gaby drops out of college to join the army. Now as Gaby is deployed to Iraq, she asks Tess to care for Blue, the spirited horse that Tess dislikes. Tess struggles with her identity and with missing her sister, and she decides to spend the summer with her grandmother at sheep camp where tragedy strikes. (+ FIC FLO)
- *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters* by Andrea Beaty. When Rosie is unable to invent a contraption to help one of Aunt Rose's Raucous Riveters friends, she calls on classmates Iggy Peck and Ada Twist to help. (+ FIC BEA)
- *Louisiana's Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo. When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave their home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. After all, Granny has many middle-of-the-night ideas. But this time, things are different. (+ FIC DIC)

Picture Books for Children

- *Leaf Trouble* by Jonathan Emmett. Two young squirrels are sad to see the beautiful leaves coming off the trees in the fall but were happy to learn it was a natural process and the leaves would return. (++) FIC EMM)
- *Pumpkin Town!* by Katie McKy. What happens when a town has an accidental abundance of pumpkins? Readers are invited to step into Pumpkintown and see. (++) FIC MCK)
- *Fall Mixed Up* by Bob Raczka. Fall is all mixed up in this silly book. Readers can look for the mistakes in the words and pictures. (++) FIC RAC).
- *Hush Hush, Forest* by Mary Casanova. Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text show how, throughout autumn, forest animals prepare for winter as shadows lengthen, the ground freezes, and northern lights begin to appear. (++) FIC FAS).
- *Leaves* by David Ezra Stein. A curious bear observes how leaves change throughout the seasons. (++) FIC STE).
- *Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn* by Kenard Pak. In a simple, evocative conversation with nature, a young girl witnesses how the season changes from summer to autumn. (++) FIC PAK)

Page Turners Book Club

Interested in reading a good book? The Trinity Page Turners Book Club meets once a month during the school year. Books, both fiction and nonfiction, are chosen by the group to be read over the course of the school year. Brochures with this year's titles are available in the library.

On Tuesday, November 20, at 6:30 P.M. in the library, the group will discuss *Only Child* by Rhiannon Navin. Squeezed into a coat closet with his classmates and teacher, first grader Zach Taylor can hear gunshots ringing through the halls of his school. A gunman has entered the building, taking nineteen lives and irrevocably changing the very fabric of this close-knit community.



Received in September Memorials & Gifts

Trinity Tollers Handbells

- In memory of Pink Warner: Joel & Mary Strayer

Food Pantry

- In memory of Richard Linn: Helen Counsell
- In memory of Jim Davis: Barb Vorhes, Jeff & Kathy Doering, Cheryl Bluske, Ardis Nystuen, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, Jan & Owen Moyer, John Geske & Sally LaRose, Mark & Marti Hofer, Gary & Mary Rambo
- In memory of Omer & Ardis Creydt: Joel & Pam Creydt
- In memory of Mark Hillestad: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Jim & Marilyn Bollinger

Library

- In memory of Richard Linn: Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Barb Lee, Jerry & Joanne Dow

Children's Bibles

- In memory of Pink Warner: Rose Sippel
- In memory of Jim Davis: Rose Sippel, Susan Brumberg-Schaefer
- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Jeanne Cooper

Women's Ministries—Advent Tea

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