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Happy New Year,

And so we cry on January 1st. The old year with its joys and yes also with its struggles comes to an end and there is a fresh beginning. We make resolutions to move in new directions. We hope for new possibilities. There are hopes that old sins can be forgiven and new relationships can happen. There is true celebration that we are gifted another year of life and love and adventures.

But as Christians this is only a symbol of what is going on each and every day. In Christ we are constantly finding new life. Each day is a celebration of the gift of another day and all that it brings. Each day we know we are forgiven and new relationship is possible. Each day is celebration. The Psalmist says it all when it is written- "This is the day that the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice in it."

Robert J. Hastings little piece "The Station," Ends with these words:

So, gently close the door on yesterday and throw the key away. It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad, but rather the regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.



"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot oftener. Eat more ice cream. Ride more merry-go-rounds. Watch more sunsets. Life must be lived as we go along.

Martin Luther had his own way of thinking about this. He wrote about baptism saying it:

"signifies that the old creature in us ... is to be drowned and die through daily ... repentance, and ... that daily a new person is to come forth and arise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

So we give thanks for 365 new days each year, each day a new beginning, a sign of the new life we will experience forever. Don't limit your joy to New Year's Eve.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Cris and Pastor Dave

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Confirmation Schedule

January 2020

Wednesday, January 1st:

NO CONFIRMATION

Wednesday, January 8th:

Topic- Apostles' Creed - Article 2/Parables
Snacks- Jacob Myhrum

Wednesday, January 15th:

Topic- Apostles' Creed - Article 2/Parables
Snacks- Abby Nelson

Wednesday, January 22nd :

Topic- Apostles Creed - Article 2/Parables
Snacks- Brian Schauble

Wednesday, January 29th:

Topic- Apostles' Creed - Article 2/Parables
Snacks- Emma Survis

Friday-Saturday, January 31st - February 1st **Lock-In, 7:00pm-7:00am.**

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2019!



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Prayer Concerns

As we enter the New Year we pray for new possibilities:

- We pray that a new spirit of cooperation would seize the political leaders of our country.
- We pray that world leaders would be inspired and led to a new day of peace.
- We pray that the Spirit of New Life would touch those who have lost loved ones in the past year.
- We pray the Church would seize on new opportunities for sharing the story of the love of God in Jesus. We pray for our Faithful Innovations Team who will be calling us to new ways of being Church in the coming Year.
- We pray that all God’s people would make a new commitment to growth in the faith and prayer every day.
- We pray for the new lives that will be born this year that through friends and family and Church they will find themselves surrounded by the love of God.
- We pray for the newly baptized that they will find their place among us.
- We pray for a new oneness in Christ across race, gender identity, sexuality, ideological difference, economic divisions and all the other realities that separate us one from another.
- We pray for forgiveness from God and one another so that there can be new life in our relationships. And we pray that along with forgiveness would come true repentance and new directions for those places where we need a fresh start.
- We pray for blessings in the New Year for all God’s children and generous hearts to share those blessings with all who are in need.

Bible Study

Starting January 7th our Bible study group will meet Tuesday at 1:00. We will be looking at the spicy book of Song of Solomon. All are invited to join us. Rated PG some adult material.



Faithful Innovations



Our congregation will be joining others in the synod in a process called Faithful Innovations. This is a call for congregations to consider new ways to be the Church in a changing world. Our Faithful Innovations team will be John Kenworthy, Haley, Laura Younglove, Aaron Pierce, Sandy Poenitsch, and Pastors Cris and Dave. As we make this journey the group will be sharing ideas and strategies and calling everyone to try some new innovations. Thanks to our team. God is giving us the gift of an exciting

opportunity.

HOW DID WE GET SO LUCKY?

Thank you to everyone who made Trinity’s Advent cantata such a wonderful experience for our congregation; your music touched our hearts with the true spirit of the season!

Thank you to Hazel Griffin. Once again she went above and beyond the outstanding musical coordination and leadership she provides every week at Trinity. She found beautiful, diverse and meaningful Advent/Christmas songs and arranged them into a beautiful, unified Advent telling of the story.

Thank you to all of our singers – Trinity members and guests...for making time in their busy lives to be a part of the fabulous choir. Thanks to all of the wonderful instrumentalists (many who had to travel to be with us) for sharing their amazing talents to deepen, enrich and enhance the choral sound. What a difference that additional instrumental texture makes! Special thanks to Miriam Altman, for sharing her gifts for music and direction and bringing out the best joyful musician in everyone! To Pastor Dave for putting together a beautiful and insightful narration and to our readers Mark Rineck and Anita McClain for giving those words life.

