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Dear Trinity Family,

It is harder to embrace our family these days in the face of the ongoing epidemic. We are practicing social distance but make no mistake we are still a family. You all continue to be in our prayers. Our hearts are full of your presence every day. Nothing can separate this family that is bound together by the love of Christ. And not only is the Trinity family bound together in this love, but the larger Christian family made up of all our siblings in Christ.

Jesus said, "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We have the powerful image of a few of the disciples, lost and confused after the crucifixion, going fishing. Suddenly the risen Lord is there among them. (John 21).

We need to reimagine this truth for today. Wherever we are gathered in prayer- on line and in our homes- Jesus is there among us. As we email and call each other in the love of Christ- there Jesus us among us. Even as we think about each other across distance and even time, there is the Lord with us.

Nothing can stop the risen Lord from being with us, especially in our greatest need. Mary alone in the garden is confronted by the risen Lord in John 20. The disciples in an upper room cannot hide from the presence of the Lord.

We approach Easter and the good news is even the isolation and finality of death cannot separate us from God's love. And it cannot separate us from each other either. Paul's words remind us this at the beginning of the book of Philippians:

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This Easter may be different than any we have experienced in our lives. Yet come what may we will be together at Easter in God's love and the risen Christ will be among us.

Alleluia.
Pastors Cris and Dave

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With church doors shutting across America, it is time for us to show that church has never been about the building.

Even though we cannot meet here there are still things going on in your church! There are many options for getting your contributions to Trinity besides the United States Post Office. If you have text capabilities, the number is 844-385-9887. Check the website for forms and info about GIVEPLUS+. Check with your bank or financial institution about setting up Trinity as an automatic payment much like credit cards or utilities. Have faith things will return to “normal” hopefully very soon. God bless...



REMEMBER WHEN...We all used to get together and share coffee, cookies and great conversation? Have faith that we will be doing all those things again very soon!

VENTATIVE Confirmation Schedule -April 2020

Saturday, April 4th

Palm/Passion Practice
9:30am-11:30am

Saturday, April 4th &
Sunday, April 5th:
Palm /Passion Sunday
Weekend.

The Confirmation Class
will be leading worship
at all 3 services (5pm
Saturday, 8 and 9:30am Sunday) this
weekend.

Wednesday, April 8th:
Wednesday, April 15th:
Wednesday, April 22nd:

NO CONFIRMATION
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Topic: Apostles' Creed - Article 2/Death & Res-
urrection

Friday, April 24th - Sunday, April 26th:

Snacks: Natalie Nickel
Confirmation Spring
Retreat at Pine Lake Lutheran Camp.

Wednesday, April 29th:

Topic: Apostles' Creed - Article 3/Holy Spirit
Snacks: Sophie Reno

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Palm/Passion Weekend - April 4th and 5th, please keep this weekend free!! The confirmation students lead all three worship services this weekend (6:30 Saturday night, and 8:00 and 9:30 Sunday morning).

There will be a Confirmation lock-in in spring. We will need parental help. The date will be announced by Easter.

The Spring Retreat is scheduled for Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26th at Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca.

We are trying to keep everyone updated as best we can. Please check Trinity's website, Constant Contact and Facebook for information

**IMPORTANT: MESSAGES FROM TRINITY
MIGHT SHOW 888-996-3623 ON YOUR
PHONE. THESE ARE MESSAGES FROM THE
PASTORS GOING OUT TO ALL MEMBERS.
PLEASE PROGRAM YOUR PHONES WITH
TRINITY AS THE CONTACT TO AVOID
CONFUSION WITH UNWANTED
ROBO-CALLS AND SCAMS!**



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 for upperclassman until February 15th - then registration will open to this year's 8th graders.

Senior High Fund Raising for the 2020 Servant Trip to Boston:
We continue to sell Seroogy's Candy Bars for \$1.50 each. Boxes are ready to go. Pick up in the Trinity office and distribute to all your friends, family and classmates as soon as allowed!

“Going Once, Going Twice.....”Senior High Silent Auction will probably be postponed until later in the spring. At this time the Summer Service Trip is still on the schedule. Hopefully life will return to normal and travel will once again be possible.
Over the years Trinity has generously supported our youth with their willingness to donate items and/or services to the auction, and by taking part in the Auction itself. This has helped us make our Summer Servant Trip financially possible for many more youth.
All profits from this year's Raffle/Silent Auction will be used to defray costs for the Senior High Summer Servant Trip to Kure Beach, Boston, Massachusetts – July 17th to July 26th, 2020.

