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Call Committee Update

The Call Committee continues to make progress towards finding a new lead pastor for Trinity. The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin provided the committee a deep and varied pool of candidates. The committee is using Trinity's site profile and the list of expectations established by the Church Council as their guide in evaluating each candidate's fit for the lead pastor position. The prayers and support provided to the committee by the congregation are greatly appreciated. The committee will continue to be diligent and thorough as they work toward completion of this important task.

Social Seniors

Social Seniors is an opportunity for people to go out to eat together. Our next gathering is Tuesday, June 11, 5:00 P.M. at Cowboy Jack's, 1432 Front Porch Place, Altoona. Please sign-up at Clipboard Central, contact Pastor Natalie at natalie@trinity-ec.org or call the Trinity Office at 715.832.6601. Meet you there!

Summer Giving

Summer is here! We know that these warmer months take many of you far and wide on weekends. While you might be away, Trinity's mission and ministry continue. If you are not already doing so, we invite you to consider online giving. Go to trinity-ec.org and click the blue "GIVE NOW" button. Select "open the gift form," choose "create profile" on the right, and follow the directions. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Amber Moltzau at 715.832.6601 ext 203. Thank you for supporting Trinity's ongoing mission this summer and this year!

Trinity Pool Party

Trinity is taking over Fairfax Pool on Tuesday, July 9, from 7:00 P.M.–8:45 P.M.! Come to the pool (4200 Fairfax St) for a special Trinity Night at Fairfax Pool. The pool will be open after regular hours just for Trinity, so you'll have lots of room to swim laps or just splash around. A suggested free-will donation of \$5–\$10 per family is appreciated.

Praying in Color

Sometimes our prayers can feel stale, or we find ourselves antsy or distracted while praying. Growing in our prayer life often means trying new ways of praying. "Praying in Color" might be the next step in your faith journey. Praying in color is simply a way of praying and doodling with color at the same time. Sound simple? It is. Materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite pens or markers. Come and pray in the Lobby on Tuesday, June 25, at 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. and or Thursday, July 18, at 3:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Read what people have to say about Praying in Color:

- A whole new world has opened up for me. This form of praying is so perfect for me. I doodle. I pray. I love colors, and I most certainly love God. I spend time speaking with God as my pen moves around the sketch paper.
- For me, this helped find a new way to pray when I felt like my passion for prayer had been wanting. As an individual diagnosed with ADD, I totally identify with my highly distracted and day-dreamer type person. It is So hard to stay focused or not drift off to sleep.





Thank You Cindy!

The next time you see Cindy Beck or call to speak with her in the office, give her a great big THANK YOU for her 30 years of Ministry in and through Trinity Lutheran Church! You experience her gifts and dedication when you follow the Sunday morning worship slides projected on screen, see colorful signage in the narthex and hallways of the church, read the bulletins and newsletters, and much more, all creatively designed and produced by Cindy. Through these 30 years, Cindy has walked alongside Trinity members and staff through their joys and sorrows, and we look forward to her steady presence into the years ahead.

Fun Facts

To date, Cindy has . . .

- . . . worked with 14 Pastors, 3 Intern Pastors, and 5 Interim Pastors.
- . . . survived 2 major building projects.
- . . . supported 10 Youth Directors/Team Members, 4 Children's Ministry Directors, 2 Preschool Directors, 5 Preschool Teachers, and 7 office co-workers.
- . . . mentored staff through 14 versions of Windows, plus 10+ updates to these versions.
- . . . coordinated the purchase of 5 computer servers and many, many staff computers.

Thank you, Cindy, for all the ways you serve the Trinity family.

Join VBS Grandparents

A unique role awaits you as a VBS Grandparent July 22–26. The primary goal of VBS Grandparents is to form relationships with kids attending VBS. You do not have to be anyone's actual grandparent, just have an interest in being in that role for kids at Vacation Bible School. VBS Grandparents are not responsible for teaching or other planning, though they often engage in helping with activities.

Sign up at Clipboard Central. Be sure to give your contact information when you register so we can keep you informed about orientation and other VBS plans. Contact Pastor Natalie with any questions at natalie@trinity-ec.org

Divorce Recovery

Are you interested in joining a nine week divorce recovery group on Mondays at 6:00 P.M. from June 24 through August 26? Participants will use a workbook at home before each session and then gather to review, share, and add faith insights to our discussion. Perfect attendance is not realistic in the summer, so an "almost always" commitment is enough. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Natalie at natalie@trinity-ec.org. If there is enough interest, workbooks will be ordered, and we will start a group.

