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“Hand in Hand with the Master”

You are invited to participate in an upcoming extraordinary 40 day journey, walking *“Hand in Hand with the Master”* through the opportunity provided in our Lenten worship time together. This year’s Lenten Series is based on the poem below. This is a time of year to experience a deeper dive into our relationship with God as we take a look at significant happenings surrounding the passion of Christ and what the scriptures and the Holy Spirit have to say to each one of us in our respective spiritual quest. Please see this also as a special opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or work colleague to experience the discipleship ministry of Trinity through this significant series on Wednesdays with worship at 12:15 P.M. or 6:30 P.M.



- March 6 • Ash Wednesday
- March 13 • Folded Hands
- March 20 • Clutching Hands
- March 27 • Washing Hands
- April 3 • Pierced Hands
- April 10 • Wringing Hands
- April 18 • Serving Hands—Maundy Thursday
- April 19 • Open Hands and Open Arms—Good Friday

“Hand in Hand with the Master”

Folded hands—Gethsemane; Was there the master prayed.

Clutching hands—has Judas; For silver he betrayed.

Washing hands—Tis Pilate; Who decided to comply.

Pierced hands—the king of Kings; So ridiculed and scorned.

Wringing hands—has Mary, As beneath the cross she mourned.

Serving hands—the blessed Lord; An example in humility gives.

Lenten Soup Lunches

Each Wednesday after the 12:15 P.M. Lenten service, the Trinity Room will be the place for marvelous soup and bread, enjoyable fellowship, and something sweet to end the meal. The menu will be posted before the service. **We need volunteers to serve and clean-up! Please sign up at Clipboard Central.** The free will offering will go to our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Pancake Supper

Come and celebrate with Noah's Ark at the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. Advance ticket prices are \$8.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. At the door on March 5, prices are \$10.00 for age 13 and over and \$5.00 for age 3–12. Tickets will be on sale in the lobby on Sunday, March 3, before and after worship. During the week, tickets are available in the Church Office.

Re-Purpose

Do you have men's ties that are no longer in style? Want to re-purpose your men's ties? Your ties can find a new home in Jamaica at Jabneb Christian Academy. Any ties donated will be used for a children's craft project. The deadline for tie donations is Sunday March 17. Please drop them off at the church office. Thank you!



Walk the Labyrinth this Lent

You are invited to walk or visit Trinity's Labyrinth which will be set up in the Chapel during Lent. When you visit, you will find instructions and ideas for your prayer walk on the Labyrinth. This includes ideas for a deeper focus on our Lenten Theme "Hand in Hand

with the Master." Pillows will be available for you to sit on in the center or before or after your walk. Chairs will also be provided. Shoes are not allowed on the cloth, so we provide clean socks for you to borrow if you need them. Handheld Labyrinths will be available for your use if walking is difficult or you feel the somewhat uneven cloth would be a challenge for you. Please remember to sign and date the guest book and, if you wish, share your thoughts or experience. It is nice to know how our Labyrinth is being used.

Walking the Labyrinth is a good experience for a small group or a family. In the past, members have invited friends to join them for a shared spiritual experience. The Chapel will be set up as sacred space, and you are welcome to enjoy the space for quiet time or prayer without using the labyrinth.

The Labyrinth will be available in the Chapel during the times listed below:

- Wednesdays, March 13, 27 from 10:00 A.M.–8:00 P.M.
- Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 from 10:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
- Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 from 9:00 A.M.–1:30 P.M.

"Your Best US" Marriage Class

Every couple is unique. They're an "US." There are things they like to do, places they like to go, histories that are their own. And whether they are loving their US, wondering if their US is going to make it, or somewhere in between, every couple at some level wants to become their best US. They just may not be sure how. So...

- While the way we are wired both individually and as a couple may be different . . .
- While our stage of life might be different . . .
- While our situations may be different . . .

There are some great relationship habits that empower all of us—specifically, four core habits that come from Scripture that can help every couple become their best US.

We'll explore these core habits and more on five Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the lobby beginning March 17. Register by Monday, March 11, at Clipboard Central or online at www.trinity-ec.org by clicking on the blue "Sign up Here" button to ensure your spot. Cost is \$10 per couple to cover materials; checks made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church or cash can be dropped off at the church office. Childcare will be available upon request.

