

Prayer for Healing

Sharon Gerig
 Bob and Jenny Hobby and Family
 Shari
 Rita and Family
 Jan and Dean Oatman
 Judy Larry
 Sharon Platz
 The Fulkerson Family
 Trina Gould
 Becky
 Donna Russell
 Karen Jordan
 The Maloy Family

Birthdays

Russ Felderman 2/15/1935
 Ed Fisher 2/12/1932
 Carolyn Lahrman 2/10/1932
 Robert Pribble 2/17/1933
 Joyce Wolf 2/5/1921

Birthdays & Anniversaries are drawn from our database; please let us know if we have missed an important date.

In Memoriam

Dan Fulkerson

Homebound List

Do you know a Trinity member who has become homebound and would like to receive friendly phone calls or cards from our Deaconess Team? Please talk to, call, or email Pastor Lee.

Quick-Reference Calendar

See our full calendar of events at trinityenglish.org/calendar.

Sun 2/16

9AM Waffle Church
 9:15AM Sketchnotes
 9:30AM Youth Sunday School
 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study

Mon 2/17

12:15PM Midday Meditation

Tue 2/18

7PM Zoom Bible Study w/Pastor Lee

Wed 2/19

4:30PM E³
 5PM First Steps in Music
 6:15PM Yoga

Thurs 2/20

8:30AM Tai Chi
 12PM Bible Study w/Pastor Lee
 5:30PM Community Dinner
 6PM Divine Imagination

Sun 2/23

9:30AM Youth Sunday School
 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
 4PM Jazz Service

Itchin' to Get in the Kitchen?

Thursday evening Community Dinner volunteers are asking for reinforcements. We have dozens of wonderful and committed volunteers for our weekly meals, but we can use more! It's nice to have a week or two off sometimes, and the burden is lighter when it's shared. Might you be interested in helping to cook (or to serve)?

Please check in with a Pastor or Deacon to get into the rotation.



Potluck & A Book

Join WELCA on Tuesday, February 18, at 6PM in Wagenhals Hall for Potluck & A Book. Our discussion will revolve around the book *Faith, A Journey for All*.

Written in 2018, President Jimmy Carter contemplated how faith had sustained him in happiness and disappointment and considered how we may find it in our own lives. In the book, President Carter describes his belief in religious freedom, moral politics, and the place of prayer in his daily life.

The book is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and through the ACPL.



Scan the QR code above for food signup.

Trinity to Host Wartburg Ensembles!

On Sunday, March 2, Trinity English will host the Castle Singers (chamber choir) and Kammerstreicher (chamber orchestra) from Wartburg College - our ELCA college in Waverly, Iowa - during the 10:30AM liturgy. The ensembles will be a special offering in the service as part of their winter tour.

Hosts Needed!

We are looking for Trinity members to host students overnight on the preceding Saturday (it is always a fun time)! If you might be willing to host at least two students, please email Bob Hobby at rhobby@trinityenglish.org for further details.

Children / Junior Choirs @ Komets

The Children and Junior Choirs of Trinity English have been invited to sing the Star Spangled Banner at the Komets Hockey game on Friday, February 21! Group discounted tickets are available for purchase at \$10 per ticket. To purchase tickets, contact Mitch Meinholz, the director of Sales & Events for the Komets (260.482.6812; direct office, or mitch@komets.com). **Tell Mitch you are with Trinity English Lutheran Church to receive the special rate.** Tickets ordered through him will be available for digital delivery or pick up at Will-Call on game day. *The deadline to order tickets through Mitch is Wednesday, February 19 before 5PM.*

Lent Retreat w/Pastor Lee

Saturday, March 8
 9AM - 1PM in Wagenhals Hall

All are invited for a time of connection, experiential learning, and deep diving into our Gospel lessons for Lent. Our theme will be *"Coming to Our Senses"*. Reach out to Pastor Lee or scan the QR code above to sign up!



WINE & WISDOM



Join us for an evening with women over 21 connecting over a glass of wine (or dinner, if so inclined) to talk about faith, growth, family, balance, and more in a casual setting. The topics discussed reflect Christian principles to expand our understanding of how God works in and through our lives for each other. To sign up, scan the QR code above.

The upcoming dates are as follows:

Mar 4 – The Hoppy Gnome, 203 E Berry St
 Apr 1 – Conner's Kitchen and Bar, 1150 S Harrison St
 May 6 – Old Gas House Restaurant, 305 E Superior St
 June 3 – Club Soda, 235 E Superior St
 July 1 – Birdies Rooftop, 204 W Main St, 5th Floor
 Aug 5 – Dana's, 135 W Columbia St
 Sept 2 – Proximo, 898 S Harrison St
 Oct 7 – Nawa, 126 W Columbia St
 Nov 4 – Henry's Restaurant, 536 W Main St
 Dec 2 – Mercado, 111 W Columbia St



Sketchnotes

Attention all stick figures and your creators - you are welcome here!

