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## Annual Congregational Meeting

Join the Annual Meeting of Trinity on Sunday, February 9, in the Worship Center at 10:45 A.M. This constitutionally directed event brings together all confirmed members to hear reports from the staff, review 2019, elect a new council, and adopt the 2020 budget. Reports to be included in the report are due to Amber Moltzau on Wednesday, January 15. You may email them to her at [amber@trinity-ec.org](mailto:amber@trinity-ec.org)

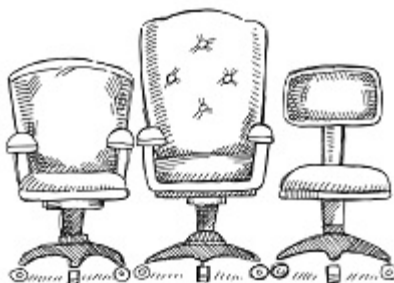
There will be a Budget Review in the Trinity Room on Sunday, January 26 after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services. The online Annual Report will be available at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org) starting February 2. Please print a copy and bring it to the meeting. Print copies will also be available in the Lobby and at the meeting.

## New Director of Music & Worship

Dr. Frank Watkins will join the Trinity staff as director of Music and Worship on January 1, 2020. He has master of music degrees in piano performance and choral conducting and has earned his doctorate in Choral Conducting. Dr. Watkins is a professor of choral music education at UWEC. He also currently serves as the music director of the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra and will be a guest lecturer at this summer's Village Harmony Music Camp in South Africa. Frank is accomplished in piano, organ and voice, and comes with years of experience with worship music of all forms. He will work closely with each aspect of our music ministry at Trinity to build upon our successes and lead us into new learning and growth.

Our congregation owes a great debt of gratitude for Interim Music and Worship Director Nick Drayton. He successfully ushered us through an extended time of transition in our music ministry. Nick brought stability and new ideas, and will conclude his interim responsibilities on December 31.

Dr. Watkins says: *"I am excited to join the Trinity Lutheran family as the Director of Music and Worship. For the past six years, I have served as organist and Director of Music at Peace Lutheran Church in Menomonie. Prior to my tenure at Peace, I served congregations in Florida, Mississippi, Illinois, Arkansas, and Nebraska. I believe my vast experience in worship, leadership, and experience are requisite skills that will serve to enhance the incredible worship at Trinity. I am excited to meet each of you and to join this wonderful community."*



## Pastoral Call Updates!

### Call Committee Update

The Call Committee has been hard at work the past couple of months. They have completed the Ministry Site Profile for the Synod and now await candidate applications. They are specifically working on calling an Associate Pastor to lead our Children, Youth and Family Ministries. They will be reviewing applications in preparations for interviews after the holidays. Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue the Call process.

### New Call Committee to Form

As the Associate Pastor of Children, Youth and Family Call Committee prepares to start receiving names for interviews, an additional call committee is being formed. We will combine the two vacant part-time calls into one full-time Associate Pastor call. If you are interested in serving on this new call committee, please obtain a call committee application from the office. Completed applications must be submitted by January 6. Please see Pastor Patrick if you have questions.



## Unfinished Reformation

Looking for a great way to start the new year? Come check out a new adult education series entitled *Unfinished Reformation*. The four week series will begin on Wednesday, January 15, from 12:00 P.M.–1:00 P.M. Bring your lunch, and join facilitator Pastor Don Wisner as he delves into interesting topics of how God's church continues the process of reformation today and into the future. The sessions are free and will meet each Wednesday through February 5. Come to Room 208 at Trinity for one session or the whole series.

## Holy Experiments

Join seminary student Heather Day in the Fireside Room after the 8:15 A.M. and 9:45 A.M. worship services on Sundays, January 12 and 26, for the first installments of *Holy Experiments*. Each time we gather, we'll try to find new ways to listen for God and listen to each other. We will finish by the time Sunday School is over, so parents of Sunday School students are encouraged to come experiment!