Good God Books

"*Where is God?*" is one of the most consequential questions of our times. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot." These are words from Diana Butler Bass' book *Grounded: Finding God in the World*. Pastor Sarah invites you for a lively discussion of the book on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Books can be purchased individually, or there is a copy available in the Trinity Library.

What is Your Spiritual Type?

Just like we all have unique personality types, gifts, and leadership styles, we all have a spiritual type. Our spiritual type can be evaluated and described in a variety of ways. Learning about your spiritual type can show you what faith practices suit you and what aspects of worship are especially important for you. Learning about the spiritual types of others can help you understand their needs and appreciate your differences.

Learn your spiritual type at the Adult Forum on Sunday, March 10. You'll take a quick inventory and get basic information about your type. There are no right or wrong answers and no type is better than any other, so you can just enjoy it.

If you want to go deeper, join the Spirituality Class which will meet on Thursdays; March 14 and 28, April 4 and 11; at 1:00 P.M. in the Fireside Room. We will explore spiritual practices that you may find meaningful, discuss famous people who share your type, celebrate our differences, and think about how it all applies to our lives and the Trinity community.



Call Committee Update

- The Call Committee was installed at all worship services on Sunday, February 10, and Wednesday, February 13.
- Tom Fiedler was selected by the committee to become its Chair, with Mark Hofer appointed as Vice Chair.
- As the Call Committee continues to plan and prepare for its work, they expect to receive names and profiles of qualified candidates for Lead Pastor through the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin office of the ELCA before the end of March.
- Please keep the Call Committee in your daily prayers as they prepare to launch their search.

Winter Parking Etiquette & Inclement Weather Policy

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.

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.



If schools are closed

- Noah's Ark Preschool will be closed.
- Early Childhood Education classes will be cancelled.
- MWF Exercise Class will be cancelled.
- Thursday Morning Text Study will be cancelled.

If there is a two hour delay

- Noah's Ark Preschool will follow its normal schedule.
- Early Childhood Education will follow its normal schedule.
- MWF Exercise Class will follow its normal schedule.
- Thursday Morning Text Study will be cancelled.

Circle Listings

Deborah

Thursday, March 21, 9:30 A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Rose Sippel
Leader: Helen Mateski

Martha/Mary

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Kathy Gjesfeld
Leader:

Miriam

Wednesday, March 20, 9:30 A.M., Trinity
Hostess: Bev Tamke
Leader:

Ruth

Tuesday, March 19, 1:30 P.M., Trinity
Hostess: Lori Juneau
Leader:

Save The Date

Get ready for "The Day Of Renewal." The ELCA Chippewa Valley Conference will be on Saturday, April 6, from 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at New Hope Lutheran Church, N2698 460th St. in Downsville, WI. Lunch will be provided. The presenter will be Janet Larson. She co-authored the "Growing Up Lutheran" books which are the inspiration for all the Church Basement Ladies musicals. The cost is \$13 per person; only \$10 for first time attendees. Registration forms and more information are located on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please contact Jacki Johnson at 715.864.1489 with any questions.

Facebook

Trinity has several active Facebook pages which are a source of up to date information and inspiration for your faith development. There is a general Trinity page plus pages for Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, and Noah's Ark Preschool. Be sure to "Like" Trinity soon and begin enjoying the benefits of inspiration and news.



YOUTH MINISTRIES

Club 78 and Club 9 Retreat

The next Luther Park Recharge is March 1 and 2. This retreat is 24 hours of camp to recharge faith through faith discussion, music, friends, and activities. This year's theme is *Firm Foundation*. 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. Register online at www.lutherpark.org or call 715.859.2215. Scholarships are available if needed. Sign-up at the Tool Bench so we know who will attend.



No Club 78 or Club 9 on March 27

Just a reminder that there will be no programming on Wednesday, March 27. Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break.

Noah's Ark Preschool Pancake Supper Experiential Opportunity

Noah's Ark Preschool is hosting their Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 5. Youth are invited to serve in various roles during this event. Sign-up for open shifts at the Toolbench!

Summer Stretch

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.

Luther Park Summer Camp

Spots are filling up fast, so get registered today! Pastor Brahm and Ashley are inviting all students who are completing grades 6, 7, or 8 to attend Camp Pathfinders on June 16–21 at Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek, WI. Check out www.lutherpark.org to learn more about Luther Park Summer Camps and to register.