Church Picnic Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped with Uff Da Fest this year. It was a great family event with inflatables, games, and food! Thank you Rock N' Roll Inflatables for providing the inflatables.

Received in April Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Richard Kearney: Jim & Sherry Jones
- In memory of Curt Collins: Ed & Mary Elworthy, Mike & Mary Black
- In memory of Norris Nelson: Jeff & Kathy Doering, Ardis Nystuen, Bob & Mary Schoenkecht
- In memory of Jeanette Iverson: Sharon DeRusha

Memorial Fund

- In memory of Norris Nelson: Jack & Lois Olson
- In memory of Frank Borg: Pat Garber

Thanksgiving Dinner

- In memory of Norris Nelson: Larry & Judith Gifford

Library Fund

- In memory of Henrietta Dykstra: Bob & Mary Schoenkecht
- In memory of Dorothy Meta Lange: Bob & Mary Schoenkecht
- In memory of Ken Detert: Bob & Mary Schoenkecht
- In memory of Nancy Metz: Bob & Mary Schoenkecht

Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of Cary Osborn: Bob & Mary Schoenkecht

Children's Bibles

- In honor of Morgan Beardsley's baptism: Tony & Kay Beardsley

Ruth Circle

- In memory of Joan Siewert: Lois Shearrow



From Pastor Brian

May 16, 2019

Dear Trinity Members,

As my time of service soon comes to a close at the end of June, I would like to share a few updates and observations with you.

I am thankful and happy to have been able to serve as your Interim Lead Pastor. I am especially pleased to have had opportunity to walk alongside your elected leadership—the Council and Executive Committee—in formulating the profile and expectations for your permanent Lead Pastor. Through conversation with Synod leadership and our Church Council last fall, I was asked to serve in this capacity to work with leaders at Trinity to help "recalibrate" expectations in the establishment of clearly identified parameters in this important lead pastoral search. Additionally, I was asked to work to prepare for the launch of the Call Committee who would have confidence in the clarity of their charge from Trinity in carrying out their work. I am pleased to report that your Call Committee is making excellent progress in their task. I am especially impressed by their love for Christ's mission through Trinity and their devotion to the assignment which has been given to them. You should feel very good about the diligence, focus, and thoughtfulness of this group of your brothers and sisters under the leadership of their chair, Tom Fiedler.

As pertains to continuity of pastoral leadership upon my departure, you can be assured that your pastors and staff at Trinity serve ever so competently in carrying out their assigned duties, and they will continue to do so. Council President James Fedie and the Executive Committee of the Council are prepared to make arrangements for a "Bridge" Lead Pastor to carry out specifically assigned leadership duties if, come the end of June, it appears that there will be an extended search requiring more time. On the other hand, it is feasible that the process could potentially come to culmination with a congregational meeting to vote on a call to the new Lead Pastor as early as the first half of the summer.

In the meantime, during this Easter season of celebration, I encourage you to get ready! Prepare to breathe in the gift of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost which we will celebrate together on June 9. Be mindful of this, the "birthday" of the Christian church, the leader of which is Christ Jesus, the one who said "behold, I make all things new!" I share with you excitement for this next great chapter of vital ministry in and through Trinity Lutheran Church.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Brian Mortenson

P.S. Sheri and I look forward to greeting and thanking you for allowing us to be in partnership with you these ten months on our final Sunday here which will be June 30.

All Are Welcome at Inclusive Ministry Church!

Come to Lake Street Methodist the third Sunday of every month at 3:00 P.M. for worship, fellowship, an educational activity, and a light supper. Inclusive Ministry Church or IM is a coalition of several faith communities working together to provide a monthly message of God's love and a meal for people with abilities and disabilities.

Recognizing that all people have gifts, IM Church invites all members to participate and serve in God's ministry. IM Church includes group home staff, care givers, community members who support people with disabilities, and friends. All participants who are members of a church are encouraged to continue to attend their own church service in addition to IM Church.