We will conduct *Holy Experiments* from time to time this winter. We won't meet every week—only occasionally—so watch for dates to be announced. Come try something new this winter!

## Inspired

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, then what is it? Author Rachel Held Evans invites readers on a journey of rediscovery as she explores the magic of the Bible in her final book *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*. Evans creatively retells our favorite Bible stories and then connects these ancient stories to our present-day ones. Readers are invited to fall in love with Scripture without checking their intellect—or their imaginations—at the door.

Join Heather Day for an "*Inspired*" book study this winter. The group will meet on Monday evenings, January 20–February 10, from 6:30 P.M.–7:30 P.M. in the Fireside Room. Purchase the book on your own; it is available in bookstores in town or online. It's also okay to just show up—reading the book is not required to participate or to be inspired. Sign up at Clipboard Central or email [heatherd@trinity-ec.org](mailto:heatherd@trinity-ec.org)

*"Inspired is a love letter to scripture. Evans takes what has been weaponized against so many of us, and she beats it into a ploughshare. She shows us how to love the Bible; how to see its flaws, beauty, strength, and spirit at the same time. That's love."* —Pastor Nadia Bolz Weber

## New Book Study

*Elders Rising: The Promise & Peril of Aging* by Roland Martinson (Luther Seminary professor emeritus) talks about the real challenges, realities, and blessings in lives of people 60+ years of age. Pastor Mary Kaye would like to gather a group to talk about it. After the new year; weekly or every other week; Sunday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon or evening, Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon or evening, or Friday mornings. If you're interested, let Pastor Mary Kaye know what works best for you! You can email her at [marykaye@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marykaye@trinity-ec.org)

## Baptism Celebration

Don't miss the Baptism celebration in worship on Sunday, January 12, and Wednesday, January 15, when we look back at photos of those baptized at Trinity in 2019! We're going to read about Jesus' Baptism and see how it has an important message for our lives today. Come to worship and hear again the news of Jesus' Baptism and how it applies to your life!

## Noah's Ark Preschool Open House

All interested families are invited to attend our Preschool Open Houses on Sunday, January 26, at 10:45 A.M. following the Noah's Ark Sunday worship, and Monday, January 27, at 6:00 P.M. Visit the Noah's Ark classroom, learn about the Noah's Ark program, ask questions, and gather 2020–2021 school year registration information. You will meet Marlee Knickerbocker, the Noah's Ark Preschool Director, along with teachers Jill Kasmarek and Cassie Brenden. Members of the 2020 Noah's Ark Preschool Committee, who are Noah's Ark parents, will also be available to share their family experiences at Noah's Ark and answer parent questions. Registration will open to Trinity members on Tuesday, January 28, at 8:00 A.M. Brochures for the 2020–2021 school year will be available in the Trinity Lobby and throughout the building. It is also available online at [trinity-ec.org](http://trinity-ec.org)

## A Special Thank You

Thank you to our Decorating Committee for all their hard work and dedication in making our church and our altar area look its best for the holidays. Thank you also to Don Peterson for setting up all of trees. If you would like to join the Decorating Committee, please contact Dr. Frank Watkins at [frank@trinity-ec.org](mailto:frank@trinity-ec.org) or call 715.832.6601 ext 213.



## Sharing at Christmas

Thank you to all who shared the spirit of generosity and love this Christmas. Because of your generosity, we were able to distribute toys, jackets, snowpants, clothing, household products, and food to 27 families in the community. This annual Christmas Sharing Project addresses needs of families with school-age children. Thank you to all who helped by purchasing gifts and food, by donating money, and by sorting and delivering the items to the families. Trinity makes a difference in people's lives, and you have a part in that mission. Thank you for your generosity.

## Thank You from the Trinity Staff

The Trinity staff extends sincere thanks to all who remembered us during the celebration of Christmas. Your cards and delicious treats were appreciated. Most of all, your thoughtfulness and support touched us deeply. We are grateful to God for calling us to serve this congregation and to experience your friendship and goodwill in so many ways throughout the year.