Join us for an entry-level teaching series on the power of visual thinking through the art of taking

sketchnotes. *There are NO prior drawing skills needed.*

Dawn Pope (a local artist and Trinity member) will take you through the basic science behind visual thinking and help you develop the skills necessary to power boost your brain, using words and simple drawings. **This is a three week series beginning today, February 16! We will meet from 9:15 - 10:15AM in Seeds of Faith Conference Room.** All are welcome, from the experienced doodler to the curious skeptic. All materials will be provided. Please sign up via the QR code below so that we can prepare enough resources in advance.

If you have questions you may contact Dawn Pope at dawn_pope@me.com. See you in class!



Sunday is the chicken deadline!

No big reason, just a little break in the routine of winter: sign up for half a smoked chicken to enjoy with a group or to take home!

Pastor Erdos and a group of Trinity smokers will cook up chickens for purchase. **Ten dollars** gets you half a chicken (feeds approximately 2 adults) and includes a donation to Community Harvest Food Bank. **If you'd like, plan to have lunch in Wagenhals---bring a side dish to share, if you're so inclined. You can also take your chicken home with you; that's fine, too.**

Please note - quantities are limited! We have 64 portions of chicken available for purchase.

There are two ways to purchase chicken:

Cash/Check

You may purchase reservations for your chicken with cash or check at the church office or through mail. The cost per 1/2 chicken is \$10. Checks are to be made out to Trinity English Lutheran Church (*memo: Chicken*).

If purchasing by mail, please include your full name, email address (printed clearly), number of 1/2 chickens you are purchasing, and payment. Please send payment and information to:

*Trinity English Lutheran Church
 Attn: Julie Shepperd
 450 W. Washington Blvd
 Fort Wayne, IN 46802*

Online

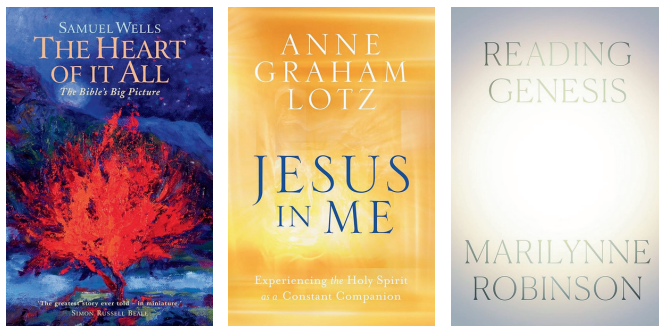
Reservations for chicken may be purchased through Trinity's website. **The cost is \$11 for online reservations to cover processing fees.**

Follow these steps to purchase online:

1. Visit trinityenglish.org/give
2. Provide the amount you owe for the tickets (ex 1 half-chicken is \$11; 2 tickets are \$22) with the *non-PayPal donation option*
3. Click the "Fund" drop-down box and choose *Chicken*
4. Provide your first and last name and email address
5. Once payment information is completed, click "give" and you are done!

WELCA in February

February 18: Potluck and a Book at 6PM in Wagenhals Hall
 February 19: Abigail Circle
 February 27: Quilting from noon - 3PM



The Heart of It All

From Pastor Erdos: "A friend, Sam Wells, has written a little book: *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. It's a little guide [100 pages] that helps you see the 'big picture' of what the Bible – and God – is all about. It has a guide that will take you through a six-week journey through the big idea of the Bible, and if you're working through the little book and get stuck, Pastor Lee and I will be here to help you out!

If you'd like to give it a try, we have some copies of the book here at the Church. They're \$12 at Amazon, but we'll give you one for \$5. If you have any questions, let me know."

Monday Morning Bible Study

Through March 3, Monday Morning Bible Study will be studying Anne Graham Lotz's 8 week study: "Jesus In Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion." Cost of the study guide is \$14.

Bible Study is available for anyone who might like to join in the group. Meet from 10AM - 11:30AM on Monday in the Seeds of Faith second floor classroom.

Bible Study with Pastor Lee

Interested in learning more about the Gospel of Luke? Join Pastor Lee and others at 7PM via Zoom every Tuesday, through February.

If you prefer an in-person setting, we will also meet on Thursdays at the church in Room 111 from noon to 1PM. *This lesson will be the same as Tuesdays, and is just meant as an option for those who prefer in-person.* Even if you can't make them all, we'd love to see you there!

To join the Zoom meeting, visit trinityenglish.org/bible-study.