Trinity has been blessed by the contributions each of you made, and we are so very grateful!!



**Jan. 12th, 12:00pm - 2:30pm - Snow Tubing Party at Sunburst:
OR IN CASE OF WEATHER ISSUES Epiphany "Glow" Party in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Feb. 9th - 11:00am -12:30pm - Valentines' Day Party
OR ALTERNATE SNOW TUBING DATE at Sunburst from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR FISH ACTIVITIES BY TEXT, EMAIL, FACEBOOK
OR ON THE "YOUTH BOARD" OUTSIDE THE YOUTH ROOM OFF FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS SUMMER SERVANT TRIP - 2020

Where?: Urban Plunge - Boston Massachusetts.
When?: **Approximately** July 17th-July 26th, 2020 (Actual details dependent on train schedule)
What?: We'll travel by Amtrak to Boston, MA. Using Hostelling International's Boston Site as our base of operations, we will experience urban life and explore all that makes Boston a unique travel destination, while exploring such urban issues as homelessness, poverty, and hunger, we'll also leave plenty of time to take in all that Boston has to offer and have lots of fun!!

If you are interested, please reserve your space. Registration is limited so please let us know you're interested and make the \$100.00 deposit by January 31st Registration for upperclassman from now until February 15th - then registration will open to this year's 8th graders.

To register, please

- pick up a registration form (at 1st Sunday, the retreat or on the Youth Board) and
- turn in your completed form with a check for \$100.00 asap.

Senior High Youth Ministry

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites all folks in 9th-12th Grade to gather together throughout the year for: Small Group meetings; Worship and Service opportunities; Retreats, Lock-ins and activities; fundraising and preparing for our 2020 Urban Summer Servant Trip. Check out what's planned and join us for any or all of our 2020 activities.

TRINITY'S SENIOR HIGH 1ST SUNDAYS

Every year we talk about how confirmation is not the end of growing your faith. It is the start of a new chapter in your life story.

Please join us this year **EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**, from 6:00pm to 7:30 for "Senior High - 1st Sunday". It's a lot like confirmation - but different. There'll be some video/discussion and some free time to connect with friends, both old and new.

The difference?? The topics and activities are kicked-up a notch and chosen in response to ?'s/ideas from you! Please feel free to text, Snapchat, Instagram or Facebook ideas.

Senior High Fund Raising for the 2020 Servant Trip to Boston:

We will be selling Seroogy's Candy Bars for \$1.50 each throughout January & February. Boxes are ready to go. Pick up in the Trinity office.

RETREAT AT PINE LAKE

JANUARY 17TH - 19TH, 2020 COST: \$100.00

INTERESTED??? LET US KNOW!! SIGN-UP ON THE YOUTH BOARD OR BY TEXT

(262-483-0892), Facebook (Trinity West Bend), Remind or email (cschoob@trinitywestbend.com).

EVENTS ON THE WAY...

BIBLE STUDY/BOOK STUDY/ADULT FORUM

In January we start up again. Tuesday Bible study will look at the book of Song of Solomon. What is the place of this erotic love poem in the Bible? Book study is Tuesday's at 1:00. The Book Study group will be discussing *The Handmaid's Tale*. Set in the near future, it describes life in what was once the United States and is now called the Republic of Gilead, a society run by the male dominated church that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. The regime takes the Book of Genesis absolutely at its word, with bizarre consequences for the women and men in its population. The book study meeting is yet to be determined. The Adult Forum in January will be a repeat on our sessions on immigration and a look at the ELCA's Sanctuary commitment. Adult Forum is Sundays at 11:00. Make time to come and join us for a wonderful discussion and fellowship!



Trinity's own little "parliament" of OWLs had a great lunch out at Charcoal Grill in December! Attendance was great—food was great—no one got in trouble!! What more could you ask?!! The group is on sabbatical until April, that meeting will be the third Thursday due to Holy Week. Have a relaxing winter!

Annual Meeting

Our congregation meeting will be held on January 26th after the 9:30 service. Part of the responsibility of members is to help us make decisions for our direction as a congregation. All members are urged to join us for the annual meeting. Annual reports will be available at the church a couple weeks before the meeting.

AND THE BEST PART OF THE ANNUAL MEETING...

The annual chili cookoff! Dig out your favorite soup pot and get to work on your best chili yet. Space is limited so sign up early. Sample the delicious entries, vote for the one you like best and purchase a steamy bowl for lunch. Proceeds go back to a Trinity project. Come and be a part of the annual meeting and then give your taste buds a treat at the chili lunch and cook-off. Who will be the champ?



