

# Trinity

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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### December 23 Christmas Cantata

On December 23, the Trinity Choir will perform the Christmas Cantata "A Night For Rejoicing" by Lee and Susan Dengler at the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. Worship Services. This cantata tells the age-old story of Jesus' coming to earth which culminates in that glorious "night for rejoicing." Please note that there will be no 10:30 A.M. worship service on December 23.

### December 24, Christmas Eve

- 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.

### December 30, Lessons & Carols of Christmas

- Sunday, December 30, at 9:45 A.M. (One service this day). A festive celebration of the birthday of Jesus with Trinity Brass and Organ.

### Trinity Lutheran Inclement Weather Policy

During the winter, there are times when we cancel children's programs due to snow or ice storms. Please check our website for updates, or call the church office if unsure. It is our policy to close if the public schools are closed.

### Moving or Going South?

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! Contact Becky at [becky@trinity-ec.org](mailto:becky@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext 202.

### Generous Giving Blesses Many

Your year-end offerings are so important to our church and its mission of "serving in Christ's love and sharing the Good News." Please remember Trinity in your charitable goals as 2018 ends. Thank you for every dollar you share that blesses thousands through our church. You can give anytime online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org). Click on the "Give Now" button on the opening page.



Advent is a unique time of the Church year. It is the time when we lift up the way our lives unfold between God's two great interventions in the world. The first is the coming of Jesus Christ, bringing God to our world in human form, who through his own death and resurrection conquers death and sin forever. The second is the coming of Christ at the end of time with a final and

full triumph over all powers that prevent the fullness of life God has planned for the earth.

This gap that we live in can be difficult to understand. We may know that a final triumph is coming and even that God's Kingdom is alive and at work in the world around and through us, and yet it can be difficult to live with active powers that can create pain, death, and chaos around us. At times, we wish God would curb some freedoms to prevent tragedy.

Advent encourages us to return to the hope and courage we have because we know the end of the story. We trust that one day God will bring an end to suffering, pain, and death. We trust that God cares deeply about anything that hurts us. While sometimes life is hard, we do not ultimately need to be afraid.

In a world of people ripe with fear and uncertainty about their futures, we stand unafraid. We have the opportunity to bring love and compassion into arenas taken over by fear. We choose to see all people as God's children, even when others make claims of threat about one group or another.

This is how we bring Hope to the world. Hope is the watchword of our community. We invite others into our community sharing with them that the light of Christ will shine in the darkness and not be overcome. In Advent, we wait with Hope for the Christ child coming to Bethlehem and with Hope of Christ coming again to make all things as promised by our God who keeps all promises.

In Peace  
Pastor Natalie



## An Altar (Guild) Call!

Do you have the ability to set a table and do dishes? These seemingly small tasks take on sacred meaning when done for the meal we share together as a church family, Holy Communion. Trinity is seeking both women and men, or whole families, willing to take a turn setting up for and cleaning up after communion services. Trinity has Communion on the First and Third Sundays of the month, and a very brief "training" is available. Contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org) if you are willing to share your gift of time in this way!

# Adult Education

## "Loving Jesus"

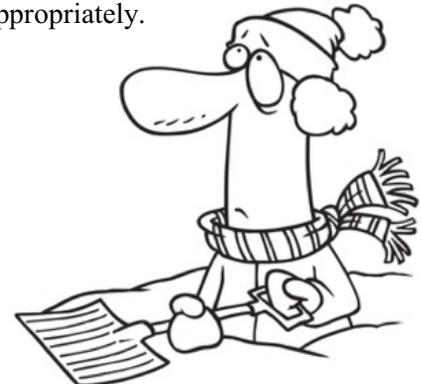
The Good God Books discussion of Mark Allan Powell's book "Loving Jesus" is rescheduled for December 13 at 6:00 P.M. For more information, please contact Pastor Natalie at [natalie@trinity-ec.org](mailto:natalie@trinity-ec.org) or sign-up for the discussion at Clipboard Central.