Book Study with Pastor Erdos

Join Pastor Erdos for a book study on Zoom on Wednesdays at 7:30PM. Our book is *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson. Send a note to Pastor Erdos at gerdos@trinityenglish.org to register for the class.



Open Invitation to A Discussion Group

From Regina Leffers: "I wrote the book *What Is Consciousness?* as my response to the outcome of the 2016 election. I wanted to help people understand what facet of consciousness a President of the United States must be living from in order to govern such a diverse population as ours.

Since the current election outcome, I have found myself jumping to judgement of those who voted for 47 instead of being curious. I don't like doing that because it creates a relationship dead-end— a breakdown in communication before it can even begin. For that reason, I would like to discern with a group of interested folks what curiosity and judgement look like from within each facet of consciousness. I would like it to be a discussion.

Our first meeting will be on Monday, February 24, from 1 to 2PM in room 101. I will have a book for anyone who doesn't have one. We'll meet each Monday until the end of April, and will determine at that time if more meetings are needed. There is no cost, and the group is open to anyone who is interested."



Doughnuts for Junior/Senior High Class

We are seeking individuals to support our youth through buying and delivering donuts for our Sunday morning gatherings. We would greatly appreciate one dozen each week. (Different treats are great as well!) Delivery can happen anytime before 9:25AM on Sunday mornings. The church is even open on Saturday mornings if that works better for you.

You can bring them one time or every once in awhile - whatever you'd like. Learn more and sign up using the QR code with this announcement. *Thank you – from your awesome, engaged youth!*



Trinity English Lutheran Church ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Originating in 2010, journalist Michele Norris embarked on a mission to encapsulate individuals' thoughts on the word "race" within six words.

A surge of expression emerged, providing a unique and much-needed voice for those yearning to be heard.

500,000 personal narratives from all 50 states and 96 countries later, participants not only put their thoughts into six-word statements but often share backstories and photos, delving deeper into the sentiments and hard truths rarely uttered aloud.

Trinity was part of a recent news conference at Fort Wayne Urban League, where the community was invited to share "Race Cards" for a display at the Urban League. You can go to their website (via the QR code above) to do just that. **We are also going to display our own collection of Race Cards---** you can fill one out in the gathering space at church. Let's start to think about some of the big, difficult topics we all face---and let's do it together.

Family Ministries Upcoming Dates and Information



The following are just *SOME* of the Family Ministries opportunities in the upcoming quarter, in addition to regular programs for children and youth (Sunday School, Youth Group, E3, etc.)! More information can be found on the website and especially in the weekly Family Newsletter: Sign up by scrolling to the very bottom of Trinity's home page and entering your email(s).

- Children & Youth sing at Komets Game: **February 21**
- Scripture Milestone Classes (for children in grades 3-6 and their caring adult(s): **March 9, 16, & 23 at 9AM**
- Caregivers' Night Out(s): **March 21 & May 16**
- Baptismal Celebration: Easter Vigil service, **April 18**
- Easter Celebration with worship, breakfast, animals, & activities: **April 20**
- Volunteer Appreciation: **April 27**
- First Communion Classes (for children in grade 2+ and their caring adult(s): **May 4, 11, & 18 at 9AM**
- Celebration of First Communion: Thursday, **May 29**
- Rite of Confirmation: **June 8**
- Youth Summer Mission Trip to Nashville, TN: **June 1-6**
- Vacation Bible School: **July 14-18**

If this is your first time visiting or if you want to learn more about us, please fill out a connection card located in the pews. Thank you for spending your time with us and we hope you enjoy your visit!



Interest Indicator - Family Ministries

Are you looking to get involved or help out in a new way? We believe that *everyone* has unique talents and interests that can contribute to making a positive impact in our community. To simplify the process of getting involved, Trinity uses the *Interest Indicator* form – a simple form designed to match your gifts and talents with Trinity's volunteer opportunities.

Once you've completed your form, drop it off in the black offering boxes located around the church.



You may have noticed that midwestern weather doesn't seem to care whether Trinity English has events planned - it will get dicey when it decides to get dicey. This is just a reminder to check with our website and social media first if you have any questions about whether something is cancelled, and always use your own judgment; *if it feels too risky for you to be out, please don't take the chance.*



VOCES8 Tickets On Sale Now!

It is a great honor for Trinity English to host the grammy-nominated VOCES8 in concert on Wednesday, February 26, at 7PM. This internationally-renowned professional choral group will stun the audience with its beautiful sounds. You can find them singing a wide array of musical styles on YouTube. Tickets are now on sale through the church office or online. The program will be very eclectic, offering something for everyone and leaving people wanting more! Scan the QR code to be taken to their YouTube page, which will give you a small taste of what they'll bring to Fort Wayne!

Please visit trinityenglish.com/voces8 for further details. It will be a sold out concert, so plan to get your tickets early!