We ended 2019 in a strong way financially and we are thankful to all who made that possible. Your generosity and faithfulness are at the heart of the ministry we do together. Thanks also to those who have made a commitment for 2020, these commitments help us to move into the new year confident of having the resources we need. If you have not made a commitment for 2020 it is not too late. If you have misplaced your commitment card you can pick one up in the office. If you are interested in being a part in any area of ministry, don't hesitate to let us know. All are welcome in sharing the love and promise of God.

"SOUPER BOWL" WEEKEND

Totals Nationwide for 2019: \$ 8,710,783.00 in cash and food items for local charities

From over 4,880 Organizations Donated 100% to local Charities

After each worship service during Super Bowl weekend – Saturday and Sunday, February, 1st and 2nd - Trinity's senior high youth invite you to take part in the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring". This year the proceeds will again be divided between our local food pantry and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. During "Souper Bowl" weekend, several soup kettles will be placed on a display in the Heritage room. Each kettle will represent one of this year's Super Bowl teams. You can vote for your favorite team with your donation – the one with the most donations wins. Or you can work the odds and give according to past "prognostication" – the team who wins the "Souper Bowl" predictably loses the "Super Bowl". Either way, by taking part in this year's "Souper Bowl" you'll be assuring a winning experience for the hungry. On a day when people spend so much time and money on game snacks and parties, this is a good way to keep focused on what's really important.



INCREDIBLE EDIBLES THANK YOU!!! Thank you to all who baked, organized, sold or purchased some of the delicious holiday treats at our 2nd Incredible Edibles sale. Together, we raised \$1,139.50 for the Helping Hands fund!



A Special Thank you to Peter Nelson and Jan Wagner, two of Trinity's talented photographers, for their work in 2019 making sure Trinity's special events and ministries were recorded in pictures and up to date. And to Tiffany Wilson for getting those pictures and all of our photographic updates and announcements posted onto our Facebook site.

Define Cantata: beautiful

**WELCOME TO
OUR HOUSE!**





Are you looking for a meaningful way to support our community by helping families who are in need?

Carrie and Sue would like to pass the torch and are looking for one or two people who would like to coordinate Trinity's Family Promise host weeks.

Responsibilities include:

- 4 host weeks/year
- coordinate volunteers to provide meals, dinner serving, fellowship, and overnight stays at Trinity set up rooms for the families to stay

Carrie and Sue would be happy to meet with you to discuss and walk with you through your first host week.

If interested please contact Carrie at 262-299-1101 (pcabpierce.charter.net) or Sue 262-305-2359 (jacksonhorn1@live.com). Or you may contact Shirly in the office.

2020 "BRIEF APPEAL"

It's time to have a talk about "unmentionables." Nurses in the West Bend School District continue to report a need for underwear from elementary through high school because families facing financial difficulties have to make tough choices every day. Shelter, food, clothing – how do they decide? Clothing can be purchased from thrift stores, but underwear is a rare commodity at such sources. Underwear is unseen, and it can become a low priority in a stretched family budget, yet lacking this basic necessity can be emotionally devastating to a child at any age.

Trinity will again have a "brief appeal" in January 2020 to collect **ONLY NEW** underwear for children in all sizes, male and female, that will be distributed to all schools in the West Bend School District based on the size needs at each school. Watch for the collection hamper in the Heritage Room!

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU!!

Whenever a child is baptized at Trinity, each of us stands up and promises to...

"Support the child, offer your love, your resources and your faith so that he/she may grow and learn in the community of the church."

The most tangible way we – as the people of Trinity - keep this promise is by providing the best possible Children's ministry opportunities.

Our Children's Ministry Coordinator, Cheryl Scaffidi, works with the pastoral staff to plan and oversee our entire Children's Ministry and assure that we are doing the best we can to help our children develop their faith.

Providing the BEST children's ministry experiences however, depends on the ENTIRE congregation. ***We depend on a volunteer staff of devoted, gifted and committed Teachers, Workshop Leaders, Shepherds, Music Leaders, Helpers and administrative assistants.*** Further, we need parents who faithfully bring their children to Sunday Children's ministry and support and build on their children's growing faith.

We are blessed with an already large and still growing group of children. ***WE owe it to them to help them learn and become the people God created and calls them to be.*** In order to do this, ***WE NEED YOU!!!***

If you feel called to help our children grow in faith, please talk to Cheryl Scaffidi or Pastor Cristy. We can find a way for you to help in ways that nurture your own faith, and fit into your schedule and your own spiritual gifts and interests.