## Biblical Archaeology

On Mondays, December 10 and 17, at 6:00 P.M., at Trinity, join Professor Harry Jol from University Wisconsin Eau Claire for a TWO part series on Biblical Archaeology and Jesus' hometown of Nazareth. Professor Jol has traveled a number of times to the Holy Land for his research and enjoys sharing his findings with groups. This class will give us an idea of what the city and life was like during Jesus' time.

## Winter Parking Etiquette

As winter continues, parking around Trinity is affected by snowbanks. When you are parking on the residential streets, please be careful to park four feet away from neighbors' driveways. Periodically neighbors call Trinity with concerns about vehicles restricting visibility and driveway access. Please be kind and park appropriately.






# CELEBRATING & SHARING THE SEASON

## Wall of Food

Help build a wall of food through December 12! Bring nonperishable food products to the lobby. These foods will be distributed to families in the Eau Claire/Altoona areas at Christmas as part of the Christmas Sharing Project.

## Mitten Tree

Each year Noah's Ark puts up a Christmas tree in celebration of Jesus birthday. If you would like to help decorate the tree with mittens, hats, or children's sleepers size 0–six, hang them on the tree. These items will be included in the Christmas Sharing Project. Any items not needed for the sharing project will be taken to the Bolton Refuge House. Thank you for your support!

## 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. 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 accepted through December 9. Forms are available in the Lobby, office, or at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org). All Faith Light gifts will be acknowledged in the Christmas worship bulletins.

## 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. There is no cost for this event. We are again inviting for people willing to share their Christmas dishes, fancy sandwiches, and holiday cookies. Sign-up on the board in the lobby by Friday, November 30. Please call Sheila Running at 715.832.9686 or Ann Nelson at 715.836.9495 with questions.

## Christmas Sharing Project

Again this year, Trinity will provide food, outdoor clothing, household items, and gifts for kids to 25–30 families in the Eau Claire/Altoona area. Gift tags are available in the lobby. Members are also able to support this ministry by making donations which will be used to purchase turkeys (checks payable to Trinity Lutheran with memo: Christmas Sharing Project) or by delivering the gifts to the families on Sunday, December 16. For more information, please contact Lucinda Kemmet at [lucinda@trinity-ec.org](mailto:lucinda@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext 211.

## Caroling Party

Sing noel! Lift your voice to celebrate the coming of Baby Jesus at a Caroling Party on Sunday, December 9. We meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. near the preschool area to car pool and visit several of our shut-in members at area facilities to share Christmas songs. Participants are invited to enjoy a light meal at the church following caroling.

## Birth of the Baby

All families and friends of Noah's Ark children are invited to attend the Noah's Ark Party/Programs. The three year old programs will be on Thursday, December 20 at 10:00 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. The four/five year old programs will be on Friday, December 21 at 10:00 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. We invite all of you to a BIG birthday party/program for Jesus!





# Social Concerns



## Collecting Books for Flynn Kids

The Friends of Flynn Committee believes that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but also increases self-confidence. For many Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for Christmas break this year, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. While Christmas shopping this year, please consider buying a book appropriate for K–grade 5. There is a display in the lobby with suggested book titles that you can take shopping with you. Then bring your purchased books to the collection bin in the Trinity lobby. Financial donations should be made out to Trinity with a notation of "Friends of Flynn."

## Hunger Appeal Goal Surpassed!

We are thrilled to share that we surpassed our goal. Your generosity will further Trinity's Food Pantry ministry with strength and vitality! This also qualified us for the \$5,000 food credit match from Feed My People. Our annual Hunger Awareness Month focuses our attention on the hunger needs in our community and how we, as a congregation, join together in addressing those needs as a fixture of our mission. Thank you!



