

Trinity Spirit

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Dear Trinity Family,

We can't believe we are now about six weeks into social distancing. We have never had anything happen like this in our lifetime and I am sure that is true for most of you. Too often in our own minds we try to turn away from the awful reality of this virus - but the truth is that tens of thousands are dying from this disease and hundreds of thousands are suffering from it. Economies are taking hard hits. People are losing jobs and certain groups are constantly at risk of either disease or of financial ruin.

And yet for us Christians the power of the Easter message has not dimmed, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! How can the message of a risen savior give us hope in all this pain and loss? Some would say that we are indulging in a fantasy. And yet, in our household, we have seen over and over the power of the risen Lord touching us and giving us life in the darkest times.

Both of us lost our mothers around Easter and whelming. Their loss still shapes us today. And death lifted us up. We knew that even though we were there to give them new life. And we were God's people. That moment of death was also Five people of Cross Lutheran Church have died Nick and the amazing



the pain of those moments was nearly over-yet the power of the Good News of life amidst could not hold on to our mothers, Christ was strengthened and encouraged by the life of filled with new life.

ministry team of that congregation bring hope difficult by social distancing. We have watched that congregation work on keeping their food program functioning to care for the most vulnerable. Lifted up by a risen Lord the Church refuses to give in to despair or resignation in the face of this disease. We have watched all of you caring for each other, calling and lifting each other up. You refuse to isolate yourself in the face of this physical distancing. We have watched as people of faith continue to work for the good of all when some members of society look out only for themselves in the face of the impact of this disease. You know that life is abundant because of the risen Lord and you let that reality shape your response. You are not afraid of the future but enter it with hope and prayer and compassion. If what we believe is a fantasy then give us the fantasy over reality. But we don't believe it is fantasy because we have experienced the power of our risen Lord and savior.

of Covid-19. From a distance we have watched and strength into moments of death- made more

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Our call as ministers and our call as members of the body of Christ is to never let the world forget this Good News. In the midst of Covid-19, in the midst of social distance, in the midst of financial hardship, in the midst of illness and loss of life we cling to this glorious truth and continue to trust that God can bring new life even from this difficult time.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. This truth continues to shape all we do, both during the pandemic and beyond. Thanks be to God.

Pastors Cris and Dave



Sandy Poenitsch creates another way to send Trinity's message to passers-by. God's promise of hope in the form of spring daffodils in the 7th Avenue gardens.



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

GOT SOME FREE TIME ON YOUR WORK FROM HOME BREAKS??

thehungersite.greatergood.com

There are 10 charities for wholesome causes that pop up like feeding the hungry, saving the Rainforest, etc, and it's FREE to click/give AND one can do it daily to help make the world a better place. I'm doing it & urge others to join me! Thanks! Ricky Gilbertson



This bevy of beauties are some of the Trinity "Blanketeers" (A.k.a. the Quilters) Work has pretty much been on hold, but they would like to remind everyone—if you have resorted to cleaning closets to keep busy, don't forget to **bring your old sheets to church** so they can be recycled into blankets for Lutheran World Relief! (please?!)



Financial Update

Right now our congregation is on an even keel during this difficult time in our life. At the end of March, we have almost \$34,000 in the general fund (not counting a group of designated funds). We continue to meet salaries and upkeep on the building. We also continue to keep our ministries happening through virtual means. **All this is due to your generosity and faithfulness! The council and the ministry teams, as well as the pastors and staff, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. But the work goes on. We encourage you to continue in your faithful response during this time.** We also continue to want you to be aware of the "text to give" and the automatic withdrawal options for giving as well as the Mobil App., that is available. Please check the website or give one of the pastors a call and we will get you the information. The media is right when it encourages and reminds us that we will get through this together.

May God continue to bless you all.

GIVE PLUS⁺

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Mrs. Schweiger's 6th graders did not totally "stuff" her van with kitty litter, but they came pretty close! **364 pounds (!)** were delivered to the local humane animal shelter as their community service project! Good job guys!! You all so deserve that WOW Award!!



It appears that our social distancing will continue for awhile. Therefore, we are setting up a phone tree as an efficient way to connect with members who are sick, or in need of some

kind of assistance, or are just feeling forgotten. **WE REALLY NEED PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO CALL AND CHECK IN ON GROUPS OF 10 – 15 families.**

Trinity has members who have expressed a willingness to run necessary errands or help (within the social distancing rules) in other ways. We have a "helping hands" fund designed to provide funds for people struggling with sudden unemployment. The phone chain is a way to begin those person to person connections.



