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## Worship Times Grow

Beginning the week of September 9, Trinity resumes its schedule of four weekly worship opportunities. Plan to worship often this coming school year. Worship opportunities are:

Sundays at 8:15 A.M. in the Worship Center.

Sundays at 9:45 A.M. in the Worship Center.

Sundays at 10:30 A.M. in the Chapel (south side of the building).

Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. in the Worship Center.

## New Opportunities for Parents

### Parenting Through the Phases

936 weeks. That's the approximate time you have from the moment your child is born until he or she graduates from high school. It goes by fast, and kids change and grow quickly. Just as you begin to figure them out, they shift or move on to a new rhythm, a new habit, and a new opinion. We know you want to make the most of each phase of your child's life! To find out how, we invite all parents to check out something new at Trinity: Parenting Through the Phases. This six week experience kicks off on Friday, September 21, and then follows up with small groups meeting late September into October. To register, see the blue "Register Here" button at [www.trinity-ec.org](http://www.trinity-ec.org). You can sign up for the kick-off event, small group study, or both! Contact Heather Day for more information at [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext 207.

### Parent Partnership

Come on the first and third Thursdays of the month, beginning September 20, from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M., to experience fellowship and learning with other parents. This group is open to all people whatever your family make up or whether you are a mom or a dad! Parent Partnership is a group open to the entire community. The hope is that you will find encouragement from other parents and be empowered to be better parents, partners, and community members. This will happen by bringing people together with bi-monthly meetings and encouraging regular community service. The group will meet in Trinity's Lobby. Childcare provided. Sign up at Clipboard Central or just come to the first meeting on Thursday, September 20! Contact Martha Klasen Ranek for more information at [mkslasen@gmail.com](mailto:mkslasen@gmail.com)

## An Opportunity to Serve. Help Sundays Happen!

In this season of change at Trinity, you are invited to lean-in, invest in your faith community, and remember that it's the awesome people with a shared and vital mission that make this congregation special. You are invited to pitch in on the weekends to make Sunday happen for members as well as for the visitors who grace our doors.

- Are you friendly, can smile and have 15 minutes to give? Try being a Greeter.
- Do you like good coffee? Come give hosting a whirl. We'll partner you up and give you training!
- How about being part of a team? The Ushers are ready to bring you on board.
- Do you have a passion for Word and Sacrament? We are looking for Readers and Communion Servers of all ages.

Sign up today by calling the church office and speaking to Becky Ragsdale at 715.832.6601 ext 202, or go directly to the [online sign up document](http://signup.com/go/XpeTZgA): <http://signup.com/go/XpeTZgA>

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## Changes to Youth & Children's Ministry Staffing

Trinity's staff has been working hard this summer to ensure coverage for all of the incredible faith-based programming that happens for children and youth, ages birth to 18! We were excited for long-time Youth Ministry Coordinator Cassie Brenden to make a shift to teaching with Noah's Ark Preschool last spring, Trinity posted the vacated high school youth ministry position available.

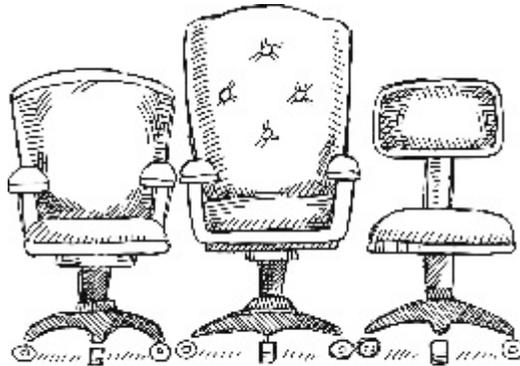
Then, through many conversations among the children, preschool, and youth ministry staff, it was discerned that for this coming fall, it would be possible to try out a staffing solution that covered ministry needs with current staff persons and not make an additional hire at this time. The staffing solution that is being tested these next months is as follows:

- Sara Reed, Director of Children's Ministries, will take up some of the responsibilities of the high school youth ministry position, including Club 9 and summer trips.
- Pastor Brahm will continue to work closely with Youth Ministry and the Youth Ministry Team.
- Marlee Knickerbocker, Noah's Ark Preschool Director, will take on the coordination of the Early Childhood Enrichment program, formerly coordinated by Sara Reed.

Questions about the Club 9 program and high school ministry can be directed to Pastor Brahm at this time, while Sara Reed is acclimated to this role. All Early Childhood Enrichment class questions can be directed to Marlee Knickerbocker. This staffing solution will allow our Children's, Youth, and Preschool ministries to discern our program and staffing needs for the budget year of 2019. We are grateful for the dedicated staff at Trinity who look to nurture faith in all these age groups!