## Ending the Year with Gratitude

Thank you for your charitable giving to the mission of Trinity in 2018. Your giving supports Trinity's mission and ministries for thousands of people, and these last weeks are very important! Please respond by December 31 to the blessings of God in your life, and give to God as God has given to you. Thanks for your support of the mission of Trinity. Remember you can give online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

### Offerings to Regular Ministries

January through October	2018	2017
Offerings	\$909,490	\$887,996
Expenses	\$969,772	\$923,624
Difference	\$-60,282	-\$35,628

## Wreath Fundraiser Thank You

The Trinity Youth thank the congregation for supporting the Wreath Fundraiser. The youth will use the monies raised to put toward the High School Summer Mission Trip with Appalachian Service Project in June 2019. A tithe from the proceeds will be given to a cause associated with this trip. Thank you again for your support.

## Thank You

Thank you, Trinity family, for your love, support and generous gifts, the tangible and the intangible ones, upon my retirement. It has been my privilege and blessing to serve God and offer praise to God along with you for over seventeen years. I am confident in a well-remembered past, a joyful present, and a magnificent future.

To God alone the glory,  
Shirley Sands

## Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, December 20, 9:30 A.M. at  
Trinity  
Hostess: Group  
Leader: Group

Martha/Mary

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

Miriam

Wednesday, December 19, 9:30 A.M. at  
Trinity  
Hostesses: Marsha Arnette and Sheila  
Running  
Leader: Group

Ruth

Tuesday, December 18, 1:30 P.M. at  
Trinity  
Hostess: Group  
Leader: Group



# Noah's News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool,

As I write this article, the preschoolers have been giving thanks to God for our many blessings, especially our families and enough food to fill our bellies. Before our Thanksgiving break, we will celebrate with a Thanksgiving pizza feast. Each child is sharing an ingredient that by itself does not provide a lot. However, when we share what we have with each other, we can make a delicious pizza to enjoy together. It is a celebration of peacemakers as we share and come together around our table. Thanks be to God!

We quickly follow our Thanksgiving celebrations with advent preparations and the telling of the birth of Jesus. The children will hear the story through books, songs, dramatic play, creative art processes, and their playtime with numerous Nativity sets. We will bring out our beautiful nativity costumes, and our classroom will become filled with nativity characters: angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, kings, and stable animals of all kinds. Every baby doll in our room becomes Baby Jesus! It is our hope that these children will learn the story and feel the love Jesus brings us. Then we, hope every child has the opportunity to share that story and love with the people in their lives.

Congregational members are invited to join us in the Trinity Room as the Noah's Ark children share the Christmas story through song at our annual Christmas Party/Programs. The three year old programs will be on Thursday, December 20 at 10:00 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. The four/five year old programs will be on Friday, December 21 at 10:00 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. These party/programs are the highlight of the Christmas season for me! We will close out the month of December with a class birthday party for Jesus. We have so much to celebrate!

Watch for information coming soon about programming for the 2019–2020 school year. Registration will begin happening early in the new year.

In peace,  
Marlee Knickerbocker



## Why Play Matters

Young children develop many skills through the power of play. They develop their language skills, emotions, creativity, and social skills. Play helps to nurture imagination and give a child a sense of adventure. Singing and playing simple music instruments help to develop rhythm, listening, and hearing.

# Children's Ministries

## 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.

## Winter/Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs

Call in registration for our Winter Spring Early Childhood Enrichment Programs has begun. You may register by calling Marlee Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601. Programming includes the following:

- Music & Movement
- Creative Arts
- Readers, Authors, and Artists
- Come & Play
- Thrilling Thursdays

## Volunteer in the Nursery

If you like to help care for young children and would be willing to help out in our Nursery during the 9:45 A.M. service 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 helping young families, please contact Sara Reed at 715.832.6601 ext 218 or [sara@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sara@trinity-ec.org)



# Global Missions

## Jamaica Partners to Visit Trinity this Month

God is good! On Sunday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 19, our mission partners and friends from Jabneh Christian Academy in Grange Hill, Jamaica will be here at Trinity. Through the generosity of member donations and designated mission funds, we are able to bring the Campbell and Rainford families to Wisconsin this winter, to return some of the hospitality they have extended to Trinity mission teams for over a decade.

