

FAMILY MATTERS

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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FAITH FORMATION

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SUNDAY SCHOOL 8:50-9:35 am

Preschool

April 6 – *First Sunday* family lesson
April 13 – Jesus Dies and Rises

School Age (PreK-Grade 6)

April 6 – *First Sunday* family lesson
April 13– Jesus Heals Ten with Leprosy

WEDNESDAYS 6:45-7:45pm

Connections (Grades 5-6)

April 2– Lydia
April 9 – Campfire Worship
April 16 – Faith Project Presentations

Confirmation (Grades 7-8)

April 2– Miracles
April 9 – Campfire Worship
April 16 – Faith Project Presentations
April 23 – End of Year Party

LAST DAYS OF CLASS

The last days of faith formation classes for the school year are:

April 13 – Sunday School
April 16 – Connections
April 23 – Confirmation

FIRST SUNDAYS

The next *First Sunday* class will be held on April 6, from 8:50-9:35 am and all families are invited! The theme this month is **Holy Week and Easter**.

EASTER ACTIVITY KIT

Families that attend the First Sunday class will take home an *Easter Story Activity Kit and Devotional* that helps guide conversations at home about Holy Week and Easter. Additional kits will be available outside the CYF office (Room 400) if you would like a kit for your family but you can't attend *First Sunday*. There is a limited supply of kits, so pick up yours soon!

TRINITY PRAYGROUND

Coming Soon!

Beginning in May, Trinity will debut a new way of welcoming small children and their parents in worship with a "prayerground!" A prayerground is "an intentional space within the front of the church sanctuary where, through age-appropriate means, young children are able to experience and engage in the faith community's worship." This is meant to be a space where young children – and their grown-ups – will experience welcome just as they are.

Trinity's prayerground will be located on the east side of the worship space, between the drum kit and the tech booth. There will be low tables and rugs, quiet toys, kid-friendly ways for little ones to participate in worship, coloring, and more! The hope is that children will be able to engage in worship more authentically while their grown-ups engage nearby.

Would you like to read more about prayergrounds? Check out this blogpost at the Center for Faith and Children at faithandchildren.org/2024/04/23/prayerground/

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

WE NEED YOU!

Trinity's high school students are seeking a responsible, fun, faithful adult to accompany them (along with other adult leaders) on their service trip to St. Louis, June 22-28, 2025. If you are interested in joining this awesome group of kids and adults for a week of service and fun, please contact Heather Day ASAP.

AT TRINITY

- April 2 **Mini Golf at Trinity** – Trinity high school students are invited to meet in the youth room (Rm 306) from 6:45–8:00 pm for a fun night of mini golf at church! Bring a golf putter if you have one!
- April 21 Youth can join Heather on the day after Easter at 6:30 pm for a **top-secret mission!**
- May 7 We'll celebrate spring with a **potluck dinner** at Trinity! Watch the Remind for details.
- May 11 **High School graduates** will be recognized at 9:45 am worship this morning. They'll also receive a gift from Trinity and we'll have treats in the lobby following worship.

OUTSIDE TRINITY

- April 19 **Queer Prom**, hosted by the Chippewa Valley LGBTQ+ Community Center. LGBTQIA+ high school students are invited to attend for an unforgettable storybook evening of celebration and revelry! [Use this link](#) to sign up by April 12. Heather will be chaperoning the event, so come and say hi!
- April 24 **Lunch Bunch** – Memorial students can join Heather and Pastor Tom for lunch at JimBob's Pizza. Stop by over your lunch hour and we'll buy you the lunch special!

NOW HIRING – VBS COUNSELORS

Current high school students (those completing grades 9–12) can apply to work as small group leaders/counselors during Trinity's Vacation Bible School.

Students will lead a small group of children for four mornings during VBS (July 21–24) and will have a required training on July 17. Students will be paid a stipend at the end of VBS unless they prefer to volunteer their time.

Application forms are now available online at trinity-ec.org/register and are due June 1.

INFORMATION MASHUP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Affirmation of Baptism for Trinity's 8th grade students is fast approaching! Here are some details for 8th graders and their families:

April 16 - 8th grade students share their Faith Projects in class

April 23 - Confirmation End-of-the-Year Party with 7th graders, time/location TBD

April 30 - Confirmation Rehearsal, Pictures, and Reception, 6:30-8:00 pm

May 4 - Confirmation Sunday at the 9:45 am worship service

DONATION COLLECTION

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin's Youth Board & middle school students will be making BLESSING BAGS during their upcoming gathering in Rice Lake on April 12. They could use your help collecting donations!

Items needed: Comb/Small Hair Brush, Travel Toothbrush, and Toothpaste
Donations due to Heather Day by April 7.

VBS VOLUNTEERS

Adults and youth completing grade 6 and above are invited to volunteer for Vacation Bible School (July 21-24). Volunteers are needed in a variety of areas including crafts, snack/kitchen, nursery, music, and more! Middle school volunteers will be paired with a high school counselor and a small group of children. Watch for a volunteer sign-up coming later this spring!

Additionally, **VBS Leaders** are needed in the areas of Snacks, Recreation, and Service (Compassion in Action).

If you are interested in being a VBS leader, please join us on Sunday, April 13 at 10:45 am in Room 208 as we dig into VBS 2025!

JONAH FILM FEST

JONAH is bringing its film festival back for the second year in a row and Trinity will host several documentary films during the festival. Join Heather Day at Trinity on Saturday, April 5 for the following films and guided discussions:

10:00 am

Screenagers by Delaney Ruston

Watch for more opportunities to view this film at Trinity in fall 2025.

1:00 pm (part 1) and 3:00 pm (part 2)

Wisconsin Pride by PBS Wisconsin

You can find the entire film lineup **[at this link.](#)**

SUMMER 2025

SUMMER AT TRINITY

Registration for summer programs at Trinity is now open at trinity-ec.org/register.



June-July **Playground Playtime**, Thursdays, 10:00-11:00 am
June 15-20 **Trinity Week at Luther Park Bible Camp**
June 22-28 **High School Service Trip to St. Louis**

July 7-10 **Summer Stretch**

- One week of service and fun for middle school students and high school helpers, concluding with a day at Valley Fair!

July 14-16 **Camp Come and Play**

- For kids age 2-3 whose birthdates fall between 9.1.2021 and 9.1.2022; this class is a great precursor to preschool.

July 21-24 **Vacation Bible School**

- For kids who turn 4 by 9.1.2025 through those completing grade 5; kids will explore how to participate in the work of God's creation.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

We want all children and youth to be able to take part in the ministry of Trinity. If cost is an issue for your family for any reason, please contact Heather Day, as scholarship funds are available for Trinity members.

LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP

Trinity children and youth are invited to join us for a fun week at summer camp! Trinity encourages students to attend Luther Park Bible Camp in Chetek during our "Trinity Week," from June 15-20. Find more information and register for Luther Park day camps or overnight camps at lutherpark.org. Registration for Luther Park camps is available now.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! Trinity is happy to pay 25% of the registration cost for one session per child each summer. Use the discount code TLEC at registration.