## Connecting Senior Citizens Friendship Group

Please Note: there will be no September meeting! Planning ahead for November 14, the Friendship Group will be taking a bus to see the newest Church Basement Ladies play, "Smells Like Barn." The bus will leave the church at 9:00 A.M. We will enjoy a lunch of salad bar, turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and pie. Cost of the outing will be \$80 made payable to Trinity Friendship Group. For more information or to reserve a place, call Linda McClelland at 715.836.7719. The bus holds 27 so call soon!



## STAFF CHANGES

## Hospital Visits

Please be aware that Marshfield Hospital does not have a process in place yet that allows our pastoral staff to know if you are hospitalized there. If you or a family member are hospitalized at Marshfield Hospital, please call the church office at 715.832.6601 to let us know. Marshfield Hospital is working on a process!

## Informational Adult Forum Mission Jamaica

Have you ever considered taking a week out of your year to make a difference while making memories outside of the United States? Consider joining one of the Mission Jamaica trips this coming year. Trinity has a rich history of partnership with our friends at Jabneh Christian Academy in Grange Hill, Jamaica. On Sunday, September 30, you're invited to come and hear about the first two trips in January and March 2019 at adult forums between worship services!

- Men's Mission Trip in late January 2019. A project and building trip open to men of all ages and experience levels! Contact Pastor Brahm for more information at brahm@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 213.
- Cross-Generational Mission Trip—spring break with a purpose, March 22–29. This trip is open to men, women, young adults, youth, and children (fourth grade and older) and will feature a combination of cultural immersion experiences and service projects in the school/local community. Contact Pastor Sarah for more information at sarah@trinity-ec.org or 715.832.6601 ext 217.



## Together Trinity Can...

We can do more together! One hundred years ago, a French sociologist named Emile Durkheim published a book in which he explored the primary function of religion at its earliest levels, across cultures. Do you know what he found? A religious group not only functions to put people in touch with God, but equally as important, to put them in touch with one another. Communities of faith share together events like birth, marriage and bereavement, planting and harvesting, from the most joyous to the most difficult times, so that no one has to face them alone.

In this next season, we will lift up all the things that Together Trinity can do! In September, we'll explore how Trinity Can be Community. We all need a village—people who are "our people" and become extended family to us. How do you find that in a city of 68,000? Where does that exist in a church of 2,300 members? This month, we encourage you to rededicate yourselves to this community of faith and our shared mission. During this time of transition in leadership, how might you be able to step up and help make community happen? Can you assist with worship, join a Bible study or small group, teach our youth, or just show up for a potluck? You are an important part of what makes Trinity a community that—by the Spirit at work among us—can do so very much to effect individual lives and the world around us for good!

## Four Ways to Engage Lean-in to Trinity this Fall

1. **Worship!** How good it is when we come together as the people of God at Trinity. Worship is the heart of who we are together. Whether you are a life-long member or a first time guest, you are a critical part of this community. Make Sundays or Wednesdays the downbeat to your week's dance! (Sundays 8:15 A.M., 9:45 A.M., 10:30 A.M.; Wednesdays 6:30 P.M.)
2. **Sign up!** On Sunday, September 9, come to the Ministry Fair following both worship services and learn about all the opportunities to serve in Christ's love and share the good news through Trinity this season!
3. **Eat!** On Sunday, September 23, Trinity will have a potluck. Bring a dish to share, and join others for an old-fashioned church smorgasbord beginning at 10:45 A.M. in the Trinity Room.
4. **Connect!** If you do not follow Trinity on Instagram or Facebook, there is no time like the present. Keep up-to-date on current happenings and engage with other friends of Trinity through these social media platforms.



## Meet Pastor Brian

Pastor Brian Mortenson will join us as our new Lead Pastor on an interim basis beginning September 1. We asked him following questions to help our congregation get acquainted with him and know a little bit about what to expect upon his arrival.

### **What do you find interesting or compelling about the work of leading a church in transition?**

The compelling issue for me during an interim time is managing the critical balance of:

- A. Maintaining the congregation's strengths and forward momentum in order that there are no major "hiccups" as relates to a productive ministry (in spite of the fact that to be in between permanent lead pastors is a very big deal!);
- B. While at the same time, leading necessary adjustments in order to best prepare for a new permanent lead pastor.