“Going Once, Going Twice.....” Senior High Silent Auction will probably be postponed until later in the spring. At this time the Summer Service Trip has been cancelled. 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, if it becomes possible, will be used to defray costs for the Senior High Servant Trip.**

Senior High Fund Raising for the 2020 Servant Trip:

We continue to sell Serogy’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!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (at home)

While we cannot physically be together as we celebrate the Easter and Pentecost seasons, it is vital that we remember and share with each other and our children the story of Jesus. The story of how God brings life out of death and new beginnings out of painful endings. And the story of how we all – the church – are called to spread that news. To help you do this we are making available to our Trinity families several "workshops": from our Easter and Pentecost rotations for you to do at home. **These workshops are emailed directly to our Trinity Children's Ministry families and can also be accessed through Trinity's "Constant Contact".** If you are not

receiving these emails and would like to, please contact the church office, Pastors Cristy or Dave or Cheryl Scaffidi (trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com). We hope you take the time to talk to your children about God in this time of struggle and embrace your faith journey together.



ATTENTION TRINITY 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS (And anyone else interested)

While we don't know how long it will be before we can gather together again, we can still take some time each week to deepen our faith and discover more about our Christian identity. The Trinity 20 (minutes that is) is designed to be like one of our regular Wednesday rotations. Using videos that you can watch on YouTube and info and discussion questions contained in each T 20 video and description, we will continue our focus on the Apostles Creed. We are also trying set up some group video

hangouts so that we can all see one another occasionally. We will be working on making these videos easy to follow and use. If you have any suggestions, you can text P. Cristy at 262-483-0792

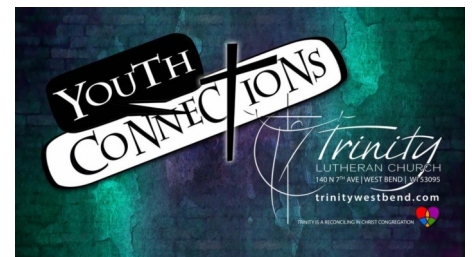
Attention Trinity Senior High!!

While we are not able to do this summer's servant trip, or the flurry of activities that usually occur as our trip draws near, we still need to be present for one another. In this time where everything seems so isolated, we will keep connecting virtually to remind ourselves and one another that we are not alone. We will continue to get together in Zoom meetings every 1st Sunday starting with May 3rd. If you do not receive an invitation to join the meeting by the Thursday before please text P. Cristy. It means we have a problem with your contact info.

Attention Trinity High School and College Seniors!!!

We are so sorry that Covid 19 is having such an impact on your ability to enjoy and celebrate your accomplishment!!

Please know that we are very proud of you!!



WORLD QUARANTINE

The Latin root of the word "quarantine" is "forty".

So what does the Bible say about 40?

The flood lasted 40 days.

40 years Moses fled Egypt.

40 days Moses stayed on Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments.

Exodus lasted 40 years.

Jesus fasted for 40 days.

Lent is 40 days.

40 days for a woman to rest after giving birth.

A group of theologians thinks the number 40 represents "change". It is the time of preparing a person, or people, to make a fundamental change.

Something will happen after these 40 days. Just believe and pray. Remember, whenever the number 40 appears in the Bible, there is a "change".

Please know that during this "quarantine" rivers are cleaning up, vegetation is growing, the air is becoming cleaner because of less pollution, there is less theft and murder, healing is happening, and most importantly, people are turning to Christ. The Earth is at rest for the first time in many years and hearts are truly transforming.

So, during this time, enjoy it with your loved ones and return to the family altar together. Family prayer is a great blessing. Through prayer you will see the changes God can work in you and in your home. Christ promises us that everything works together for the good for those who love God: Romans 8:28!

Remember we are in the year 2020, and $20 + 20 = 40$.

Also, 2020 is the year of the United States Census. Jesus Christ, the savior of the world, was born during a census.

Lastly, 2020 is perfect vision. May our sight focus on the Lord and living according to His perfect vision for us knowing He holds us in the palm of His hand.

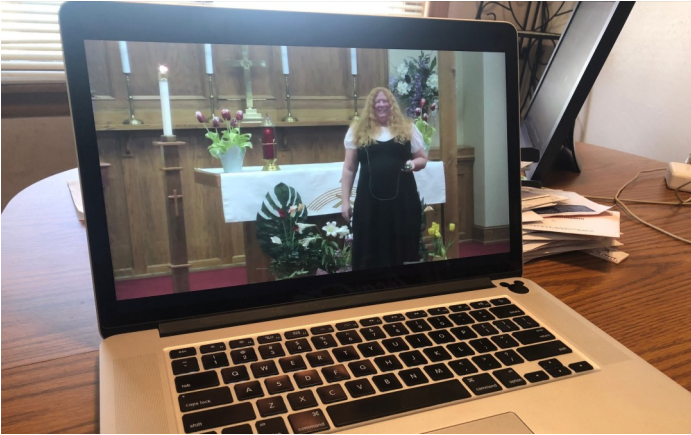
May these days of "quarantine" bring spiritual liberation to our souls, our nation, and our world.