## Received in November Memorials & Gifts

### Children's Bible Fund

- In honor Bill, Kim, and Carly Engel: Joanne Stange
- In memory of Kjerstie Pressler: Mike & Dori Ritland
- In memory of Mildred Wohlert: Lori Juneau

### Friends of Flynn Fund

- In memory of Jeanette Frederickson: Erik & Kim Hill Phelps

### Endowment Trust Fund

- In memory of Randy Ovaska: Deyon Ziehme, Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Avis Drung: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Larry Hoepner: Barbara Tischer
- In memory of Wesley Berg: Barbara Tischer

### Library Fund

- In memory of Mildred Wohlert: Paul & Amber Moltzau

### Food Pantry Fund

- In memory of Duke Johnson: Ardis Nystuen, Dianna Miller
- In memory of Randy Ovaska: Roger & Marilyn Engen

### Memorial Fund

- In memory of Michael Thom: Jim & Sherry Jones

### Noah's Ark Preschool Fund

- In memory of Kjerstie Pressler: William Clouse & Katie Ritland Clouse

## Jamaica 2020

A group of men will be heading back to Jabneh Christian Academy in Jamaica January 29– February 4. This is part of Trinity's dedication to mission and serving in Christ's love and sharing the good news. During the week, they will build a recycled plastic bottle green house, along with providing general building maintenance and a community painting project.

The men's team welcomes your support by providing funds for purchasing supplies. Look for a table in the lobby to pick up sponsorship slips beginning January 12 or give directly online at Trinity noting: "Jamaica project." The men pay their own expenses and also contribute toward materials, but your support helps make the projects a success.

## Circle Listings

### Deborah

Thursday, January 16, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Jan Kneer  
Leader: Jan Kneer

### Martha/Mary

Tuesday, January 21, 6:30 P.M. Trinity  
Hostess:  
Leader:

### Miriam

Wednesday, January 15, 9:30 A.M. Trinity  
Hostess: Dawn Stienessen  
Leader:

### Ruth

Tuesday, January 21, 1:30 P.M., Trinity  
Hostess: Pam Burrows  
Leader: Group

## St. Olaf Choir Concert at the Pablo Center

The St. Olaf Choir, conducted by Anton Armstrong, will perform at the Pablo Center at the Confluence in Eau Claire, WI on January 19 at 3:00 P.M. The St. Olaf Choir, comprised of 75 mixed voices, is the premier a cappella choir in the United States.

Tickets are available at <https://www.pablocenter.org/all-events/593/st-olaf-choir-concert/> or 715.832.2787.



## Children, Youth & Family Ministries

### Noah's Ark Preschool

We return to classes after a delightful Advent and Christmas season with children! In Noah's Ark, the children learned the Christmas story of Baby Jesus and shared it with their family and friends through our class party programs and gifts to their family. It is the blessing of the season to have these children know Jesus and share his peace with their family and friends.



We look forward to a Noah's Ark Sunday on January 26 at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. The children and families of Noah's Ark are invited to join us at this service. Following the worship, we invite you to our 2020 Noah's Ark Open House. Come see our beautiful classroom space, talk to the teachers and committee members/parents, and learn what we are all about. We value discovery and learning through play, helping children become peacemakers, and sharing the love of God with every child who enters our space. Please look for our brochures placed in kiosks and holders throughout Trinity and share them with family and friends with preschool age children. Registration for the 2020–2021 school year will open to congregational members on January 28 with a phone in registration. Contact me with any questions regarding our program or registration process at [marlee@trinity-ec.org](mailto:marlee@trinity-ec.org) or 715.832.6601.