Our partners will share music, dance, and the Word on these dates. On that Sunday, you are invited after worship to an all-congregation meal and time of fellowship and fun in the Trinity Room, spending time getting to know our mission partners better. The extent of the visit is through December 29, and we will work to share fun and festive Wisconsin activities for the extent of their visit. If you are willing to help make this Mission partner visit special in any way, see the sign up at Clipboard Central or contact Pastor Sarah at [sarah@trinity-ec.org](mailto:sarah@trinity-ec.org)



## Global VBS

Young adults, ages 16–29, are invited to consider a trip to Jamaica this summer, July 20–27, where we will share Vacation Bible School with the Grange Hill community in Jamaica. This is a high impact, high energy week where God's light shines in cross-cultural Christian partnership. Applications are at the information table in the lobby or available on Trinity's website and are due January 6.

## Trinity Member Spends Year in Mexico in Mission

Annie Halloin is serving for the year with the ELCA's Young Adult in Global Mission program (or YAGM). This program invites ELCA young adults ages 21–29 into a year-long journey in international service, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. Follow Annie's journey at: <https://annieadondevamos.wordpress.com/> or see the information table for her newsletter.

*Why is mission work important for our faith? For me, it helps me see God in the face of those that are not like me. So when I have traveled for church work to Thailand, Mexico, Jamaica, Appalachia, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, and the south side of Chicago, it has challenged me to expand my view of God because as I have come to learn, God is in these places well before I arrive and continues to be there after I leave. God, through the people I encounter, teaches me that God's love and grace is wider and deeper than if it were up to me. And for that I am grateful. —Pastor Brahm*

# Youth Ministries

## Luther Park Recharge Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is January 4–5. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is Lifeline. 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](http://www.lutherpark.org) or call 715.859.2215. Contact Ashley at [ashley@trinity-ec.org](mailto: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, December 26.

## Friends of Flynn Weekend Meals

On Wednesday, December 12, from 4:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. Club 78 and Club 9 youth and adult volunteers will assemble weekend meals for Flynn Elementary and other elementary school students in the Eau Claire district. Please meet at Feed My People Food Bank, 2610 Alpine Road, on Eau Claire's west side.

## Wall of Food Competition

Club 78 and Club 9 youth, please continue to bring in your food items for the Wall of Food for the Christmas Sharing Project. You have until December 12 to turn in food items to Ashley and get them recorded for your grade. REMEMBER...the grade that brings in the most food items will get to vote and choose what color Pastor Brahm will dye his hair after the New Year!



# Your Library

## Journey to Christmas with Our Good Books!

Come to Trinity's Library on Sunday morning, December 19. Many Christmas books will be on display and ready to check out. Committee members will be on hand to assist and distribute prizes to children and Sunday school classes.

## On The Shelves

### For Youth

- *Magic School Bus Rides Again: Sink or Swim* by Judy Katschke. When Ms. Frizzle's class decides to head to Hawaii for their latest field trip, they think they're in for rest, relaxation, and riding the waves. But when Wanda tries to save an endangered fish from a giant shark, that all changes. (+ FIC KAT)
- *Magic School Bus Rides Again: The Monster Power* by Judy Katschke. When Ms. Frizzle's class heads to the campgrounds, they're ready for a wild sleepover. But when Arnold tells a scary story about a monster who loves darkness, they all get spooked. Will they find an atural power source to turn on their lights, or will their field trip turn into a monster fail? (+ FIC KAT)

### Picture Books

- *Penguin Problems* by Jory John. Have you ever thought: I have so many problems and nobody cares? Well, penguins have problems too! Young readers will discover them in this hilarious book. (++) FIC JOH)
- *I've Loved You Since Forever* by Hoda Kotb. This beautifully illustrated book and lyrical text is a testament to the timeless bond between parent and child. (++) FIC KOT)
- *Llama Llama Loves to Read* by Anna Dewdney and Reed Duncan. Llama Llama is growing up and learning to read. Throughout the school day, the teacher helps Llama Llama and the other children practice their letters, shows word cards, reads stories, and brings them to the library. (++) FIC DEW)
- *Neck & Neck* by Elise Parsley. A giraffe's self-esteem is tested when he competes with a balloon for a young boy's attention. (++) FIC PAR)
- *If You Give a Mouse an iPhone* by Ann Droyd. In this tech-savvy parody of the contemporary classic *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, a hyperactive pet mouse named Applesauce goes off the deep end (literally) while mesmerized with his boy's iPhone. (++) FIC DRO)