The best is yet to come.

Trust in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! ✠

HOW THE WORLD HAS CHANGED...

Trinity adapts—Pastors Dave & Cristy share the word of God online through our website: trinitywestbend.com
Join us when you can or when you need to. Prayer changes things!



One of the best ways to combat anxiety, depression and boredom is to focus on helping others. Beyond taking care of our Trinity siblings, many of our larger community siblings need help too. **Here is the link to the Volunteer Center's COVID19 volunteer opportunities for Washington County:** https://volunteernow.galaxydigital.com/need/?s=1&need_init_id=3075



Current events have made it painfully clear to us that our contact lists are not as complete or accurate as we would like. Please help us use this time to update.

We are asking all **CONFIRMED MEMBERS - INCLUDING YOUTH AND INVOLVED NON-MEMBERS TO PROVIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- accurate family/individual phone number (and can we text to that #?)
- accurate email(s)
- current names and ages of children living at home (if applicable)
- If your family includes young adults who are now college age or living on their own, please encourage them to provide us with their contact information as well.

Please provide this information by to the Trinity Church Office by phone - 262-334-2125; or email - trinity@trinitywestbend.com



CHECK OUT OUR NEW ADDITION!

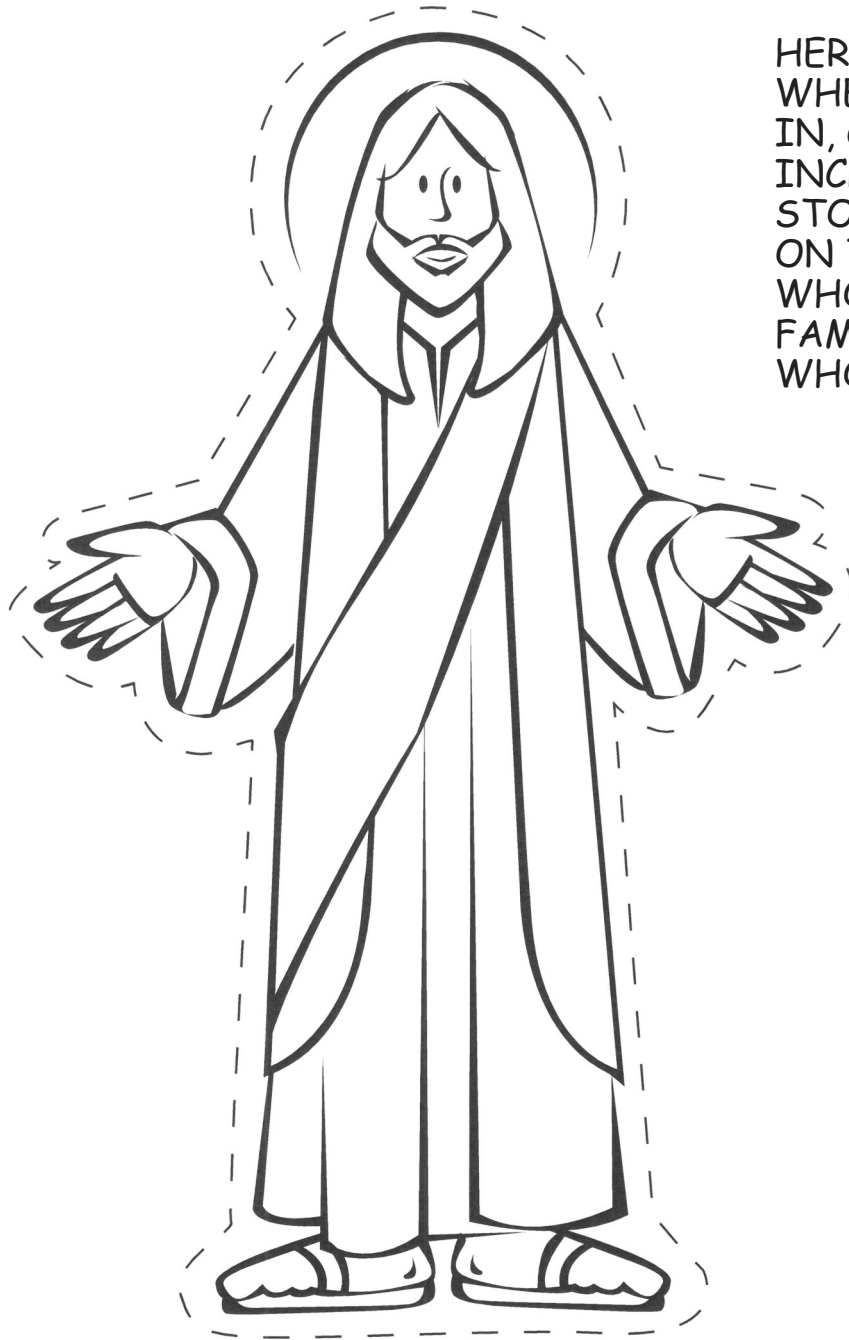
We never needed one before but, since our doors are locked this is our solution! You could say
“Where there’s a bill, there’s a way” (sorry!)
You will find it outside the west entrance doors.
It is a locked mailbox so if you are out for a drive,
you could drop your contribution envelope off.