For more information about any of the scheduled events listed above, please contact Ashley Olson at ashley@trinity-ec.org or call her at 715.832.6601 ext. 209.

Memorials & Gifts

Noah's Ark Preschool

- In memory of Yvonne Hillestad: Jeanne Cooper

Memorials

- In memory of Yvonne Hillestad: Tom & Kris Sandager, Darrell Broten, Jim & Anne Walker, Ervin & Jane Hartman, Erik & Kim Hill Phelps, Jim & Lynn Gullicksrud, David & Gloria Weiss, Tim Kalien, Douglas & Susan Pearson, Larry & Ellen McClean, Barbara Tischer, Char Finseth, Ron & Yvonne Nixdorf
- In memory of Richard Linn: Katherine Pugh
- In memory of Jim Oleson: Susan Schaefer

Food Pantry

- In honor of Jessie Strey and Serving Volunteers: Ed & Mary Elworthy
- In memory of Jim Oleson: John & Mildred Valentine, Char Finseth, Mike & Dori Ritland
- In memory of Yvonne Hillestad: Marge Oleson, Mike & Dori Ritland, Glen & Bev Tamke, Victoria Kohlhepp, Kurt & Kristine Lauer, Heather Strayer
- In memory of Freda Phillips: Darlene Pittman
- In honor of Ron & Sue Brown's retirements: Rick & Rebekah Krumrie
- In honor of Ed & Mary Elworthy's anniversary: Marilyn Skatrud

Endowment Trust

- In memory of Yvonne Hillestad: Scott & Andrea Jadeke, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Susan Schaefer

Library

- In memory of Yvonne Hillestad: Joanne Stange, Barbara Vorhes, Barb Lee, Jerry & Joanne Dow

General

- In honor of Ed & Mary Elworthy's anniversary: Bill & Karen Bejin



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 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.

Staff Update

As a result of budget development considerations faced leading into this 2019 fiscal year, the Executive Committee of the Council determined the need to eliminate the position of Coordinator of Community Connections effective February 1. Lucinda Kemmet has carried out this role since summer of 2017, and she has invested great effort and creative approaches to various activities which have provided enhancement to a number of important ministry arenas in and through Trinity Lutheran Church. With the elimination of this position, we will be looking at the various activities which have had Lucinda's involvement and leadership in an effort to maintain positive momentum in these key areas; most notably, her leadership with "God's Work, Our Hands" in cooperation with other ELCA area churches, the Christmas Sharing Project, and a growing involvement with digital social media work. When you see Lucinda, please reach out to thank her for all she has put into this role over the last year and a half.

Prayer Link

You are invited to join in praying for others who ask for our prayers and become 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

Thank You

Souper Bowl of Caring was a success! A huge thank you to all of those who generously contributed to the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Trinity youth collected \$983.97 for the Trinity Food Pantry.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

It's Friends of Flynn Fund Drive Time!

Donations are being sought this month to help fund the Friends of Flynn efforts. We know that many of you give to this wonderful community service mission through your weekly or monthly gifts. Others donate through memorial gifts and/or make donations of books, school supplies, and more. We appreciate those donations and we thank you.

There are many monetary expenses for this mission, however, and we use the month of March to raise additional funds to support this work. Friends of Flynn provides Weekend Meals through Feed My People. Our annual financial contribution to these meals is about \$7,000. We also buy shoes, clothing, books, sunscreen, and more to help support the basic needs and education of the children at Flynn. More than 50% of the children at Flynn qualify for free or reduced meals and need our support.

Our goal is to raise \$6,100 or more this month. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in giving to Friends of Flynn.

In the Mail

Dear Members of Trinity,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of school supplies! We were able to get supplies to each student in need at our school thanks to your donations. Flynn is grateful for this partnership and thank you so much. We are ready for another wonderful year of learning.

Sincerely,

*Alison Harder, Partnership Coordinator
Flynn Staff and Students*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Noah's Ark News

Greetings from Noah's Ark Preschool!

February was a month filled with love...and SNOW! We had wonderful Valentine's Day celebrations with all of the classes. Kids love "delivering" valentines to their friends and receiving them. It's special to celebrate and share their love for their friends and family. We love because God first loved us...a message and song we sang! Our days have also been filled with snow...with a record seven snow days for this winter so far! Our days off due to snow have made for an irregular schedule, but we have been working on plans for making some of the days up. Our outside play days are filled with plenty of snow for play!