FYI on Funding for the Senior High Summer Youth Trips

We have had some inquiries as to whether or not the high per person cost of the Senior High summer trips are justified in light of some of Trinity's struggles to meet the budget. We feel that is vital that everyone know that **THE CHURCH BUDGET DOES NOT PAY ANYTHING TOWARDS THE SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP!!**

All the money for the trips comes from the following sources:

Money paid toward the trip by the families of the travelers.

Money from fund raising

Generous donations made to subsidize and offer financial aid **specifically to be sure this ministry continues.**

No money for the summer trip uses church funds that would be available for anything else!!

Stewardship in These Chaotic Times

The disruption of worship has led to a disruption in our stewardship patterns as well. It is easy for most people to make their contributions to the congregation as they come to worship each weekend. When that is not happening we need to adapt to new patterns. We would encourage you to remember your commitment to the congregation and be sure to continue that commitment even through these times. The expenses of the congregation do not stop when we cannot meet together in worship, so please send in your commitment by mail, use the online giving option on the website or catch up when we can once more gather together. We also know that your finances might have been disrupted by circumstances surrounding the covid-19 virus, so if you need to alter your commitment, please let us know in the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness in the midst of these difficult times. Please also look out for each other- check in on those who cannot get out, send messages of encouragement and know that God walks with us in these times, so that we as God's people can continue to live in hope and love. Sharing our hope and love are the greatest gifts we give to the kingdom.

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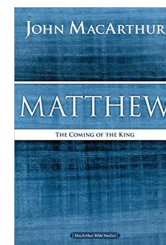


Adult Forum

On April 19th we will begin a series of forums on gun violence- an important concern in today's world. We will use the discussion guide put out by the Wisconsin Council of Churches. The forum will be held right after the 9:30 service. If this is not convenient for you and you would like to see us hold the forum at an alternative time, let Pastor Dave know and we will see what we can set up.

Bible Study

Well things are on hold as this is being written, but as soon as we resume the normal schedule our study of Matthew will continue on Tuesdays at 1:00. All are welcome to join us. The study is set up to welcome people at any point so come and join us as we learn, grow, and have fun together.



PRAY Prayer Concerns

FOR
THE
WORLD

Our prayers are especially important in these difficult times:

We pray for those who lost loved ones to the Covid-19 virus, as well as the flu, cancer and all other diseases. May God grant them peace and comfort in their time of need.

We pray for those whose economic situation has been disrupted by the effects of the pandemic. We pray that God would protect them and provide for them in these times.

We pray for world leaders who will need to rebuild and review the ways things have been done so that we can be more ready for such events.

We pray for health care workers and first responders who have been incredibly stretched over the last weeks. May God strengthen and renew them for the important work they do.

We pray for the aging who have been particularly hard hit. Comfort them and remind them of our love and care and respect for them as a part of our lives.

We pray for those who still may be recovering from Covid-19 or any disease or injury. We pray that God would speed their recovery and use the gifts of our medical system to bring healing and strength.

We pray for those who are working in medical research that they would make advances that will be to the benefit of all God's children.

We pray that through the struggles surrounding the Covid-19 virus that we all would learn the importance of being together, caring for one another, and working together to solve the problems of the day.

If you are interested in being a part of our prayer chain that prays for the concerns of our members, please contact the office at 334-2125. Or if you are interested in being a part of The Trinity Friends visitation team please contact Pastor Dave at the office.



**We are here for you now: Pastor David—262-483-0791
And: Pastor Cristy—262-483-0792
We will save a seat for you when it is safe to return.
Until we meet again, be well...**