The Winter/Spring session of the Early Childhood Enrichment classes are beginning. There are still openings for the Come and Play Friday afternoon class, from 12:00 P.M.–2:00 P.M., for children who were 2 years old by September 1, 2019. In addition, a couple of spots remain available in the Readers, Writers, and Artists class on Tuesday afternoons from 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M. This class is for children who were four years old by September 1, 2019. Contact Mrs. Knickerbocker at 715.832.6601 for more information on either class.

Open Gym will begin on January 7 from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers are invited to come to the Trinity Room for large muscle play together. It's a great place to use up some winter energy! No advance registration is needed.

Happy New Year!

In Peace,

Marlee Knickerbocker

### Children's Ministries 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 715.832.6601 if unsure. It is our policy to close if the Eau Claire public schools are closed.

### Open Gym

On Tuesdays, January 7 through March 17, from 10:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M. the Trinity Room will be open for parents, grandparents, or caregivers and their young children (toddlers—preschool) to come together to use our equipment in a large safe space. The area will be supervised, and a story time and snack will be offered 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 per session is \$3 for one child, \$2 for each additional child from the same family.

## Care & Concern Ministries

### Red Cross Blood Drive

In 2019, we collected 125 units of blood. That is up from both 2018 and 2017. A huge and grateful thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered this past year. You helped someone survive to see 2020. Our next blood drive is February 20.

### Calling All Seniors

There has been discussion about having a Valentine's Dinner for seniors, single or married. Vicki Dueringer would like to make that idea a reality. She will start planning in January and would love to have help planning this event. Call the church office at 715.832.6601 ext 208 and speak with Vicki!

### Meals on Wheels

We received a letter that the ADRC is looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels. It takes about one hour, and you can do it as little or as much as you have time. Call 715.839.6259 to get more information.

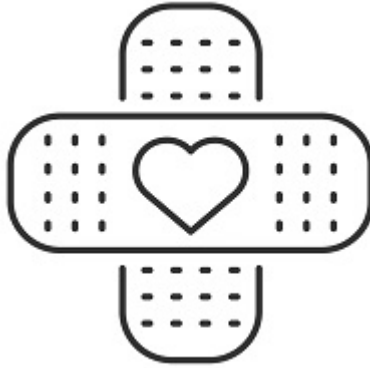


Dear Trinity Members,

The clichés are flying through my brain as I seek inspiration for the first newsletter for 2020. What will this year hold for you and me. Sometimes I wish I had that crystal ball to see what lies ahead. Most of the time, I'm glad I don't.

I am officially retiring in February from my RN position at Mayo. (I am still going to be Parish Nurse here!) My heart pounds every time I think about it. I am not concerned about staying busy, but I am concerned about having purpose in my retirement. For 48 years I have been helping, comforting, and caring for people. How do I continue to use that gift in retirement. As I looked at a couple of my devotional books, I found a couple of readings from the Bible that we all can draw comfort from this year. The first is Jeremiah 29:11—*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* 1 Corinthians 12:4—*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.* So my gifts are listening and caring, and I can use them in any interaction; doesn't depend on being in a nurse uniform or in the clinic setting. If your gift is music and you can make people sing to the Lord, use that gift; if it is making the Holy Spirit known to people, use that gift; if it is teaching children peace and kindness, use that gift; if it is technology, use that gift. May each of us let our Light and gifts shine in 2020.

Vicki Dueringer  
Parish Nurse



## Save the Date

Senior Americans Day is June 2 at UW Eau Claire. If you are age 55 or older, plan to attend this gathering! It is the best.