We are looking forward to our annual Noah's Ark Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5 from 4:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M. We love this wonderful opportunity for the Noah's Ark community and the Trinity congregation to come together for fellowship. It will be a fun evening complete with delicious food, children's activities, and our annual art stroll showcasing the beautiful artwork the children at Noah's Ark create. We hope you will join us!

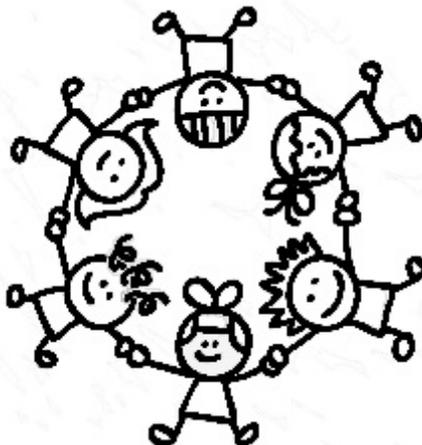
Our registration process for the 2019–2020 school year is underway. We have some new class offerings for the fall which have been well received by families. We have some remaining spots in our Tuesday/Thursday morning three year old class as well as our Friday afternoon 4–5 year old class. We look forward to our returning children as well as welcoming new children and families to Noah's Ark in the fall. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's love and word with young children and their families.

March will bring more fun days together with our children, celebrating each one's differences, learning to be peacemakers, and growing in God's love!

In Peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker
Preschool Director

Open Gym

On Tuesdays, 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. Members, friends of members, and non-members are welcome to attend. The cost per session is \$3 for one child; \$2 for each additional child from the same family.



Summer Fun!

Before we know it, summer will be here! It's time to mark your calendar for 2019 Summer Day Camps! Summer brochures have been mailed out. Registration will be online and will open on March 18 at 8:00 A.M. Check out our website for more information. www.trinity-ec.org



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. Registration will be online and will open on March 18 at 8:00 A.M.

High School Counselors & Middle School Volunteers Needed

Trinity's Summer Day Camp Ministry is looking for high school counselors (completing grades 9–12) and middle school volunteers (completing grades 6, 7, or 8) to assist with Day Camps in June and July. For more information and to apply, visit our website at www.trinity-ec.org/children_staff.phtml. Applications must be received by April 30.

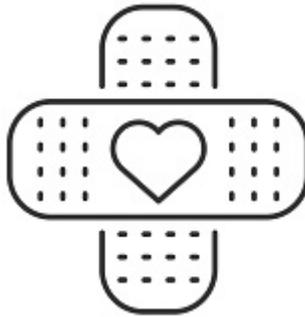


HEALTH MINISTRIES

Gratitude for March: *We lose touch with our wingspan when we hunch!* By —Martin Shaw

Question: How am I being invited to spread my wings right now?
In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. —Aristotle
 Question: What marvels are apparent to me in this moment?

I chose the second one today because I am looking out the office window at snow falling....lots of snow falling! And it is the second major snow fall this week! I have been whining most of the day about winter. However, in the spirit of gratitude, there is a beauty to the white, fluffy stuff covering everything in a clean, white layer. So no more whining; just gratitude for the beauty outside my window.



Transportation to Church • One of the topics that Pastor Natalie, Pat Garber, and I discussed recently is transportation assistance to church on Sundays. It is a blessing if you have a friend, family member, or neighbor who can bring you to church. For some, however, that is not possible. There is another option. The ADRC, Eau Claire Transit, and Abby Vans have collaborated to make rides to church and medical appointments available and affordable. There is an application and approval process. The applications are available in the church office. Approval is NOT based on finances, but on physical ability/mobility. The approval process takes three weeks and a letter is sent to you when approved. Once approved, you call Abby Vans at least two days prior to schedule a ride. The cost is \$3.50 each way.

Red Cross Blood Drives • You are going to see more blood drives offered at Trinity this year. However, we will not be responsible for staffing them all. Our facility is a great location and set up for blood drives, so the Red Cross has asked to use our building more often. Our next drive is in May and then again in June. Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered for our February drive!