An interim time is precisely the time which necessitates this important balance, and I am energized by working with a strong congregation like Trinity, especially Council leadership and staff, in pursuing this dual approach to paving the way for God's future.

### **How do you see your role with this congregation during the interim time, based on what you have learned about this church so far?**

The single thing that most defines my vision for my role at Trinity is the fact that it is a healthy congregation with a strong sense of mission identity and positive self understanding as the body of Christ. The CAT (congregational assessment tool comprehensive survey) is only about two years old and so has not collected a lot of dust. For me, this makes it easy to hit the ground running in terms of the strong and recent feedback from the congregation.



### So my role?

- A. To take on the privileged place of serving as the called spiritual leader during this interim time.
- B. To step into the leadership role as head of staff; to provide support and leadership for the great team of folks carrying out the spiritual program and the business side of the operation at Trinity.
- C. To engage in the work of reviewing infrastructure and working with the council to do whatever recalibration is necessary to prepare for the ultimate healthy onboarding of the next permanent lead pastor.
- D. To help guide the Council, along with President Tami Satre and Vice President James Fedie, to move toward the establishment of the recruitment and installation of a Call Committee.
- E. Ultimately to assist the Council, along with the staff of the Northwest Synod office, in developing the charge which will be delivered to the Call Committee with their marching orders so that they can begin their holy work.

### What is your favorite part about being a minister and why? Least favorite?

Certainly there is no greater privilege that exists on the face of this planet than that of sharing the great gospel love of Jesus for all of God's people. What can possibly be more fun than to be able to talk about the greatest news in the history of the universe? Definitely my favorite. Least favorite? Meetings. If they don't help us make progress toward a productive ministry, discipleship growth, and glorifying God, then they are definitely my least favorite part. I can actually love a good meeting. So part of my role is to help ensure that meetings are productive, or else be discerning about whether they are necessary!

### What roles and obligations make up your life?

Wow, good question. After the big one (a beloved child of God) and my professional ministry role as an interim pastor, my family roles are: husband (I love being married to Sheri), father (three children and three children in law), son (mom is in Maple Grove, Minnesota), and as of 2017 grandfather.

### Are you more of an introvert or an extrovert in the role of pastor? What are the unique gifts that come with this temperament?

On the Myers-Briggs scale, I am an INTJ. For those who don't know and don't really care what that is all about, I am an introvert who of course is in a professional role requiring a great deal of extroverted behaviors and functions. Most people would not know or guess that I have an introverted personality type.

Perhaps this is why I have really found a blessed niche as an interim pastor. I find it energizing and rewarding to land in a new situation where it is my role to be fully engaged in looking, listening, and learning upon landing. I am a fairly quick study, and I appreciate, as Stephen Covey has made well known, "seeking first to understand, before seeking to be understood." I believe my personality type has

constructive benefit along those lines.

One thing about being more introverted by nature is that we tend to become uncomfortable when there is a pinpoint of focus on oneself. So let's move to the next question...

### Some members want this process of calling a new lead pastor to clip along quickly. Others want it to be a slower process. How do you respond to these two different opinions?

I wholeheartedly agree on both counts! :-). Unless a congregation is severely in conflict, scandal, or great upheaval, there is no reason to intentionally slow things down as long as the required transition work can be accomplished.

On the other hand, we all will appreciate the diligence and discipline of a process which will allow for firm conviction about the future to be thoughtfully solidified prior to engaging in the call process.

In my conversation with Council leadership, we have established a 10 month expectation for my time with Trinity. Because of the very intentional work that Trinity did leading up to the retirement of Pastor Kurt, we believe that many things which otherwise would have needed to take place will not need to be "re-done."

### Do you use humor in your sermons?

I think that would be highly inappropriate and distasteful. Kidding.

I believe one of God's greatest gifts is that of humor, and I believe that the utilization of it has a place in every important and serious context. We all are more receptive, peaceful at heart, and engaged in every important thing in life when humor can be a part of it.



# Music, Music, Music

## Children's Groups

Our Family Pizza Dinner Event will be Wednesday, September 5, at 5:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room. You may register online at [trinity-ec.org/register.phtml](http://trinity-ec.org/register.phtml). Rehearsals for God's Little Singers and Jesus And Me begin on Wednesday, September 19. This date is also the first meeting of the Impact Group.