Various congregations rotate in leading IM Church each month. The educational activities represent the worship message for the day. After the activity, there is a short worship service, then a light meal and fellowship time.

When You Are Hospitalized

The pastoral care team makes frequent visits to local hospitals, and usually the hospitals are able to tell us if Trinity members are present. But the system doesn't always work flawlessly. You can be assured a visit from our team if you or a family member contacts the church office (phone or email) in advance or if you ask a chaplain to call Trinity upon a hospitalization.

Summer is Here!

Office hours are changing just like the season. The office will be open from 8:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. School year hours of operation will resume in September.





WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

— Building on the Power of Faith. —

help further our mission to build on the power of faith and work on societal solutions by connecting those in need to additional resources. You may make your gift at any time in 2019, but membership funds received by June 30 will determine available grant funds to be awarded this fall.

Members vote on which grants are awarded, meaning you have a voice in which causes your money will support. Information brochures and membership forms can be found in Trinity's lobby, office, or at www.trinity-ec.org under the Endowment tab. Online giving is available by going to the website, clicking on the blue "Give Now" icon, then click "Open the online gift form," and designate Women's Giving Circle under "other." The grant application form can also be found on the website and must be submitted by September 1. Thank you!

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, June 20, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: LaVon Schlenker
Leader: Joyce Davis

Martha/Mary

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

Miriam

Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 A.M. Trinity
Hostess: Jeanne Boring
Leader: Mary Schoenknecht

Ruth

No Meeting

Women's Retreat

The ELCA Women's Chippewa Valley Conference is having a spiritual, fun, exciting retreat to which women of all ages are invited. Save the dates of August 14 and 15 at Luther Park Bible Camp. Speaker and blogger, Laura Sandretti, from Milwaukee, will present. Check out her website to learn more about this amazing speaker. <http://www.laurasandretti.com/>

Early registration is \$60 by July 31. After that date, the cost is \$65. Registration forms are on the women's bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 or Phyllis Grohn at 715.836.7055.

Women's Giving Circle

Trinity's Women's Giving Circle is looking for members and grant applications! In order to award grants, the Women's Giving Circle needs YOU to become a member. With an annual gift of \$250, you will

Women's Prayer Retreat

Save the date for a Women's Prayer Retreat with Pastor Natalie! Monday, October 7–Wednesday, October 9 will be a time away for rest, prayer, worship, and fellowship at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon City, WI. On this retreat we will have the opportunity to learn new ways to pray, make a set of prayer beads, walk the paths around the grounds and along the Big Rib River, read, relax, and enjoy the sacred space that was once home to Capuchin Monks. Registration material with more detailed information is coming soon!

New Community Choir

Singers in the Eau Claire area! Would you like to spend one night a week singing a wide variety of challenging, fun, and spiritually fulfilling choral music? Chorale à NouvEAU is what you've been looking for!

Chorale à NouvEAU ("choir anew") is an auditioned adult community choir of mixed voices dedicated to enriching, serving, and connecting our community through song. The choir offers the opportunity to learn a diverse range of choral repertoire in an inclusive and collaborative setting. Rehearsals will be Tuesday evenings at Trinity from 7:00 P.M.–9:00 P.M. beginning September 10. Auditions begin June 3! Please contact Director Kate Larson at katelarson18@gmail.com to set up an audition date and time. Come be a part of this fresh new voice in the Eau Claire area! Find out more about the choir on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/ChoraleaNouveau>

Mobile Phones for Better Health

Hope Phones lets individuals, organizations, and companies give their old cell phones a new life on the frontlines of global health. If we can recycle just 1% of disposed phones each year, we can outfit one million health workers, improving the lives of 50 million people. Leave your old phones in the blue and white box by the preschool exit. Thank you for doing a good thing by donating an old cell phone.



Children's Ministries

2019 Vacation Bible School "Promises in God's Word"

VBS is scheduled for July 22–26 from 8:45 A.M.–12:15 P.M. Join us for a week of learning about God's promises! The cost is a suggested \$25 donation per child. VBS is for children who are three through those completing sixth grade. The Kickoff Event is Sunday, July 21, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. Register today at www.trinity-ec.org/register.phtml

Staff Needs for VBS

Teachers and student helpers are needed for all grade levels. Please sign up on the poster in the lobby on Sunday mornings or at the Children's Ministries office during the week. Contact Sara Reed for specific information at 715.832.6601 ext. 218 or by email at sarar@trinity-ec.org

VBS Staff Orientation

Orientation for Rec, Craft Tent, Science, Kitchen, and VBS Grandparent volunteers will be Tuesday, July 16, in the Trinity Room with check in at 6:15 P.M. and orientation from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M.