Lenten Soup Lunches • March 6 is Ash Wednesday! We will again have our soup and dessert lunch following the 12:15 P.M. worship service each Wednesday. This is a wonderful time to socialize with other Trinity people. We need volunteers! Barb Strey, Mary Strayer, and I will prepare the soup but we would welcome help in preparation, volunteers to supply bars/cookies for dessert each week, and volunteers to serve and clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet at Clipboard Central. The theme for Lent is "Walking Hand in Hand with the Master." We need your hands to make these lunches a success!

This year, after the cost of food is covered, donations will go to our

Healing Ministry for supplies for prayer shawls, pocket prayer shawls, and prayer beads. We would also like to get books for the Library on the topics of bereavement and grief if donations allow.

Germers Are Everywhere • As many of you know, I also work at Mayo Clinic Health System. We received a report this week on the number of influenza, RSV (virus which causes respiratory symptoms), and Norovirus (vomiting/diarrhea) reported cases during the month of January within the Mayo Clinic Health System northwest region. RSV—194 cases with 46 hospitalizations—28 in people over age 70. Norovirus: 12 cases each week. Influenza—55 cases identified since January 22. So....**wash your hands! Use hand sanitizer! Stay home if you are ill! Keep your children home from school if they are ill!** Drink plenty of fluids, especially water, and get a good night's sleep.

God Bless,
 Vicki Dueringer
 Parish Nurse

Home Communion Visitors Needed

Are you now on a less structured, more leisurely schedule? This might be a great time to become oriented to the role of Home Communion Visitor. The training only takes two hours. You will then be paired with a homebound member who will enjoy your visits and access to regular communion. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pat Garber at garberpa@uwec.edu or 715.835.5801.

Blood Pressure Screening

Don't forget that on the second Sunday of each month between worship services, the Parish Nurse and her team of screeners offer blood pressure checks in the Trinity office. Know your numbers!



Library

March winds will blow good books your way! Find these selections in Trinity's Library.



Fiction

- *A Dog's Way Home* by W. Bruce Cameron. This remarkable novel about one endearing dog's journey home after she is separated from her beloved owner is a film starring Ashley Judd. (FIC CAM)
- *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Her beauty saved her from the rising Nazi party, and her whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. (FIC BEN)
- *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris. A prisoner himself, Lale is forced to work as a tattooist at Auschwitz. When he meets Gita, he vows to somehow survive and marry her. (FIC MOR)
- *Light Over London* by Julia Kelly. Illuminating the story of two women separated by generations, Julia Kelly transports the reader to World War II London in this heartbreakingly beautiful novel of forgotten antique treasures, remembered triumphs, fierce friendships, and life-changing family secrets. (FIC KEL)

Non Fiction/Biography

- *The Soul of a Team* by Tony Dungy. In this book, Tony Dungy draws on more than 40 years of experience coaching and developing teams to explore the four essential principles practiced by effective teams. He uses the story of a fictional NFL franchise in need of a turnaround to share a practical, proven game plan for creating a winning environment. (658.4 DUN)
- *The Faith of Dolly Parton* by Dudley Dellfs. In this biography of Dolly Parton, author Dudley Dellfs spotlights ten inspiring lessons he has drawn from her life, music, and attitude. (B DEL)
- *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love* by Dani Shapiro. *Inheritance* is a book about secrets within families. It is the story of a woman's quest to unlock the story of her own identity; part mystery, part real-time investigation, part rumination of memory, history, biology, and experience that makes us who we are. (B SHA)

Youth

- *We are Displaced* by Malala Yousafzai. The Nobel Peace Prize winner introduces some of the people behind the news stories we read every day about the millions of refugees displaced worldwide. (YP)

- *Mac B., Kid Spy: The Impossible Crime* by Mac Barnett. In the second adventure of his Mac B., Kid Spy series, Caldecott Medal-winning author Mac Barnett recounts his supposed youthful adventures in 1989 as an espionage agent. (+ FIC BAR) Also available is the first book in the series, *Mac B., Kid Spy: Mac Undercover* (+ FIC BAR)

