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LENT 2021

God's Promises for You



Join us each Wednesday during Lent as we explore our theme "God's Promises for You." For almost the past twelve months, we have lived in a time when the words "tentative" and "uncertainty" are part of our everyday vocabulary. During a pandemic, what can we lean on? What can hold us up when we are fraught with stress and anxiety? God's promises. This Lent, we are going to explore words of assurance and hope that God offers to all people through covenants, parables, and even miracles so we can stand firm in our faith no matter how uncertain our day to day might be. Join us each Wednesday to discover God's promises for you!

- February 17 • Ash Wednesday
- February 24 • Luke 10:25–37 "The Good Samaritan"
- March 3 • John 6:1–14 "Jesus feeds the 5000"
- March 10 • Luke 22:14–28 "The Last Supper"
- March 17 • Luke 22:32–71 "Jesus is Betrayed"
- March 24 • Luke 23:26–56, 24:1–12 "Easter"

Knit in Prayer

Prayer Shawls and Pocket Prayer Shawls are available from Trinity to be given to friends, neighbors, and coworkers experiencing a challenging time due to health concerns, death, or other major life events. If you are in need of any of these items, they are available in the entryway of Door One.

Friends of Flynn

A January recap of Friends of Flynn recent activities includes the following:

- Just before Christmas Break, every Flynn student received a new book to read and keep. Thank you to all who generously donated funds and/or books.
- Each Flynn student received a new pair of Bombas socks. This was made possible by a grant written by Cindy Beck. Thank you!
- Twenty six students received new winter boots. This was made possible by Dan Helgeson and by generous donations made to the Soles for Special Souls program. Thank you!

Flynn Elementary send the following thank you to Trinity:

*Flynn would like to thank you for your wonderful gift of books and socks this holiday season! We are grateful for all you do for us.
Happy Holidays, Flynn*

Global Mission Update—Japan

We recently received an update from our mission partners in Japan, Patrick and Jackie Bencke. The Trinity congregation financially supports Patrick and Jackie Bencke and their ministry in Kumamoto, Japan. Patrick serves as a teacher of English at Kyushu Lutheran College, and Jackie serves as an assistant with music programs (organist, choir, etc.)

Jackie writes, "Like most complicated and hard things, there is rarely a clean start and clean end to them. That goes for the year 2020. I pray that as you come together for worship, whether it is in a sanctuary or in your home office, that the hope of newness in Christ remains a prevailing reminder in your prayers, your hymns, and as you approach the throne of our Lord."

She goes on to say that their classes finished, and they spent a quiet week hiking on a nearby mountain and walking in their neighborhood. COVID-19 infections are worsening in Japan, and they are expecting a state of emergency implemented in some of the neighboring prefectures.

The Bencke Family January Newsletter can be found on the Trinity website under Serve, In The World. There Jackie tells about their Christmas pageant at the Kyushu Lutheran College.

Please keep the Bencke family in your prayers.

Staff Retirement

After 19 years as part of the Trinity staff, Gail Brian will be retiring on February 15. Gail has handled our payroll and accounts payable in her part time role. Staff members were always very excited when she would deliver home made krumkake to the staff counter every holiday season. Let's all wish Gail and her husband Roger the best in this new chapter of their lives.



Noah's News

Winter greetings! A few words about our days.... Comfortable routines, warm friendships, outside play dressing, fast gym running, cold snow play, ice castle building, glow in the dark discovering, flashlights flashing, cozy pajama wearing, ice ball melting, peacemaker conversations, Bible story reading, bodies moving, paintbrushes painting, voices singing, and so much more!

Our registration process for the 2021–2022 Noah's Ark school year has begun. We look forward to registering returning children as well as welcoming new children and families to Noah's Ark and Trinity. Invite your friends and neighbors with young children to consider our programming for preschool age children.

As we move into February, we will celebrate LOVE...God's love for us, the love of family, the love we share with friends. We will share valentines and love with each other!

In peace,
Marlee Knickerbocker, Director



Early Childhood Enrichment Class Opportunities

- Parent & Child Music and Movement Class (1–2 year olds)
- Come and Play: A drop off class with the option of one or two days per week for children with birthdates between 9.1.18 and 5.31.19.

Specific class information including times, costs, and registration dates will be available early spring.

Parent Check-In

Parents are invited to a Zoom Check-In with Pastor Tom on Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 P.M. We will share a devotion as well as commiserate in the joys and struggles of parenting. Contact Pastor Tom at tomw@trinity-ec.org with any questions. Here is the Zoom link, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85855285329?pwd=VVdCTIRIN1BxTCtKNUpYdlBQS3MvZz09MeetingID:85855285329,Passcode:trinity>

Health Ministries

- Covid-19 Vaccine: As I write this article, the Covid–19 vaccine is being rolled out to our local health care workers. According to the Eau Claire County Health Department website, Phase 1b is coming soon which includes law enforcement and fire fighters, essential workers, and the older population. I know that some of you may have doubts about getting the vaccine. I want to tell you that it is so important that you get vaccinated when your turn comes. I received my first vaccine at the end of December and my second vaccine on January 18. I had very few side effects (sore arm for a day and really tired the day I got the vaccine). I was fine the next day. I know everyone responds differently, but even getting a few side effects is better than getting Covid–19. The vaccine is safe; it was tested on thousands of people before approval. The data from the clinical trials supports its effectiveness. Two excellent resources are: Eau Claire County Health Department Covid–19 vaccine and Mayo Clinic Covid–19 vaccine. If you Google either of these you, will get factual answers

Noah's Ark Registration Information

Three year old class options

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (multi-age class), 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
- Monday—Thursday afternoons (multi-age class), 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

Four, Five year old class options (These are great pre-kindergarten options!)

