

Trinity Lutheran Church

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Welcome to Worship

Good morning and welcome to worship! William Shakespeare wrote the following, "Expectation is the root of all heartache." How many times have you experienced heartache as a result of your expectations not being met? It could be as small as someone not saying "thank you" to as big as a health concern that changes your life. Today's gospel reading helps us live faithfully in those times when our shattered expectations naturally lead us to question God. You would expect this guidance to come from Jesus. Yet, today, a man named Nicodemus will shatter your expectations in guiding your life and inspiring your faith!



Thank You from the Bottom of Our Wings!

The ELCA Youth Gathering participants would like to thank you for your incredible support of the Flamingo Fundraiser. The Trinity congregation helped raise \$1000. This money will go directly to the students who are attending the Gathering in Detroit. A title will also be given to the ELCA World Hunger Walk for Water. Your donations are very much appreciated as our youth continue to do their part in Serving in Christ's Love and sharing the Good News!

Friends of Flynn Ministry Receives Award



We are thrilled to share that Trinity's Friends of Flynn Ministry was recently awarded the "Friend of Education Award" from the Eau Claire Association of Educators! This ministry was nominated by an individual who, as the award letter reads, "recognized the amazing work that you have done for students in Eau Claire, especially through your work with the students of Flynn Elementary." The Eau Claire Area School District advocates for the ideals of a diverse, democratic society and quality public education. Today, Suzanne Becker will be presenting the award to the congregation on behalf of Friends of Flynn!

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to the high school graduating class of 2015! This morning we celebrate this great accomplishment. You have worked hard for this day, your church community is proud of you.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." —Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Soles for Special Souls in May

Thank you for the \$2,015 we have received toward our \$2,500 goal! After worship today, stop by the "Soles for Special Souls" table in the lobby to learn more, to share a financial gift, and to complete a card that will be given to the child receiving the shoes you purchased. Shoe vouchers will be distributed in August and boot vouchers in October. Thank you!

May Book Drive

We believe that putting books in the hands of children not only encourages a love of learning, but increases self-confidence. With many of the Flynn families, the purchase of books is a luxury they cannot afford. As the students leave for summer vacation, we want to provide each one with a new book to take home and keep. Please consider donating new books for this project. Look for the display in the lobby where you will find book lists. Thank you for your continued support.

Coming this Fall "The Story"

"The Story" is a condensed, chronological Bible, and in our church-wide journey beginning this September, we're going to discover how our story fits into God's story. *"The Story"* will be part of weekly messages in worship, Sunday School curriculum, and adult studies. Later this summer, copies of *"The Story"* will be available to you.

Churches of Our Synod to Meet

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin meets in assembly this weekend at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. The event will bring hundreds of people to Davies Center to engage in workshops to transform churches and conversations pertinent to being Christian in a diverse and swiftly changing culture. To learn more, visit nswwi.org

Children's Ministries

If you had your photo taken for the directory in February, March, or April, your free 8x10 may be here! Please stop by the coffee counter to pick yours up this morning!

Blood Drive

The next American Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity will be held on Thursday, June 4, from 12:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. Summer is a crucial time to give blood. Donations drop during this time of year, but the need for blood does not.

Who can donate: Must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental/guardian consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds. You must be in general good health, and your last whole blood donation must have been at least 57 days ago. You can sign up the following ways.

1. Add your name to the schedule at Clipboard Central
2. Make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org Enter zip code 54701
3. E-mail Vicki Dueringer (Parish Nurse) at vickid@trinity-ec.org

Blood Drive Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist with reception and manning the canteen for the June 4 blood drive. Volunteer shifts are: 12:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M., 2:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M., and 4:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M. We also need baked goods. Sign up at Clipboard Central!

The Quilt Ladies

It's Garage Sale Time! Please be on the look out for bath towels for the Health Kits. Donations of crochet thread are also deeply appreciated. Then, why not come and join the group! Quilting pros and novices alike are invited to join at any time. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 9:00 A.M. in Trinity's lobby. Sew a quilt, and give the everlasting warmth and comfort of God's love!

You may make your offering via your smart phone. Visit our mobile app by scanning the code.



It's Not Too Late!

Summer is coming, and so is the fun at Trinity. It's time to mark your calendars for our summer Day Camps and Vacation Bible School. Online registration is open at trinity-ec.org Check out the Children's Ministries web page under GROW for participant ages, dates, times, and more information about each camp and Vacation Bible School.

- Sports Camp: June 15–17
- Camp Come and Play: Session One Morning, Session Two Afternoon: June 15, 17, 22, 24
- Camp Discovery: June 22–24
- Great Pretenders: Session One June 29–July 1, Session Two July 6–8, Session Three July 7–8
- Camp Cooking and Booking: July 13–16
- Tell the Good News: July 13–16

Vacation Bible School

"Animals in God's Word"

Great and amazing are God's creatures! Join us this summer to explore five Bible stories about what it means to care for all of God's creatures and live in peace. Bible stories are "Adam and Eve," "Daniel and the Lions," "A Rich Man's Question," "Sheep and Goats," and "God's Peaceful World." Celebrate the big event at Trinity this summer and feel just how exciting our God is.



Our special Kick Off Event is on Sunday, July 26, at the 9:45 A.M. worship service. VBS runs the week of July 27–31 from 8:45 A.M.–12:00 noon. The cost is a suggested \$20 donation per child. VBS is for children who were three by 9.1.14 through those who have completed grade six. You can register online now!

Women's Summer Study

There will be a Women's Summer Study this summer! Diane Fritz and Pat Garber will co-lead a seven-week Beth Moore study beginning Monday, June 8. Sessions will be held in the Chapel on Mondays from 1:30 P.M.–3:30 P.M. through July 20. The study this year is "*The Law of Love: Lessons from the Pages of Deuteronomy*." Cost for the book is \$12 and you must pre-order by May 30; after that, you are responsible for acquiring your own book. Sign up at Clipboard Central today!

Do You Care for a Family Member with Dementia or Alzheimer's Disease?

The Wisconsin Music & Memory Program is part of the national program designed to help people with Alzheimer's, and related dementias, find renewed meaning and connection in their lives through the gift of personalized music. This is a collaborative research study of the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eau Claire County.

We are currently seeking 25 participants in the Eau Claire area who have dementia and live within their own home, or the home of a caregiver.

- Participants will be provided a free iPod, headphones, and \$50 worth of their favorite music.
- The person with dementia will be asked to listen to personalized music on the iPod for at least 30 minutes per day, for a period of 3 months.
- The participant and caregiver will meet with researchers at the beginning and end of the three month period, and then be able to keep the equipment.

If interested in learning more, contact Lisa Riley at the Aging & Disability Resource Center at 715.839.4735 or Lisa.Riley@co.eau-claire.wi.us