- **God's Little Singers:** This choir is for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children. Rehearsals are held in the Noah's Ark Preschool room from 5:00 P.M.–6:15 P.M. The choir director is Jeanne Cooper. She can be reached at 715.832.6601 ext 207 or [jeanne@trinity-ec.org](mailto:jeanne@trinity-ec.org)
- **Jesus And Me:** This choir is for children in grades 1 and 2. Rehearsals are held in the Choir Room 507 from 5:00 P.M.–6:15 P.M. The choir director is Corinne Gransee Paral. She can be reached at 715.839.9173 or [cgranseeparal@mac.com](mailto:cgranseeparal@mac.com)

## Celebration Singers

This choir is for youth in Grades 7–8. Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 26, in the Choir Room 507 from 7:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M. Registration is Wednesday, September 5, at Club 78 Orientation at 7:15 P.M. or come to the first rehearsal. The Choir Director is Corinne Gransee Paral. She can be reached at 715.839.9173 or [cgranseeparal@mac.com](mailto:cgranseeparal@mac.com)

## CrossWord Youth Band

The CrossWord Youth Band is for students in Grades 7–12. The youth band leads Wednesday Worship during the school year. Band rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 5, in the Lobby at 5:30 P.M. with a Pizza Party. The Director is Andy Hofer. He can be reached at 715.271.1280 or [andyhofer31@gmail.com](mailto:andyhofer31@gmail.com)

## Trinity Tollers Handbell Choir

The Trinity Tollers handbell choir is for students in Grade 7 through adults. Bell rehearsals begin on Tuesday, September 4, in the Worship Center from 6:15 P.M.–8:00 P.M. The Director is Ryan Poquette. He can be reached at 715.552.5266 or [ryan@creation27.com](mailto:ryan@creation27.com)

## Harmony In Spirit Worship Team

This worship team is for students in Grade 9 through adults. HIS leads the 9:45 A.M. Sunday worship service vocally and instrumentally each week.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:15 P.M. in the Worship Center beginning September 5. The Director is Shirley Sands. She can be reached at 715.832.6601 ext 214 or [shirley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:shirley@trinity-ec.org)

## Trinity Choir

This choral group is for students in Grade 9 through adults. Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 P.M. in the Choir Room 507. The Trinity Choir welcomes and invites you to join the group this fall. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that "—we will sing songs all the days of our life in the house of the Lord." Isaiah 38:20. We are in need of singers in all voice ranges. We welcome "snow birds," singers with busy schedules and occasional conflicts, and offer a special invitation to new members of Trinity. If you have any questions, please contact Trinity Choir Director Gary R a m b o a t 715.832.4429.

*Join us*

## Trinity Liturgical Dance Team

We have two Liturgical Dance Teams this fall for people of every age who are seeking to help spread God's message through movement. No experience is necessary. The Director is Lynn Buske. She can be reached at 715.514.4648.

- Youth Dance Team (ages 7 and up) will rehearse on Sundays from 4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. in the Worship Center. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 16.
- Adult Dance Team (ages 16 and older) will rehearse on Sundays from 5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M. in the Worship Center. Rehearsals begin on Sunday, September 16.



# Children's Ministries

## Be A Teacher!

Be part of the team that shares the Good News with our children. We need volunteers to lead Sunday school and Wednesday night classes. Teaching materials, supplies, and support are provided. Rally Sunday is September 9 with ice cream treats served in the Trinity Room. We begin Sunday lessons on September 16 and our Wednesday lessons on September 19. Consider job sharing; find a partner or ask to be assigned one.

### Sunday Morning Teaching Positions

- ▶ Session 1 (8:55 A.M.–9:30 A.M.): Two year olds though grade 6
- ▶ Session 2 (10:30 A.M.–11:05 A.M.): Two year olds through grade 6

### Wednesday Evening IMPACT Teaching Positions

There are teaching spots for Grade 3, 4, 5, and 6. Qualified people include adults and youth (youth teachers must be in high school and have completed ninth grade; seventh, eighth and ninth grade students can be helpers when they aren't participating in confirmation classes) who are committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus with our young people.

### To Volunteer

- ▶ Sign up on the chart located in the hallway by the Children's Ministries office or at the display in the lobby on Sunday mornings.
- ▶ Call the church office and ask for Sara Reed 715.832.6601 ext 218
- ▶ Email Sara at [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org)

### Teacher Orientations

At each orientation, you will receive your teaching materials, important procedures, and schedules, and you will help generate class lists!

- ▶ Wednesday Night Teachers will meet on Wednesday, September 12, at 6:30 P.M. in room 208.
- ▶ Sunday School Teachers will meet on Thursday, September 13, at 7:00 P.M. in the Trinity Room.