## 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 service will be on Sunday, January 19.

## In the Mail

Dear Friends,

*The holiday season is a special time for most of us, but for low income families it can be a time of uncertainty with higher expenses and no school meals. The Weekend Kids' Meal program provides meal bags to students every Friday throughout the school year with additional food distributed before vacation times to help bridge this gap. This is possible for the students at Flynn Elementary because of YOU. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of these children, removing the barrier of hunger so they can learn and grow. You have provided them with food as well as hope for a strong, healthy future.*

*This holiday season and always, we are thankful for the partnership we share with Trinity Lutheran Church.*

*Suzanne Becker, Assistant Director  
Feed My People Food Bank*

Dear Friends,

*Thank you Trinity Lutheran for your continued generous support of our veterans. Your beautiful quilts, and your many gifts from the Advent Tea will bring "comfort and joy" to many veterans and their families.*

*Blessings,  
Jane Dale*

## January Spice Drive

Myrrh is mentioned in the New Testament as one of the three gifts the wise men brought to Jesus when he was born (Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh). Myrrh is a spice that has many uses including as a fragrance and as a flavoring in food products. One of the things rarely donated to food pantries are spices and food seasonings. To mark the arrival of the three wise men and highlight this need in the food pantry, Children's Ministries will hold a spice drive during the month of January. Please bring UNOPENED spices and food seasonings to donate to the Trinity Food Pantry. See the display in the lobby for more information.

## Get Your Blood Pressure Checked

One in three American adults has 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.



## 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.

## Trinity Library

### Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on Tuesday, January 21, in the Trinity Library at 6:30 P.M. to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.

September 1911. On Ellis Island in New York Harbor, nurse Clara Wood cannot face returning to Manhattan where the man she loved fell to his death in the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire. Then, while caring for a fevered immigrant whose own loss mirrors hers, she becomes intrigued by a name embroidered onto the scarf he carries...and finds herself caught in a dilemma that compels her to confront the truth about the assumptions she's made. What she learns could devastate her—or free her.

September 2011. A long-lost photograph appears in a national magazine, and widow Taryn Michaels is forced to relive the terrible day her husband died in the collapse of the World Trade Towers...the same day a stranger reached out and saved her. But a chance re-connection and a century-old scarf may open Taryn's eyes to the larger forces at work in her life.

### It's a New Year...make a date to read!

#### Fiction

- *Us Against You* by Fredrik Backman. With immense compassion and insight, Backman reveals how loyalty, friendship, and kindness can carry a town through its most challenging days. (FIC BAC)
- *The Nest* by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney. This book is warm, funny, and acutely perceptive debut novel, about four adult siblings and the fate of the shared inheritance that has shaped their choices and their lives. (FIC SWE)
- *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah. Dr. Julia Cates was one of the country's preeminent child psychiatrists until a shocking tragedy ruined her career. She moves back to her small hometown in western Washington and meets a 6 year old child who inexplicably emerged from the nearby woods. This story is about Julia and her will to help this child to assimilate into the community and find her a home. (FIC HAN)

#### Non-fiction

- *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. Orlean reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history and delivers a love letter to the institution of libraries themselves. (027.4 ORL)

#### Youth

- *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes. After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till. (+ FIC RHO)
- *The Thing About Jellyfish* by Ali Benjamin. Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death. (+ FIC BEN)

#### Children's Books

- *If There Never Was A You* by Amanda Rowe. This board book shares the message of love between parent and child. (++) FIC ROW)
- *Oh, Baby, the Places You'll Go!* Adapted by Tish Rabe from the works of Dr. Seuss. A warm and winsome welcome to the world of Dr. Seuss written for mothers, and others, to read aloud to babies and babies-to-be! (++) FIC RAB)
- *Dear Boy* by Paris Rosenthal and Jason Rosenthal. With tenderness, *Dear Boy*, will make any boy reading it feel that he's amazing just the way he is—whether he's offering a helping hand, singing in a choir, or reaching for the stars! (++) FIC ROS)
- *Peanut Butter and Jelly* by Ben Clanton. Narwhal and Jelly star in a story about trying new things, favorite foods and accepting who we are. Funny and never didactic, this underwater duo charms through their powerful combination of positive thinking, imagination and joyfulness. (+ FIC CLA)