Picture Books

- *Pete the Cat: The Great Leprechaun Chase* by James Dean. With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, Pete the Cat sets up a leprechaun catching business. But catching a leprechaun is never easy. Will luck be on Pete's side? (++) FIC DEA)
- *The Gift That I Can Give* by Kathie Lee Gifford. This sweet, rhyming story will help children understand that they can be kind and help others at any age. (++) FIC GIF)
- *The Bully and the Shrimp* by Catherine Allison and Kim Geyer. This is a story about finding friends, confidence and the ability to stand up for yourself. Note: this book can be found on the anti-bullying display in the library. (++) FIC ALL)
- *Coat of Many Colors* by Dolly Parton. A poor girl delights in her coat of many colors, made by her mother from rags, because despite the ridicule of the other children she knows the coat was made with love. (++) FIC PAR)
- *Snow Friends* by M. Christina Butler. After awakening early from his winter sleep and wishing for someone to play with, Little Bear is joined by new friends who help him make a snowman. (++) FIC BUT)
- *Snow Ponies* by Cynthia Cotten. When Old Man Winter lets his snow ponies out of the barn, they run into the world, and everything that they touch turns white. (++) FIC COT)



A Book Recommendation

from Monika Fiedler, Trinity Library Committee Member

Little Fires Everywhere is a 2017 novel by author Celeste Ng. Set in Shaker Heights, Ohio, it's the story of two very different families who come together but then are torn apart by certain events. This novel takes a powerful look at race and privilege, and how these themes shape who we are and the decisions we make. It's a clever, very entertaining read and will leave you on edge, wondering what is going to happen next—one of my favorites!

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday

On Sunday, March 3, Sunday school classes are invited to visit the library. Library Committee members will be on hand to help check out books and distribute prizes. Stop by and see the library decorated for Dr. Seuss and check out one of the 40 + Seuss books in our collection.

Trinity Page Turners Book Club

The book club meets on Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 P.M. to discuss "*Little Fires Everywhere*" by Celeste Ng.

Enter Mia Warren—an enigmatic artist and single mother—who arrives in this idyllic bubble with her teenaged daughter Pearl and rents a house from the Richardson's. Soon Mia and Pearl become more than tenants: all four Richardson children are drawn to the mother-daughter pair. But Mia carries with her a mysterious past and a disregard for the status quo that threatens to upend this carefully ordered community.

When old family friends of the Richardson's attempt to adopt a Chinese-American baby, a custody battle erupts that dramatically divides the town—and puts Mia and Elena on opposing sides. Suspicious of Mia and her motives, Elena is determined to uncover the secrets in Mia's past. But her obsession will come at unexpected and devastating costs.

You can RSVP online at trinity-ec.org or sign-up at Clipboard Central. For more information, email Cindy Beck at cindy@trinity-ec.org



Books to Read Before you are Five

1. Love You Forever
2. Where the Wild Things Are
3. Goodnight Moon
4. Little Blue Truck
5. Rainbow Fish
6. The Very Hungry Caterpillar
7. Brown Bear Brown Bear
8. If You Give a Mouse a Cupcake
9. The Little Engine That Could
10. Llama, Llama, Red Pajama
11. Green Eggs and Ham
12. On the Night You Were Born
13. The Kissing Hand
14. Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
15. Guess How Much I Love You
16. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
17. Oh, the Places You'll Go
18. How I Became a Pirate
19. We're Going on a Bear Hunt
20. The Stinky Cheese Man
21. Pat the Bunny
22. One Fish Two Fish
23. Make Way for Ducklings
24. Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes
25. The Cat in the Hat
26. Barnyard Dance
27. Polar Bear Polar Bear
28. You Are My I Love You
29. Stellulara
30. Good Night Gorilla
31. The Belly Button Book
32. Olivia
33. Go Dog Go
34. Fox in Socks
35. Runaway Bunny
36. The Mitten
37. Chicka Chicka ABC
38. Oh, The Things You Can Think
39. If I Could Keep You Little
40. Poky the Little Puppy
41. My First Winnie the Pooh
42. Frog and Toad are Friends
43. Ladybug Girl and the Bug Squad
44. Duck in the Truck
45. The Tale of Peter Rabbit
46. How Full is Your Bucket? for Kids
47. The Little Red Hen
48. Curious George Goes to the Zoo
49. Someday
50. Shelia Rae, the Brave

You can stop by the Library Bulletin Board in the Nursery Hallway to pick up a bookmark copy of this list!

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