## Important Dates

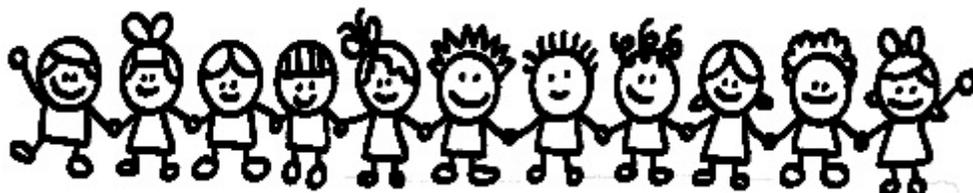
- Sunday School, Impact, Choir Registration Event • Wednesday, September 5, beginning at 5:00 P.M. Come with your family for a pizza supper.
- Rally Sunday is September 9 • Bibles distributed to three year olds and third grade students.
- Wednesday, September 19 • Wednesday Night schedule begins.
- Sunday, September 23 • Education Staff Installation at 9:45 A.M. worship service.

Thank you for saying "YES" to teaching our children about God's love

## Early Childhood Enrichment Classes

- **Music and Movement 1:** Meets Mondays, September 10–December 17, from 9:00 A.M.–9:45 A.M. for parents and their children whose birth dates are between 09.01.15 and 05.31.17.
- **Music and Movement 2:** Meets Mondays, September 10–December 17, from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. for children who turn four between 09.01.18 and 08.31.19.
- **Creative Arts:** Meets Mondays, September 10–December 17, from 12:30–2:30 P.M. for children who turn four between 09.01.18 and 08.31.19.
- **Camp Come and Play:** Two year old children are invited to join Camp Come & Play this fall. In this drop off program, children are provided a warm and safe Christian environment to play with other children. Children have opportunities to paint, sing, dance, and listen to great books and Bible stories. Classes meet in the Trinity nursery on Wednesdays, September 12–December 19 from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M., or 12:15 P.M.–2:15 P.M. Children born between 09.01.15 and 05.31.16 are eligible to participate.
- **Thrilling Thursdays:** Meets Thursdays, September 13–December 20, from 9:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M. for children who turn four by 09.01.18.

To register, contact Mrs. Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext 205. or [marlee@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marlee@trinity-ec.org)





## Noah's Ark Preschool

Noah's Ark Preschool has openings for children in their fall classes. Noah's Ark is a great place for young children and their families! We have openings in our M/W/F classes. The 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. class enrolls children who are four by September 1. The 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. class enrolls children who are four by January 1, 2019. For more information or to register, contact Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 ext 205 or at [marlee@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marlee@trinity-ec.org)

## Noah's News

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

The school year is upon us at Noah's Ark! We are excited to welcome the children of God into our classroom and our hearts to work and learn together to be God's peacemakers! We look forward to bringing this community of families and children together at Noah's Ark for a year of fun discovery, peacemaking, and sharing God's great love. Along with welcoming returning and new children, we welcome our new teacher, Cassie Brenden. She has been a part of Trinity as a long time member and a Youth Ministry staff person. We are excited for the new gifts she will offer as a teacher now at Noah's Ark.

We will kick off our year with parent-child visit days on Tuesday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 5. Then our days will be "just for kids" days! We'll start our year with the Noah's Ark story, sharing the great love and protection God offers to Noah through God's call to him. We'll be busy exploring our class environment, discovering new friends, learning new routines, creating in our art center, and enjoying fall days on our playground. It's wonderful to anticipate the fun, learning, and peacemaking which will take place at Noah's Ark this year!

If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a child in Noah's Ark, it is not too late! We still have openings in several of our classes, including the Tuesday/Thursday afternoon class and our Monday/Wednesday/Friday morning and afternoon classes. Call me at 715.832.6601 ext 205 or [marlee@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marlee@trinity-ec.org) for more information or to enroll today.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for a safe, fun, educational year filled with God's love and promises for each one of these precious children of God. Peacemakers!

In Peace,  
Marlee Knickerbocker



# Youth Ministries

## 7th Grade Bibles and Backpacks

On Wednesday, September 19, at the 6:30 P.M. worship service, our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive their Bibles and backpacks! They will use these throughout their Affirmation of Baptism years to learn, study, and grow in their faith. Please join us on September 19 as we celebrate with them.

## Mark Your Calendars!

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

## Affirmation of Baptism Registration is Available

Trinity's Affirmation of Baptism classes include grades seven, eight and nine.; respectively called Club 78 and Club 9. Registration materials are available in the Youth Office and on Trinity's website. The Affirmation of Baptism booklets and calendars will be handed out at the orientation meetings. Please contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.