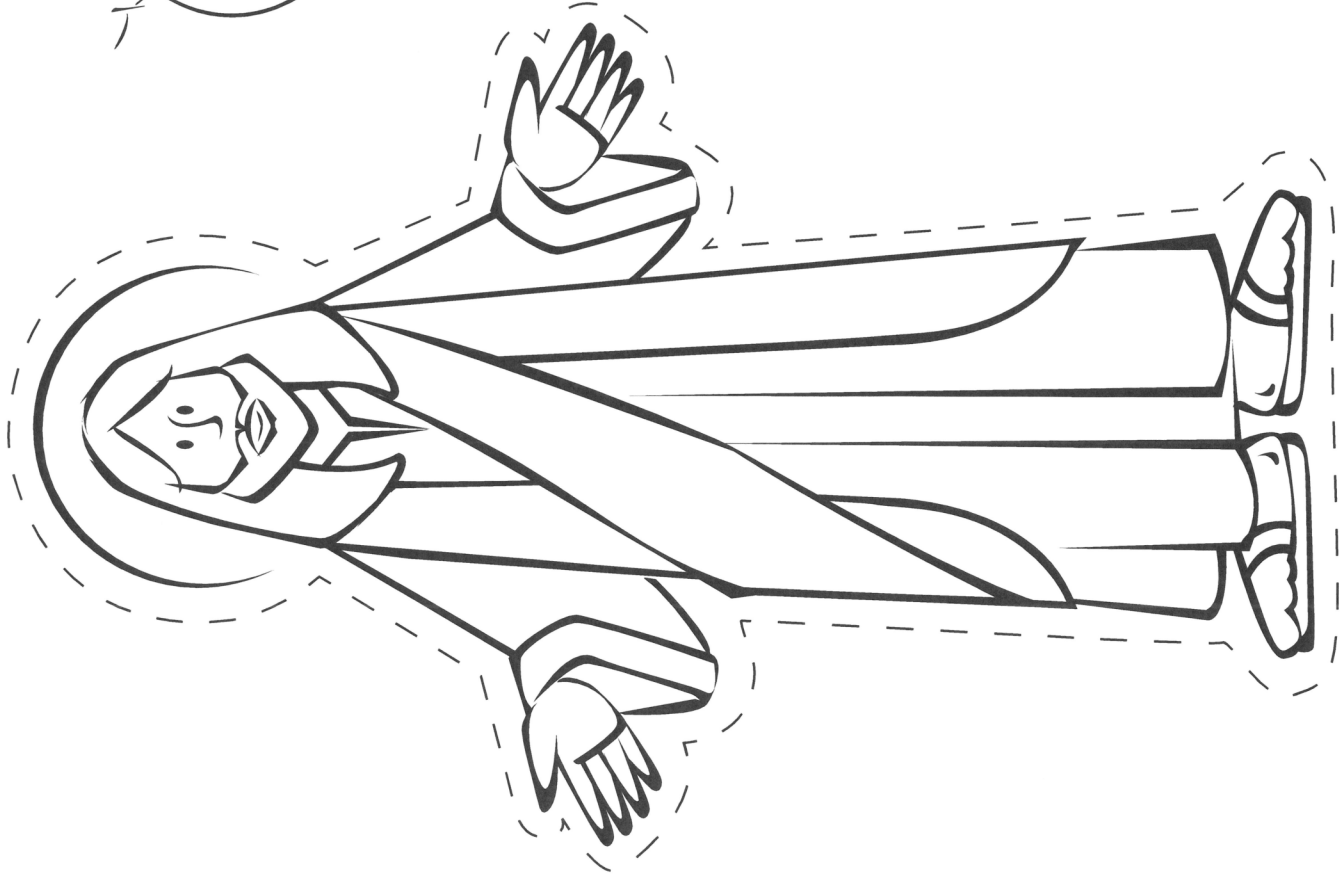


Preparing for the joyful return of members and friends, Phil is working to clean and sanitize the church. The YMCA is also working on their shared areas! We hope to see you soon.



FIRST COMMUNION MARCH 8, 2020





Trinity's COVID-19 Adventures of FLAT JESUS

Attention Trinity Lutheran Church Community,

Consider this an invitation as well as a challenge to show each other and remind ourselves that **Jesus is always with us**—yes, even now as we practice social distancing during this unprecedented time.

What better time than now to include **FLAT JESUS** in our daily lives as a reminder of Jesus' real presence in everyday places and in all circumstances.

1. Print out, color and/or decorate your **FLAT JESUS** as you wish. Cut him out and attach him to a flat stick. If possible, use a heavier stock paper to print him out, or mount him to another piece of paper before you cut him out. If you have capabilities, you can laminate him.
2. Keep **FLAT JESUS** with you and take lots of pictures of the activities he shares with you in your home on a daily basis.
3. Talk with family and friends about what you and **FLAT JESUS** are experiencing.
4. **Share your photos of your adventures with FLAT JESUS!** Email them to trinity@trinitywestbend.com with a brief description. NOTE: Submitted photos act as a consent for Trinity to use and share on our facebook page, website (other social media) and worship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR 2020