We all need to help if Trinity is going to KEEP THE PROMISE we make all our children at their baptism

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR 2020

Counters Anita McClain & Jody Schilling
Saturday, January 4, 5:00 pm
Ushers Arlyss Speener
Sunday, January 5, 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Carol Peters
9:30 am *Ushers* Pauline Lentz,
 Kevin Schmitt, Sam Laatsch

Counters Ruth MacDonald & Darrell Blair
Saturday, January 11, 5:00 pm
Ushers Mark Sergeant, Debbie Burns
Sunday, January 12, 8:00 am
Ushers Dale, Myra, Cory, Cary & Kyle Gunnare
9:30 am *Ushers* Glenn Pietschmann, Nick Laatsch,
 Mike Kozlowski, Jim Klatt

Counters Joann & Glenn Naumann, Judy Ehmke, Kristine Dreher
Saturday, January 18, 5:00 pm
Ushers
Sunday, January 19, 8:00 am
Ushers Bill/Cheryl Casey, Mary Immekus,
9:30 am *Ushers* Todd Markgraf, Anita McClain,
 Daniel Schmidt

Counters Cyndee Bruder, Carl & Joyce Kirchner
Saturday, January 25, 5:00 pm
Ushers Carl & Betty Schweiger
Sunday, January 26, 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin, Ken Juedes
9:30 am *Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler

B.I.B.L.E. simply means Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.

Happy BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

Heidi Chlupp	1/1	Victoria Homuth	1/10	Carol Peters	1/21
Frederick Reckner	1/1	Grant Lauters	1/10	Tina Malecha	1/22
Ruby Kertscher	1/2	Lucas Doede	1/11	Vayda Falconer	1/23
Cynthia Stracka	1/2	Alyssa Brockman	1/12	Hunter Kieliszewski	1/23
Nataleigh Clark	1/3	Diane Ferstadt	1/12	Cheryl Hay	1/24
Perry Ebersold	1/3	Delia Gunnare	1/12	Jennifer Lauters	1/24
Paul Gutschenritter	1/3	Robert McClain	1/12	Kevin Lauters	1/24
Steven Naumann	1/3	Tim Neumann	1/12	Glenn Pusch	1/24
Josie Vore	1/3	Penny Bergerud	1/13	Ryan Esselmann	1/25
Katelyn Wulff	1/3	Jory Granger	1/13	Dennis Lentz	1/25
Anita McClain	1/4	Chris Pamperin	1/14	Bonnie Oppermann	1/25
Beverly Ritger	1/4	Karen Demmon	1/15	Karen Sparks	1/26
Kirsten DeLuka	1/5	Nathan Kenworthy	1/15	Tiffany Wilson	1/28
Virginia Laatsch	1/5	Delores Kilby	1/15	Joel Beier	1/29
Joann Naumann	1/5	Mitchell Doede	1/16	Darrell Blair	1/29
Mikayla Wicke	1/5	Sarah Theisen	1/16	Jeffrey Ketter	1/29
Lee Laatsch	1/8	Karissa Gutschenritter	1/17	Sharon Larson	1/29
Lynn Wickert	1/8	Tom Bulin	1/19	Else Thornton	1/29
Larsen Anderson	1/9			Michael Anderson	1/30
				Lois Cranney	1/30
				Brandon Schroer	1/31

January Food Pantry Item
 PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS (BODY WASH, DEODORANT, ETC.)

Time to work on your best chili ever!!
 Trinity Chili Cook-off coming up after the 2020 Annual meeting
 January 26th. Get your recipes ready!

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!	2 1:00 pm Women of Trinity Bible Study 7:00 pm NA	3	4 5:00 pm Traditional
			5 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP & Children's Ministry 6:00 1st SUNDAY	6 2:45—6:00 pm MUSIC THERAPY	7 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION
12 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry	13 2:45 pm Music Therapy	14 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	15 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	16 10:00 Prayer Shawlers 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	17 5:00 pm Senior High Winter Retreat at Pine Lake	18 5:00 pm Traditional
19 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry	20 2:45 pm Music Therapy 7:00 pm Council	21 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	22 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	23 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	24 9:00 am Blanketeers	25 5:00 pm Traditional
26 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry 10:45 am ANNUAL MEETING & CHILI COOK-OFF 	27 2:45 pm Music Therapy	28 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	29 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	30 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous	31	

Senior High First Sunday

When?? - January 5th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at Trinity

This is a monthly opportunity to get together, share a light meal, and take some time to renew yourself as a child of God.

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