## Prayer Friends

Being a Prayer Friend is a powerful way to connect with God, and it is an extraordinary blessing to have other people praying for you. The Youth Leadership Team once again invites adults to be Prayer Friends with our seventh and eighth grade Affirmation of Baptism students. This partnership will be anonymous until it is revealed at a celebration at the end of the school year. Students will be able to communicate any prayer request through Ashley to their adult friend. Please volunteer to pray for a student this year. You'll be providing a great ministry to our youth. Sign up at Clipboard Central in the lobby. Contact Ashley at 715.832.6601 ext. 209 or [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto:ashley@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.



## CrossWord Youth Band

Calling all high school students who love music! Trinity's high school praise band, CrossWord, led by Andy Hofer, is preparing for another year of music, worship, and fun. Our first meeting, including pizza, is Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30 P.M. in the Lobby. Band practice will follow dinner. Contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218/209 or [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

## Donut Fundraiser

Sign-up at the Tool Bench to participate in the Donut Fundraiser on Sunday mornings. There are two shifts available each Sunday. We start serving donuts on Sunday, September 16. This fundraiser allows youth to earn money for their student account. These funds are then available to put towards Trinity sponsored events, retreats, and summer camps/trips. Contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext. 218/209 or [sarar@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarar@trinity-ec.org) with any questions.

# SOCIAL MINISTRIES

## God's Work. Our Hands.

"God's Work. Our Hands." is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We will engage 150–200 Trinity members on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, in service projects ranging from building to painting to signing to creating.

New this year, all ELCA churches in Eau Claire will participate together. We will start our day with a combined worship service at 11:15 A.M. in the Trinity Worship Center. Participants will then be able to pick up a sack lunch before heading to their chosen service site. The day will close with ice cream and prayer at St. John's Lutheran Church at 2:00 P.M.

Please plan to join us for this day of service and fellowship! Sign-ups will be available in the lobby and online beginning September 16.

## What is Friends of Flynn?

In October of 2010 a group of Trinity members met with Kim Hill Phelps, principal of Flynn Elementary School and Trinity member, to begin discussion of developing a community partnership with Flynn School. The first formal committee of eight members met with Kim in November to name the program Friends of Flynn (FOF) and to set goals that would help address the needs of Flynn children. Today, we strive for annual donations of \$6,100 which support our mutual goals:

1. Weekend Meals: The bulk of our funds goes to providing weekend meals through the Feed My People Weekend Meal Project. Confirmation students pack the meals several times during the school year, and volunteers deliver the bags each week to the school.
2. Healthy Snacks: Volunteers purchase, pack, and deliver healthy snacks twice a week during September and May.
3. Books: A new book is sent home with each child at the start of the Christmas break and at the end of the school year.
4. Emergency Clothing and Shoes: Several sizes of new pants, shirts, underwear, gym shoes, and boots are purchased and made available at the school for Flynn staff to distribute as needed.
5. Staff Appreciation: We recognize the Flynn staff twice a year by providing special treats.
6. School Supplies: We ask the congregation to purchase school supplies during the summer to assist families at the beginning of the school year.

As we begin another school year, we look for ways to support the students and teachers and encourage you to join us! We welcome financial donations (indicate FOF on your gift) as well as your gifts of time and prayers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Kim Hill Phelps at 715.271.6510. Thank you for your continued support during these past eight years as well as in the future.



## Thank You!

A big thank you to all Trinity members who brought items and donated money to the Christmas in July promotion. With the matching funds, we sent to the Beacon House a check for over \$1,300! The staff at Beacon House and Sojourner House were also thrilled with all the items they received from your generosity. THANK YOU!

## Produce To Share

If your garden is producing more than you can consume, please remember that Trinity's Food Pantry will gladly distribute your abundance. Deliver produce by noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays to the pantry entrance at Door #5. Contact Sharry Hebert, Food Pantry Coordinator, at [sharry@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sharry@trinity-ec.org) for more information.