Orientation for teachers and teacher helpers will be on Wednesday, July 17, in the Trinity Room with check in at 6:15 P.M. and orientation from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. Staff will receive copies of the materials, guides, and procedures; all items to help you get ready! VBS class lists will be available during orientation.

Playtime in the Park

Join other Trinity families and friends on Mondays from 10:00 A.M.–11:00 A.M. at the park this summer! Bring the young people in your life to the park and catch up with friends while the kids play. There will be no structured activities, just play time, but there might be a treat to share! No registration is needed; just come and bring a friend.

- Mondays, June at Carson Park Playground
- Mondays in July at Owen Park Playground
- Mondays in August (thru August 19) at Altoona City Park Playground

Early Childhood Enrichment Classes this Fall

Registration for both Music and Movement and Come and Play is open. Call 715.832.6601 to speak to Marlee Knickerbocker to register. Complete information on all classes is available online at www.trinity-ec.org

- Music and Movement will meet on Mondays from 9:00 A.M.–9:45 A.M.
- Come and Play will meet on Wednesdays and/or Fridays from 9:15 A.M.–11:15 A.M. Registration for this class is currently full: If there is enough interest, another session may be added.

Registration is also open for the following class:

- Creative Arts will meet on Mondays from 10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.

Noah's Ark

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool!

As I write this, it is hard to believe that the 2018–2019 school year finishes up in a few short days. It has been a year filled with blessings...teachers who loved and cared for each unique and precious child in their care, children who brought delight and wonder into the classroom every day, families who shared their children with Noah's Ark and grew and learned along with all of us, and God's world which never ceases to amaze us! Friendships were formed. Peacemaking was practiced. Discovery and growth happened every day. Laughter abounded. We give thanks to God for these blessings and more!

Our days in May brought lots of wonder into our classroom with spring discoveries and miracles. We kept watch over various seeds that we planted, white carnations in rainbow water vases, worms and dirt in our sensory table, and growing caterpillars that went into their chrysalis. We're hopeful that we'll see some butterflies emerge. So many of God's miracles to study! I

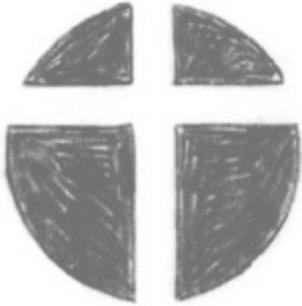
would like to thank the congregation for your support of Noah's Ark this school year. Thank you for your participation in our three fundraisers: The Fall Spaghetti Supper, The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and our Coffee/Biscotti Sales. Thank you for spreading the word about Noah's Ark. And thank you for your prayers for our children, families, and teachers. We are all a team in this ministry through Trinity.

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker





Youth Ministries



High School Graduates

On Sunday, May 19, we recognized students who will graduate from High School this year. We wish you grace and peace in your new adventure. Go knowing God goes with you into the future!

Graduates in: Alexandra Adkins, Sierra Auleta, Nicholas Barka, Colton Berg, Zachary Bernhardt, Rebecca Boese, Averi Bohman, Sydney Brown, Elizabeth Campbell, Hannah Dahlstrom, Colin

Dueringer, Alison Fletcher, Megan Fuller, Greta Glaser, Alexandra Hansen, Nicole Hayden, Erin Hayes, Zini Hirsh, Alissa Hopp, Leah Hujik, Cooper Kapanke, Jeremy Kaufman, Ashley Kemmet, Katrina Klawiter, Vanessa Luther, Landon Massey, Katherine Mathias, Cade Osborn, Theodore Paul, Megan Pekula, Mark Pepperl, Alex Plante, Sydney Presler, Kiera Rumphol, Andrew Solberg, Connor Stoik, Emily Sylte, Kayla Vance, Lauren Walker, Annika Walukas, and Lucas Zumwalt.