REMEMBER THAT CLASSIC FILM, "BREAKFAST WITH TRINITY" starring Jan and Kayli Wagner as two Americans isolated in their West Bend dining room as the pandemic rages in the world all around them, their only hope for spiritual survival—Pastor Dave and Cristy??





HERE'S ANOTHER IDEA:
WHEN THE BOREDOM SETS
IN, COLOR FLAT JESUS AND
INCLUDE HIM IN A SHORT
STORY THAT WE CAN SEND
ON TO SOME OF OUR FOLKS
WHO ARE MISSING THEIR
FAMILIES OR GRANDKIDS OR
WHOEVER?

ONCE UPON A TIME

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR 2020

Counters Anita McClain & Jody Schilling
Saturday, May 2 5:00 pm
Ushers Arlyss Speener
Sunday, May 3 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Carol Peters
9:30 am *Ushers* Pauline Lentz,
 Kevin Schmitt, Sam Laatsch

Counters Ruth MacDonald & Darrell Blair
Saturday, May 9 5:00 pm
Ushers
Sunday, May 10 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, May 16 5:00 pm Dreher
Ushers
Sunday, May 17 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, May 23 5:00 pm
Ushers Carl & Betty Schweiger
Sunday, May 24 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin, Ken Juedes
9:30 am *Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler

<i>Counters</i> Kathy Kershaw/Linda Amacher	Sunday, May 31 8:00 am	Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday, May 30 5:00	<i>Ushers</i> Jay & Denise Riederer,	<i>Ushers</i> Dan & Susan Pawlowski,
<i>Ushers</i> John & Denise Kenworthy	Arlene Pierog	Chris Pamperin

Happy Birthday To You All!!

Wallace Buege	5/1	Barbara Lemler	5/11	Henry Anderson	5/22
Donna Crass	5/1	Oscar Martin	5/11	Bryan Johnson	5/23
Christian Ketter	5/1	Aaron Pierce	5/11	Jody Kappler	5/23
Rose Peters	5/1	Ruthann Dorn	5/12	Angela Ambroziak	5/24
Samuel Retzlaff	5/2	Collin Bergerud	5/13	Taeya Gruber	5/24
Cheryl Buege	5/3	Jane Limberg	5/13	Gregory Harding	5/24
Michael Beekman	5/5	Katie Martin	5/13	Austin Lemler	5/24
Beverly Boerger	5/5	Ivy Disterhaft	5/14	Virginia Meier	5/24
Douglas Crass	5/5	Nick Laatsch	5/14	David Putnam	5/24
Cary Gunnare	5/5	Jacqueline Schramm	5/15	Dinara Beth	5/26
Edward Tennies	5/5	Jericho Vore	5/15	Colin Williams	5/26
Sue Beekman	5/6	Charles Dreher III	5/16	William Meier	5/27
Sadie Rick	5/6	Reuben Holcomb	5/16	Julie Schaller	5/27
Kyle Kershaw	5/7	Taylor Loomans	5/16	Chuck Wilfer	5/27
John Abel	5/8	Thomas Oelhafen	5/17	Myles Ellis	5/28
Charles Dreher II	5/8	Christine York	5/17	Austin Kieliszewski	5/28
Jessica Gieryn	5/8	Ellis Martin	5/18	Ashlee Starr	5/28
Morgan Kappler	5/8	Marcia Maule	5/18	Jared Schmitt	5/29
Emily Nelson	5/8	Ava Schiller	5/18	Brett Kichura	5/30
Jade Kenworthy	5/9	Jodie Schibline	5/19	Kiersten Thorin	5/30
Jade Schwieso	5/9	Jodi Appel	5/20	Spencer Hupfer	5/31
Jacob Pollnow	5/10	Joe O'Connell	5/20	Zachary Lemler	5/31
Connor Yapp	5/10	Brady Feltz	5/21		
Russell Lange	5/11	Gene Sass	5/21		

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"...but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?

MAY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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The office continues to be closed and all “in church” activities suspended until further notice. If you have needs please contact the pastors. Pastor Dave can be reached at 262-483-0791. Pastor Cris can be reached at 262-483-0792.

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Sunday..... 8:00 am (Service of the Word)

Sunday..... 9:30 am (Created to Praise)

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