## Hike for the Homeless

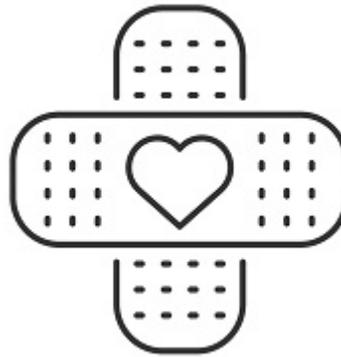
Please join the Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for the Homeless benefiting their programs including the Beacon House, a shelter for families with children who are homeless. Refreshments will follow the 2.5 mile hike. The hike will start at 9:00 A.M. with registration, pre-hike activities, and refreshments begin at 8:00 A.M., Registration is available on their website [www.beacon-house.org](http://www.beacon-house.org)

# HEALTH MINISTRIES

This is a repeat topic from last September's Newsletter. The topic is childhood immunizations. As a nurse, I feel strongly about the need to immunize. You see, I am an "older" adult, and I remember what it was like to have those childhood diseases. I'm talking 55–60 years ago. I had mumps over Christmas one year, so I spent Christmas Eve on the couch. Complications of mumps include meningitis, encephalitis, and deafness. The "red measles" (Rubeola) was the scariest. I had a fever for days. I remember the vivid dreams and hallucinations to this day. A rare trip to the doctor confirmed I had an ear infection (common complication) in addition to the measles, and I got a penicillin shot. My grandfather later told me he wasn't sure I was going to be coming back home that day.

Children today do not have to go through the risks of having many of the diseases of "yesteryear." There are 14 recommended vaccines for younger children. The risks/complications that can occur from having these illnesses far outweigh the risk of vaccination. But if you feel your child should not be vaccinated, then think about how your child could spread that disease to others: children who have a compromised immune system, babies who can die from those diseases, the pregnant woman who may miscarry or risk birth defects, the grandparents who also have a weaker immune system, or the person being treated for cancer. Please vaccinate your children.

Vicki Dueringer, Parish Nurse



## Prayer for Teachers

Dear God, Thank you for the amazing teachers who have given their lives to serve our children. As they prepare for the new year, fill them with strength to lead, grace to guide, and hope to thrive in their classroom. Bless them beyond measure for their willingness to pour into the next generation through education. Amen.

## Healing Service

The Healing Service is offered the third Sunday at 9:15 A.M. in the chapel between services. If you are in need of comfort, peace, healing, or if you want to pray for another; please join us on Sunday, September 16. We also will have Healing Services on Sunday, September 30, at all three services.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to the blood donors and volunteers for making the August 9, 2018 blood drive a success. We collected 24 units of blood. The Red Cross remains in dire need of blood. If it was too soon for you to give, or if you have thought about giving but haven't found the time, please consider donating now. You can go online and search for a blood drive under zip code 54701 or call the American Red Cross office in Eau Claire.

Trinity's next drive will be Monday, November 12. We need donors, and volunteers to help in the canteen and register donors for the November drive.

## ADRC Class

*Living Well with Memory Loss and Early Dementia* in the Community Room at Dove Healthcare West, 1405 Truax Blvd on Wednesday, September 12, or Wednesday, October 10; 12:00 P.M.–1:15 P.M. This event is free, plus a light lunch will be provided.



## Received in July Memorials & Gifts

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Clif & Doris Husberg; Carla Brandrup
- In memory of Ann Ayres: Peter & Rita Van Stelle

### Sojourner House Fund

- In memory of Avis Schultz: Lyle & Julie Niemann

### Soles for Special Souls Fund

- In memory of Don Kohlhepp: David & Ginny Lien

### Chloe Ritchie Memorial

- In memory of John Richie: Paul Bowman

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Colleen Higgins; LuAnn Miller; Pat Garber; Ron & Marilyn Thompson
- In memory of Don Ellickson: The Hagen Family; Joyce Mortt
- In memory of Lee Markquart: Char Finseth

### Endowment Trust

- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Deyon Ziehme; Glen & Bev Tamke

### Advent Tea Women's Ministries

- In memory of Louise "Pink" Warner: Miriam Circle

### Jabneh School Jamaica (VBS Offering)

- In memory of Kathy Rau: Darlene Prissel

### Children's Bibles Fund

- In memory of Morris Brumberg: Anna Trullinger; Peter & Rita Van Stelle
- In memory of Mark Hillestad: The Hillestad Family

### Prayer Shawl Fund

- In memory of Dale Klevgard: Ron & Cindy Beck

## Circle Listings

### Deborah

Thursday, September 20, 9:30 A.M. at Trinity  
Hostess: Ann Felton                      Leader: Nancee Burbank

### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, September 18, 6:30 P.M. Trinity  
Hostess:                                      Leader:

### Miriam

Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 A.M. at Trinity  
Hostess: Connie Smith                      Leader: Group

### Ruth

Tuesday, September 18, 1:30 P.M. at Trinity  
Hostess: Marge Oleson  
Leader: Group

## Trinity Library

### Recently in the News

*Courage to Soar* by Simone Biles.