- *Not-So-Lucky Lefty* by Megan McDonald. This book is from the Judy Moody and Friends series. Judy is a righty but her brother, Stink, and her dad are lefties and are going to celebrate Left Handers Day. Judy feels left out and is allowed to join them for a special celebration at the pretzel factory as long as she is left-handed for the entire day! (++) FIC MCD)
- *Dr. Seuss's You are Kind* by Dr. Seuss Enterprises. From Horton the Elephant who taught us that a person's a person, no matter how small, comes the perfect book for anyone who is kind. (++) FIC SEU)
- *In the Middle of Fall* by Kevin Henkes. This book introduces the concepts and vocabulary of fall—autumn colors, changes in plants and animals... and wind, which soon leads to the next season. (++) FIC HEN)
- *Little Tree* by Loren Long. From Loren Long, creator of the Otis series, comes a gorgeously illustrated story that challenges each of us to have the courage to let go; and to grow. (++) FIC LON)
- *It's Your First Day of School, Busy Bus!* By Jody Jensen Shaffer. Today is the very first day of school! *Busy Bus* is excited, but he also has some first-day jitters. Luckily, bus driver Ben knows just what to do to make sure that the school year gets off to a great start. (++) FIC SHA)
- *Look Up With Me: Neil deGrase Tyson* by Jennifer Berne. Follow young Neil's journey as he discovers the wonders of space, the thrill of science, and the joy in sharing the beauty of our amazing universe. (++) B TYS)
- *Just Ask!* by Sonia Sotomayor. In this warm and inclusive story by US Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, inspired by her own childhood diagnosis of diabetes, readers join along as differently abled kids use their strengths to work together and learn about each other. (++) FIC SOT)
- *I Am Perfectly Designed* by Karamo Brown and Jason Brown. *I Am Perfectly Designed* is a celebration of modern families and the special bond between parent and child, infused with the trademark warmth and wisdom that have established Karamo as a beloved public figure. (++) FIC BRO)
- *Sharks and Other Dangers of the Deep!* by Simon Mugford. Take an underwater journey of discovery into the amazing, dangerous world of sharks. With fantastic facts and incredible photographs, this book gives the reader a close-up at the biggest, the fastest, and the deadliest creatures in the sea. (++) 597 MUG)

## Book Recommendation

*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson  
Gloria Crossman, Trinity Library Committee Member

Inspired by true and historical blue people and the Kentucky Pack Horse Library Service, this book is a story of fierce strength and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere. Highly recommend—you won't be disappointed.

## Why Reading Aloud to Kids Helps Them Thrive

Reading aloud to kids has clear cognitive benefits. For example, brain scans show that hearing stories strengthens the part of the brain associated with visual imagery, story comprehension, and word meaning. One study found that kindergarten children who were read to at least three times a week had a “significantly greater phonemic awareness than did children who were read to less often.” And the landmark *Becoming a Nation of Readers* report from 1985 concluded that “the single most important activity for building knowledge for their eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children.”

But reading also strengthens children's social, emotional, and character development. According to a recently published study, reading to very young children is linked to decreased levels of aggression, hyperactivity, and attention difficulties. The study's lead author shared this insight with *The New York Times*, “When parents read with their children more . . . they learn to use words to describe feelings that are otherwise difficult and this enables them to better control their behavior when they have challenging feelings like anger or sadness.”

If reading isn't part of your daily routine — or if you want to make it a more positive experience — here are three tips for making the most of read-aloud time:

- **Start early, read often.** Reading to babies helps build bonds, vocabulary, and habits.
- **Read the pictures.** Illustrations are visual clues that can help kids build their vocabulary and their emotional toolkit.
- **Press the pause button.** Some nights, it's tempting to rush through books on the way to “lights out.” But sometimes press the pause button before turning the page. Take time to look at a picture, ask a question, or share reactions.

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  - All submissions must be your own work. Any copyrighted material (code, images, or otherwise) must include written permission from the original source.
  - Deadline for the February Newsletter is January 20.