- *Pom Pom Panda Gets the Grumps* by Sophy Henn. One morning, Pom Pom Panda wakes up on the wrong side of the bed and then nothing goes right. By the time he arrives at school, Pom Pom is in a terrible mood. (++) FIC HEN)

## Reading Aloud

There is an easy way to improve your children's chances at school. It will entertain and delight them. It will strengthen the bonds between them and you. And, it is virtually free.

Sound too good to be true? Actually, it isn't. The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child. It builds motivation, curiosity, and memory. Helps children cope during times of stress or anxiety, and it takes children to places and times they have never been—enlarging and enhancing their worlds.

## 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, December 18, at 6:30 P.M. in the library, the group will discuss *The Storied Life of AJ Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

A. J. Fikry, the cantankerous owner of Island Books, is despondent after losing his beloved wife and witnessing the ever—declining number of sales at his small, quirky bookstore. In short order, he loses all patience with the new Knightly Press sales rep, his prized rare edition of Tamerlane is stolen, and someone leaves a baby at his store. That baby immediately steals A. J.'s heart and unleashes a dramatic transformation. Suddenly, the picture-book section is overflowing with new titles, and the bookstore becomes home to a burgeoning number of book clubs. With business on the uptick and love in his heart, A. J. finds himself becoming an essential new part of his longtime community, going so far as to woo the aforementioned sales rep.



# Health Ministries

Dear Trinity

As I prepare to write the December Newsletter, I get a feeling of anticipation for the joy and love of Christmas but also anxiety as the to-do list starts to grow. I always look back at last year's article, usually to make sure I don't do a repeat. However, this year I am repeating what I wrote because it holds true now more than ever.

The Christmas Season is here! When you read that statement, does your heart beat faster; do you start to feel stressed; do you feel sad because a loved one won't be a part of Christmas this year or you will be alone, do you wonder how you will pay for gifts and get the cookies baked? Even though we KNOW that Christmas is about Jesus' birth; about joy and blessing; about peace, love and hope; our commercial world keeps hammering at us to buy more, be better, decorate more, just do more.

The following comes from Mayo Clinic Integrative Medicine Program—Stress Management and Resilience Daily Intention:

- As I begin this day, I will be reminded to pay joyful attention to each moment.
- I will pay kind attention to all those I meet.
- I will be grateful for all my blessings..
- I will cultivate compassion for others and toward myself.
- I will accept anything that comes my way today and focus on what is important that I have control over.
- I will find meaning and purpose in my work, at home, and in relationships.
- I will forgive the past and forgive for the future.
- I will be present to what the day has to offer and have grace in my opportunities to be in service to others and myself.

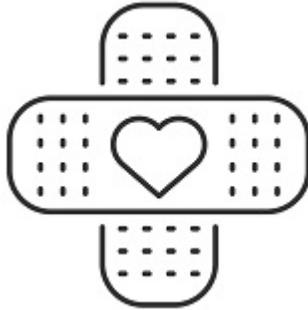
Peace

Vicki Dueringer R.N.  
Parish Nurse

*Luke 2:10–11 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see; I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

## Are You Blue?

The memories of the past, the loss of loved ones, and the pain of the present seem to deepen as the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer. A Blue Christmas Service (a service of Hope and Comfort) for those who struggle to find joy in this Christmas season will be held at St John's Lutheran Church on Highland Ave in Eau Claire on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 P.M.



## Monthly Healing Service

Trinity offers a Healing Service the third Sunday of each month in the Chapel starting at 9:15 A.M. This service is for anyone who seeks healing in body, mind, or spirit. We will offer time for personal prayers for healing, anointing, as well as time for reflection and peace.