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

Counters Ruth MacDonald & Darrell Blair
Saturday, April 11th 5:00 pm
Ushers
Sunday, April 12th 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
Saturday, April 18th 5:00 pm Dreher
Ushers
Sunday, April 19th 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, April 25th 5:00 pm
Ushers Carl & Betty Schweiger
Sunday, April 26th 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin, Ken Juedes
9:30 am *Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler



Madison Jensen	4/1	Noreta Wiedmeyer	4/10	Pamela Frank	4/22
Larry Loomans	4/1	Francesca Anderson	4/11	Dan Hoppenjan	4/22
Ashley Appel	4/2	Taylor Kurer	4/11	Greta Polinski	4/24
Mason Schweizer	4/3	Carl Sauer	4/12	Charlotte Butzler	4/25
Lynne Thorin	4/3	Madison Gieryn	4/13	Madison Jochims	4/25
Eugene Wiedmeyer	4/3	Mark Sergeant	4/13	Brent Kershaw	4/25
Lisa Farvour	4/4	Cindy Tikusis	4/13	Chloe Cerniglia	4/26
Carrie Pierce	4/4	Lois Ebersold	4/14	Lenore Holcomb	4/27
Debbie Burns	4/5	Whitney Pusch	4/14	David Laatsch	4/27
Adam Geib	4/5	Drew Ziegler	4/14	Valerie Oksiuta	4/27
Charlotte Lord	4/5	Cayden Dwyer	4/15	Amy Schmoltdt	4/27
Carol Mog	4/5	Cory Gunnare	4/15	Dana Borusky	4/28
Roy Trott	4/5	Ashley Hall	4/15	Ellie Feltz	4/28
Robert Rick	4/6	Stacie Kozlowski	4/15	Thomas Frei	4/28
Janell Erdmann-Gries	4/7	Gladys Boos	4/17	Benjamin Scaffidi	4/28
AJ Oleniczak	4/7	Cristy Schoob	4/17	Nancy Wickert	4/28
Torie Pietschmann	4/7	Marie Dominguez	4/18	Kenley Yapp	4/28
Daniel Gryzkewicz	4/8	Hailey Granger	4/18	Aidan Marlett	4/29
Kristel Vandeboom	4/8	Robert Poenitsch	4/18	Adrianna Schibline	4/29
Ruth MacDonald	4/9	David Kreutzer	4/19	Kathryn Schickert	4/29
Kristi Mildbrandt	4/9	Connie Falk	4/21		
Betty Gessert	4/10	Cody Cerniglia	4/22		
Jordan Ketter	4/10	Garrett Cranney	4/		

Happy Birthday To You All!!

Do something today that your future self will thank you for!

April Food Pantry Item
CEREAL — OTHER THAN CHEERIOS OR CORN FLAKES?

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	2 1:00 pm Women of Trinity Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	3	4 PASSION WEEKEND 5:00 pm Traditional
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry	6 2:45 pm Music Therapy	7 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	8 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY Noon—Service 6:30 pm Service 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	10 GOOD FRIDAY Noon—Service 7:30 Tenebrae	11
12 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 am Sunrise Service 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP 11:00 am Traditional Youth Breakfast served all morning	13 2:45 pm Music Therapy 7:00 pm Council	14 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	15 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION	16 1:00 pm OWLS RETURN PRESENTATION BY LIBRARY on wheels! 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	17	18 5:00 pm Traditional
19 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry 11:00 F.I.S.H. Rebirthday Party	20 2:45 pm Music Therapy	21 1:00 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	22 6:30 CONFIRMATION	23 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	24 9:00 am Blanketeers 5:00 pm Pine Lake Retreat til Sunday	25 5:00 pm Traditional
26 COMPASSION WEEKEND 8:00 am Traditional 9:30 am CTP Children's Ministry	27 2:45 pm Music Therapy	28 1:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus	29 6:30 CONFIRMATION	30 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymus		

**THIS CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE
WITHOUT NOTICE! We are hopeful that all of
these events will take place as planned, but
we will all just have to wait and see...**

Senior High First Sunday

When?? - 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.

Connect or reconnect with friends.

Recenter yourself with a short, interactive worship experience

Recharge your passion for compassion

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Saturday..... 5:00 pm (Traditional)
Sunday..... 8:00 am (Service of the Word)
Sunday..... 9:30 am (Created to Praise)
Holy Communion Celebrated at all services

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