Summer Stretch 2019

GATHER together to learn from the Bible and one another, SERVE our community with our time and presence, and PLAY together through activities and fun. Summer Stretch gives youth who have completed grades 5, 6, 7, or 8 a safe, healthy place to belong where they can contribute to the community and socialize with their peers. Summer Stretch dates are July 16, 17, 18, 30, and August 1. We have something new this year! Our first date to gather, July 16, will be a trip to Bloomington, MN for rock climbing. We will use this experience to discuss why participating in service around our community is so important. The registration deadline is June 1. Registration information may be found at the Toolbench.

Appalachian Mission Trip Send Off Service

On Saturday, June 22, twenty highschool students and nine chaperones from Trinity Lutheran will depart for Kentucky. They will serve through ASP, Appalachian Service Project, for one week helping the community with housing projects, outdoor work, as well as growing in faith and fellowship with the people of Kentucky. Through service, youth will do their part in Serving in Christ's Love. Please join them on Sunday, June 16, for a send-off blessing at the 9:45 A.M. service, and please keep the mission group in your prayers during their week of service.

Appalachian Mission Team Members: Lily Adkins, Sofia Adkins, Alex Becker, Matthew Berger, Anna Blohowiak, Lydia Brandenburg, Isabelle Campbell, Anna Fedie, Brianna Fletcher, Tyler Goodwin, Blake Hanson, Talia Moszer, Carter Plante, Remy Rassbach, Jack Savaloja, Rachel Scarseth, Mason Sherman, Carmel Winkler, Olivia Winzenz, Ben Zumwalt, Pastor Brahm, Sara Reed, Mark Berger, Drew Brandenburg, Susan Campbell, Angi Goodwin, Sandy Moszer, Ryan Sherman, and David Zumwalt.

Luther Park Bible Camp

It's not too late to spend a week at Luther Park. Go to www.lutherpark.org and register for Week 3 (June 23–28) if you want to spend the week with Ashley. If that week doesn't work for your family, then choose any week that works for you! It will be a week full of faith, friendships, and fabulous outdoor fun.

Prayer Link

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

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

**"God wants
nothing of you
but the gift of a
peaceful heart."**

—Meister Eckhart



Health Ministries

Gratitude Quotes for June:

“Wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving.” —Kahlil Gibran

Question: The ground beneath me, the air around me. What is one constant for which I have forgotten to be grateful?

“Treasure this day, and treasure yourself. Truly, neither will ever happen again.” —Ray Bradbury

Question: How can I treasure the uniqueness of who I am and what I have to share with the world?

Transitions

The only thing that is a constant in life is that things always keep changing. For me, this is the year that I retire from my job at Mayo Clinic. This is a big deal for me. I love my job. I love the people with whom I work and the patients with whom I interact. My job fulfills me and gives me satisfaction. So now what will I do?

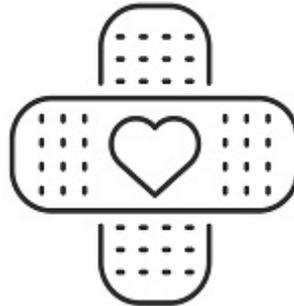
Many people have told me I need a plan for retirement. I don't have one! I know I need to apply for Medicare and supplements. I need to talk to HR about my pension and 401K. But what am I going to do with each day? What is going to give me the fulfillment and satisfaction that I get from work?

Then I had an epiphany. God has always put me in the right place at the right time. If I have an unexpected opening in my schedule, it is filled with another patient or provider needing my assistance. I have these little “God moments” frequently. So I am putting my transition to retirement in God's hands.

When I “Googled” healthy transitions, I found one article that had particular meaning to me. The following comes from that article. “God has designed change to be a process, not an event. Getting to the next level does not happen quickly. Successful transition takes time, and it is a learning process. God is interested in the end result of the changes, but the growth and wisdom that accompany transition are also very important to God. For this reason, God typically works diligently, deliberately, and more slowly than you and I would like.

Significant changes in our lives will require time and patience; so don't get frustrated in the process. Remain thankful in the time of preparation, and stay positive about the great endeavors for which God is training us. God is developing us into strong, wise, well-equipped people who are able to emerge victorious in the end. And ready to face the next change!”