Four-time Olympic gold medalist and three-time world all-around gymnastics champion Simone Biles is in the news again. She took a year off following the Olympics and is now back competing. If you haven't read her autobiography, take the opportunity to do it. Look for this selection among the biographies. (B BIL)

### Books for Young Children Going to School

- *Dad's First Day* by Mike Wohnoutka. Oliver and Dad have spent a fun summer together, but when it comes time for the first day of school, Dad discovers that he is not ready and does everything he can to postpone the big day. (++) FIC WOH)
- *Dad School* by Rebecca Van Slyke. A child imagines what lessons are taught at Dad School, from learning how to give piggybacks to singing along to the radio. (++) FIC VAN)
- *Pete the Cat, Rocking in My School Shoes* by Eric Litwin. Pete the Cat wears his school shoes while visiting the library, the lunchroom, the playground, and more while singing his special songs. (++) FIC LIT) Also look for *Pete the Cat, The Wheels on the Bus* by James Dean. (++) FIC DEA)



### Books On Bullying

These can be found on one of the A-frame displays and are identified with a special label on the cover of the book.

- *My Secret Bully* by Trudy Ludwig (+)



LUD)

- *Bullying and Me*, Schoolyard Stories by Ouisie Shapiro. (YP 371.5)
- *Bullying* by Joy Berry (+ BER)
- *Say Something* by Peggy Moss (+ MOS)
- *Better Than You* by Trudy Ludwig (+ FIC LUD)
- *Bullying, A Spiritual Crisis* by Ronald Hecker Cram (261.8 CRA)

### Two Chapter Books for Young Readers

- *Roscoe Riley Rules # 2 Never Swipe a Bully's Bear* by Katherine Applegate (+ APP)
- *Stinky Stern Forever* by Michelle Edwards (+ EDW)

### Good Selections for Younger Children

- *Jungle Bullies* by Steven Kroll (++) KRO)
- *No Bunny's Perfect* by Anna Dewdney (++) DEW)
- *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill (++) ONE)
- *Stop Picking on Me, A First Look at Bullying* by Pat Thomas (++) THO)
- *Words Are Not for Hurting* by Elizabeth Verdick (++) VER)
- *Loudmouth George and the Sixth-grade Bully* by Nancy Carlson (++) FIC CAR)
- *King of the Play Ground* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (++) FIC REY)
- *Henry and the Bully* by Nancy Carlson (++) FIC CAR)
- *Bully* by Patricia Polacco (++) FIC POL)
- *Llama Llama and the Bully Goat* by Anna Dewdney (++) FIC DEW)
- *Lucy and the Bully* by Claire Alexander (++) FIC ALE)
- *Real Friends* by Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham (+ FIC HAL)

## Children's Books that Encourage Kindness

- *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts. All Jeremy wants is a pair of those shoes, the shoes everyone at school seems to be wearing. But his grandma tells him they don't have room for "want," just "need," and what Jeremy needs are new boots for winter. In this very real story, a young boy realizes the things he has—warm boots, a loving grandma, and a good friend—are all that he needs. (++) FIC BOE)
- *We All Sing with the Same Voice* by J. Philip Miller and Sheppard M. Greene. This joyful Sesame Street song embraces the notion that no matter where children live, what they look like, or what they do, they're all the same where it counts—at heart. (++) FIC MIL)
- *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* by Emily Pearson. A young girl's good deed is multiplied as it is passed on by those who have been touched by the kindness of others. (++) FIC PEA)

*I always*  
**BE KIND** ♥

Look for additional books in our collection with the special label, "***A Book that Encourages Kindness***"

- *We're All Wonders* by R.J. Palacio (++) FIC PAL)
- *A Sick Day for Amos McGee* by Philip C. Stead (++) FIC STE)
- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt De LaPena (+ FIC DEL)
- *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig (+ FIC LUD)
- *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson (+ FIC WOO)
- *Rude Cakes* by Rowboat Watkins (++) FIC WAT)
- *How Full Is Your Bucket* by Tom Rath and Mary Reckmeyer (++) FIC RAT)

## 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 next year's titles are available in the library.

On Tuesday, September 18, at 6:30 P.M. in the library, the group will discuss "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.

Thirteen-year-old Leni, a girl coming of age in a tumultuous time, caught in the riptide of her parents' passionate, stormy relationship, dares to hope that a new land will lead to a better future for her family. She is desperate for a place to belong. Her mother, Cora, will do anything and go anywhere for the man she loves, even it means following him into the unknown.

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