## Thank You!

Doctors and surgeons rely on blood donations to carry out life-saving and life-enhancing treatments every day. Blood donation is the act of giving life. To all our blood donors, we thank you for your support in our medical mission through your blood donations. And to our volunteers, we thank you for supporting our November Blood Drive.

## Hope Phones

Throughout the year, we collect used cell phones that go to the Hope Phone World Mission. Medic Mobile safely recycles your phone or tablet to fund healthcare programs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Each smart phone donated and recycled funds up to 10 new phones for health workers in 21 countries around the world. Health workers use the phones to register pregnancies, track disease outbreaks, monitor essential medicine stock, and communicate about emergencies. You may drop phones off in the white boxes in the narthex and the preschool hallway or turn them in at the office.

## Pocket Prayer Shawl Ministry

We are in need of knitters to make mini prayer shawls. We provide the yarn and the pattern. We need your hands. The prayer shawls are given to people (members, friends, family members) who are facing a stressful life situation (medical, spiritual, mental, divorce, etc.) and need the comfort of God's presence around them. Please contact Cindy Beck at [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601 ext 201 if you or someone you know can help. Thank you!



## Received October Memorials & Gifts

### Food Pantry

- In memory of Richard Linn: Mark & Suzanne Becker, Bob & Jane Morgan, Phyllis Burrows, Phyllis Grohn, Myrtle Runningen, Tom & Sheila Zahorik, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, David & Janna Morley, Family & Friends, Barbara Vorhes, Mark & Ann Oswood, Robert & Jane Blockus, Brian & Kirsten Gierhart, Todd & Mary Murley
- In memory of Mike DeRusha: Ron & Barb Misselt, Sharon DeRusha
- In honor of Pat Garber: Hazel Cook
- In honor of Shirley Sands: Jeff & Kathy Doering, Shirley Parr
- In memory of Edie A. Isaacs: Bill Isaacs
- In memory of Eileen Schaefer: Rose Sippel
- In memory of Lorraine Hansen: Rose Sippel
- In honor of her new membership to Trinity: Sally Brown

### Memorials

- In memory of Richard Linn: David & Patricia Nuesse, LuAnn Miller

### Endowment Trust

- In honor of her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday: Patricia Ness
- In honor of Shirley Sands: Deyon Ziehme

### Trinity Choir

- In memory of Richard Linn: Gary & Mary Rambo

### Children's Bibles

- In memory of Richard Linn: Rose Sippel, Joyce Davis, John & Jackie Krumenauer

### Library

- In memory of Tim Tyler: Lori Juneau, Char Finseth

### Women's Ministries/Advent Tea

- In memory of Lorraine Hansen: Jack & Sheila Running

### Quilters

- In memory of Lorraine Hansen: Barbara Lee, Orville & Shirley Anderson, Leonard & Anice Reiman

### Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of Mike DeRusha: Sharon DeRusha

### Page Turners Book Club

- In memory of Mike DeRusha: Sharon DeRusha

### Friends of Flynn

- In memory of Richard Linn: Erik & Kim Hill Phelps

## Luncheon Coordinators Needed

We're looking for people with a heart for hospitality to serve as Luncheon Coordinators for families and friends who have been bereaved and come to Trinity for a service and a lunch or reception afterwards. **Volunteers are needed to continue this ministry.** Training will be provided. Please contact Cindy Beck at 715.832.6601 ext. 201 or [cindy@trinity-ec.org](mailto:cindy@trinity-ec.org) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!



## Funeral Planning Guide

We plan for many important events in our lives; yet, many people resist planning for the reality of their death. To assist you in planning, Trinity provides a "Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet" which walks you through numerous topics and provides options so you can develop a plan. Doing so assists your family in a tangible and profound way.



## When You Are Hospitalized

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

- Calling 715.832.6601 or emailing [trinity@trinity-ec.org](mailto: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.

# "Serving in Christ's Love and Sharing the Good News"

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