I am NOT retiring from my Parish Nurse position.
Vicki Dueringer,
Parish Nurse



Red Cross Blood Drive

The following is the email received from Trinity's Red Cross Blood Drive Rep: “The May blood drive was amazing; we were able to collect 43 productive units! Your church community does a wonderful job! I will find volunteers for the June drive. Because we can donate every 56 days, the donors will be eligible for the June 27 blood drive as it falls after that 56 day period.”

Thank you to ALL the wonderful volunteers who worked registration and canteen. You did an awesome job and make Trinity a special place to hold blood drives. Thank you also to everyone who donated blood. It gets to be a cliché, but you are saving lives and helping those with cancer and other disorders. One of our former donors needed a unit of blood just last week.

Because we are such superstars, the Red Cross asked Trinity to be a location for another blood drive on Thursday, June 27. They will provide their own volunteers and recruit donors. But if you can donate, please sign up on redcrossblood.org

Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

One in three American adults have high blood pressure. High blood pressure increases your risk for serious health problems including stroke and heart attack. Get your blood pressure checked regularly starting at age 18—and do your best to keep track of your blood pressure numbers. Trinity's Health Ministries offers free blood pressure screenings in the Parish Nurse's office on the second Sunday of every month.

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. The next Healing Service is Sunday, June 16.



Trinity Library

Blossom Out with Good Books from Trinity's Library!

Picture Books

- *It's A Tiger!* by David LaRochelle. A tiger imagines that he is in a story where he encounters a tiger at every turn. (++) FIC LAR)
- *When a Tiger Comes to Dinner* by Jessica Olien. A hilarious interactive story about unlikely friends, this is the perfect book for reading out loud. (++) FIC OLI)
- *Rise and Shine and Change the World* by Ara Elizabeth Schmidt. *Rise and Shine* is a book calling to our children, and to all of us, to create change and illuminate goodness. (++) FIC SCH)
- *Pipsqueaks, Slowpokes, and Stinkers: Celebrating Animal Underdogs* by Melissa Stewart. This book offers a lighthearted look at critters that are small, slow, stinky, lazy, clumsy, and shy. These traits might seem like weaknesses, but they are actually strengths. (++) 591 STE)
- *Monkey with a Tool Belt* by Chris Monroe. Clever Monkey Chico Bon Bon builds lots of things with his many tools, and when he is captured by an organ-grinder, he uses them to escape to get back home. (++) FIC MON)
- *The Wild Beast* by Eric Walters. In this retelling of a popular folktale, the Creator makes a unique beast out of leftover animal parts when the universe is first formed. (++) FIC WAL)
- *My Favorite Pets by Gus W. for Ms. Smolinski's Class* by Jeanne Birdsall. In his homework assignment, Gus spends less time on what he likes about sheep and more on how he has gotten in trouble doing such things as using a sheep as an umbrella or letting sheep into his house. (++) FIC BIR)

Youth

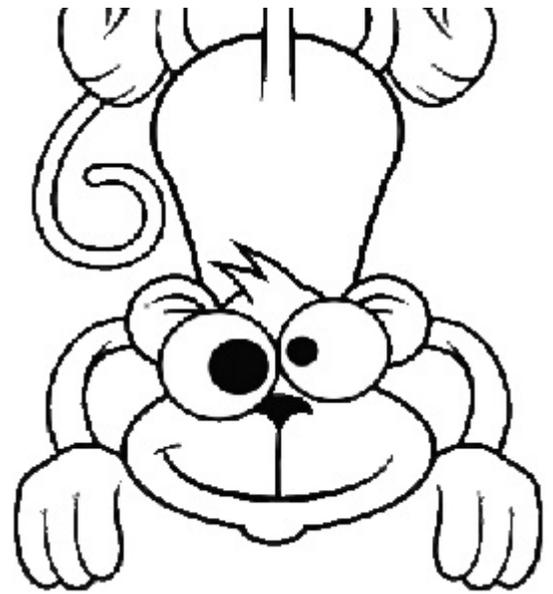
- *Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid* by Jeff Kinney. This is Rowley Jefferson's Journal and is created by best selling author, Jeff Kinney, of *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series*. (+ FIC KIN)
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty. A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius, but after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers. (+ FIC MCA)
- *What Is Climate Change* by Gail Herman. From the popular WHOWQ Series, students learn more about climate change. (+HER)

Library Book Review

—by Barbara Lee

“The Story of Arthur Truluv” by Elizabeth Berg

This book is an emotionally powerful novel about three people who have lost the ones they love the most only to find second chances where they least expect it. This novel shows how small acts of compassion and kindness can turn friends into family, and happiness can be achieved at any age.