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (multi-age class), 9:00 A.M.–11:30 A.M.
- Monday—Thursday afternoons (multi-age class), 12:45 P.M.–3:15 P.M.

Cost

- Two Days Per Week: \$108/month tuition, \$140 One-time Supply and Registration Fee
- Three Days Per Week: \$162/month tuition, \$210 One-time Supply and Registration Fee
- Four Days Per Week: \$216/month tuition, \$280 One-time Supply and Registration Fee

Registration dates for call-in registration 715.832.6601

- January 26, 8:00 A.M.: For currently enrolled students
- January 28, 8:00 A.M.: For Trinity Lutheran Church members
- February 2, 8:00 A.M.: For siblings of currently enrolled students
- February 4, 8:00 A.M.: Open to the public

Due to Covid-19, we are unable to hold our Open Houses in person. Watch a virtual tour of our classroom and additional information about Noah's Ark online. Please contact Marlee Knickerbocker, Noah's Ark Preschool Director, at 715.832.6601 or marlee@trinity-ec.org for more information.



to your questions. PLEASE...GET THE VACCINE WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE!

- Red Cross Blood Drive: With Covid-19 continuing, the need for blood continues to be urgent. Our next blood drive is Thursday, February 18, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. You may sign up online at redcrossblood.org
- Lent Soup Lunch: As much as I would like to tell you we are doing Lenten Soup lunches, we are not. We will miss the homemade soups and Jeannie Boring's treats. However, through the magic of Zoom, we are going to offer you a chance to have lunch together, but from your homes. We will start as a whole group and then break into "tables" to eat our lunch and socialize. We will return to a whole group to close. Watch for information on the Zoom link in the near future.
- Did you know that Pastors are not considered essential workers? Our Chippewa Valley Parish Nurses group is sending a letter to both our local and state leaders to ask that Pastors be added to the "essential workers" group. If you agree that our Pastors should be included in the essential workers group, please write a letter or email our public health leaders. Thank you!

February is the month of love. Jesus said "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34–35

Vicki Dueringer
Parish Nurse

Memorials & Gifts

Food Pantry

- **In memory of Lois Olson:** Alan & Ruth Voss, Jim & Marilyn Bollinger, Roger & Shirley Shepler, Bob & Jane Blockhus
- **In memory of Barbara Ihlenfeldt:** Family & Friends, Dean & Susan Olson, Mark & Heidi Schildt, Margaret Brunn, Sandra Jacobson, Jeff & Lisa Goetz, Jon & Maureen Homstad, Jerry & Joanne Dow, Brad & Caryn Linn, Norbert & Helen Wurtzel, Robert & Debra Duescher, Allen & Barbara Novak, John & Martha Roubal, Carolyn Bugher, Judith Ristow, Lana Anderson, Michael & Tina Longsdorf, Richard & Debra Lambrecht, Jean Burmeister, Laurel Skar, William & Margaret Lipschultz, Walter & Mary Woelfe, Richard & Susan Cochrane, Clarke & Sharon Mundhenke, John & Lois Schultz, David Hildebrand, William Neverdahl
- **In memory of Vila Nygaard:** Thomas & Karen Nelson, Family & Friends, Richard & Susan Cochrane, Clara Walde, Krug's Bus Service, Rose Sippel, Phyllis Grohn, Marilyn Johnson, Don & Kathy Gjesfjeld
- **In honor of Erik Dovre:** Jeanette Paulson
- **In honor of Ellen Dovre:** Sitara Ihlenfeld Paulson
- **In honor of Randy & Peggy Casper:** Daniel & Jacqueline Helgeson
- **In memory of Roman Fritz:** Jack & Ruth Campbell
- **In memory of Daniel Hillestad:** Rose Sippel, Jack Olson
- **In honor of Char Finseth:** Lori Juneau
- **In memory of Geraldine Miller:** Don & Kathy Gjesfjeld
- **In memory of Maridale Jacobson:** Don & Kathy Gjesfjeld

Memorial Fund

- **In memory of Deloris Thompson:** Susan Schaefer
- **In memory of Lois Olson:** Susan Schaefer, Jeanne Cooper
- **In memory of Michael Shanley:** Terry & Jane O'Connell
- **In memory of Jean Hanson:** Nancy Engebretson, Mary North
- **In memory of Geraldine Miller:** LuAnn Miller, Margaret Odegard, Delores Bjugstad
- **In memory of Daniel Hillestad:** James & Anne Walker, Carla Brandrup
- **In memory of Vila Nygaard:** James & Anne Walker, Barry & Kathy Bromberg
- **In memory of Elaine Pomerening:** Dennis & Sharon Betz

Children's Bibles

- **In memory of Lois Olson:** Lori Juneau, Rose Sippel
- **In memory of Tekla Bekkedal:** Rose Sippel
- **In memory of Matthew Friederich:** Mary Friederich

Noah's Ark Preschool

- **In memory of Denise Molldrem:** Jeanne Cooper

Children's Ministries

- **In memory of Denise Molldrem:** Bob & Mary Schoenknecht

Library

- **In memory of Tekla Bekkedal:** Bob & Mary Schoenknecht
- **In honor of Pam Burrows:** Mary Hoepner
- **In honor of Lori Juneau:** Char Finseth

Endowment Trust/Kurt Jacobson Fund

- **In memory of Maridale Jacobson:** Ron & Cindy Beck

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- Please submit all articles for the Tidings **electronically** in MS Word, Corel WP format, or in the body of an email. Submit to: cindy@trinity-ec.org
 - 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 March Newsletter is February 15.