Summer Story Time Grab a Book and Take a Look

Join Library Committee members in the church library on Sunday mornings: June 9, 16, 23, and 30 and July 7 and 14 at 10:30 A.M. Library members will be on hand to read story books. Children will receive prizes and have an opportunity to check out books.

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

May is over, and we enjoyed our final book club meeting for the school year. After a wonderful year, we are taking the summer off to read some books on our own personal lists. BUT, we will return in September for the Trinity Page Turners Book Club!

Our completed book list for 2019–2020 is available online at www.trinity-ec.org or you can pick up a brochure in the office. We have no special expectations to participate in this group. You should feel free to come whether you've finished the book or not. So, are you ready to start reading in September? We're happy to have you join us! For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



Social Concerns

Thank You!

Trinity's Friends of Flynn Committee helps meet some of the needs of the students at Flynn Elementary School. We purchase, pack, and deliver healthy snacks at the beginning and end of the school year and provide weekend meals to several students throughout the year. In addition to providing some school supplies, we also provide clothing; including underwear, socks, snow pants, shoes, and winter boots. The clothing and footwear are for use as needed at school or to fill the general need of the child. Each child is given a new book to keep twice each year, and the teachers and staff are given an "appreciation" treat.

The students, teachers, and staff at Flynn appreciate the support that Trinity provides. Thank you to the many members who support this group with their contributions of time and money.

Trinity Food Pantry

Trinity's Food Pantry wants to thank the following Cub Scout and Boy Scout Packs/Troops for the food donations they collected as part of the Scout Food Drive held on Saturday, April 13. Their love for the community and desire to help those less fortunate is appreciated

- Cub Scout Pack 175 collected and donated 417.5#
- Boy Scout Troop 30 collected and donated 534.1#
- Cub Scout Troop 88 collected and donated 707.2#
- Unidentified Troop collected and donated 620.0#
- A total of 2,278.8# of food was collected and donated.

Soles for Special Souls

Our Soles for Special Souls ministry has held to its mission of providing new back-to-school shoes and winter boots for children in need within our community. Vouchers for shoes are distributed in late July to parents who visit our pantry and whose children are in need of shoes. The vouchers are then

used to purchase new school shoes for children in grades 4K through high school. Please join us in gathering our financial gifts this June to bring smiles to many children as they know again the joy and comfort of having a new pair of shoes or boots this year.



Christmas in July

Get ready for Christmas in July, showering our homeless with much needed gifts. Bring your gifts June 16—July 21. If you prefer to donate money, a matching gift up to \$500 will be available for the Beacon House. Take an envelope off the tree and drop it in the collection or give it to the church office. Lists of needed items for the Sojourner House and the Beacon House will be available at the donation table in the lobby. Thank you for your generosity to those less fortunate!

Save the Date! God's Work. Our Hands

On Sunday, September 29, Trinity will again participate in God's Work Our Hands with other Eau Claire ELCA congregations to send our hands out into the community for service. More information will be available in August. Meanwhile, we are in the planning stages and could use more help! The "Project" committee is seeking a volunteer or two to help organize the community projects. Trinity needs a t-shirt volunteer to organize the correct sizes of t-shirts for all of our participants. And, finally, if you'd like to submit any service projects for consideration, we'd love to hear from you! To get involved, please reach out to Lucinda Kemmet at lucindakemmet@me.com

Sojourner House

This summer join us for an evening serving at the Sojourner House homeless shelter in downtown Eau Claire. Trinity serves on the third Friday of the month, and we will be at Sojourner House on June 21, July 19, and August 16.

We are looking for volunteers to help us with serving a meal, checking in guests, assigning a bed, storing guests' belongings, and visiting with guests. We are also looking for individuals willing to provide salad (three salads needed each serving date). If you have not joined us before, we would love to have you come and experience serving with us, and if you have helped in the past, we would love to have you join us again. Sign up at the designated sheet at Clipboard Central. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the co-leaders, Phyllis at 715.836.7055.

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