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Dear Trinity Members and Friends,

As we enter this month of July many feel that we are being beset by one crisis after another. We are still struggling with the Covid-19 pandemic. There are many who are treating it like it is over, or maybe like it was never a thing at all. The truth is though that people are still getting sick and people are still dying and in many places the numbers are on the rise.

The economy is struggling. It is not struggling through the fault of any person. Everyone has tried to face the pandemic as faithfully as possible- but the truth is that in reacting to one emergency, we now find ourselves in another moment of crisis. It is beginning to turn around, but the truth is that no one really knows where it will go.

We are confronted by the sin of racism that has been at the heart of our country since its beginning. But now we seem to be at a tipping point. Forces are in play that are demanding change. In the midst of it all, anger and violence are bubbling up from various quarters, while others take advantage of the upheaval to advance their own selfish ends.

It is easy to get discouraged and give up. But our faith says that we need to see that God can bring new life from brokenness and devastation. The symbol of our faith is a cross, a cross to remind us that in the midst of death there is God. God's love comes to us in the greatest crisis with a promise of life. But it will be new life.

The prophet Isaiah spoke this word from God:

Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed
for myself so that they might
declare my praise.

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CRISIS



Danger and Opportunity

The two Chinese characters displayed above together mean "crisis": one symbol is for danger and the other for opportunity. Crisis can be understood the same way: both as a danger and an opportunity. Thus, crisis itself is not bad; it is what one does with it that makes a difference.



FIVE STAR AWARD WINNER

Congratulations!

We're excited to announce that Mercedes Loomans was featured as a 2020 Five Star Real Estate Agent in the May issue of Milwaukee Magazine. Mercedes is one of a small percentage of professionals in the Milwaukee area to receive this prestigious award recognizing excellence in client satisfaction. Mercedes was recently featured in Milwaukee Magazine and can also be found online on FiveStarPro-

There is now a **new Trinity Facebook group – Trinity Community Connections**. Please visit and join if you are interested. Share info with other Trinity members. For future planning, please let us know what kind of connection groups appeal to you. Please include an emoji to share your comfort level for meeting and connecting with others from Trinity and dates/ times that work best for you.

👤 = Face masks required, 6 feet apart

👋 = Masks optional, 6 feet apart

👨👩 = Open to children running around, masks optional

👉 = Any additional group ideas???

Please let us know!



WELCOME TO OUR HOUSE!

We recently lost our "Mitten Lady." Esther Bergmann passed away and her family thoughtfully donated her unused yarn to Trinity in hopes that we would continue her mission. If you knit or crochet and would like to create hats, scarves, mittens, or even baby blankets we have the yarn to keep you busy. We also have knitting needles and crochet hooks! Stop in the office weekday afternoons and we will set you up with projects! Come in while the selection is great!!



In a recent conversation with former Trinity member, Karen Berg, we learned that she is doing very well. She is working hard to get her strength back. Swallowing has been a bit of a problem, but that too seems to be improving. Her sons and their families have been very supportive, staying with her to keep an eye on her recovery. We wish her all the best!



All of your favorite flavors and styles of coffee are still available at Trinity. If you would like to stop in to pick some up, there is usually someone in the office from noon to 4:30 weekdays!

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God does not promise things will go back to the same old way they were. But something new can and will be born. The question becomes will we be willing to receive this new life.

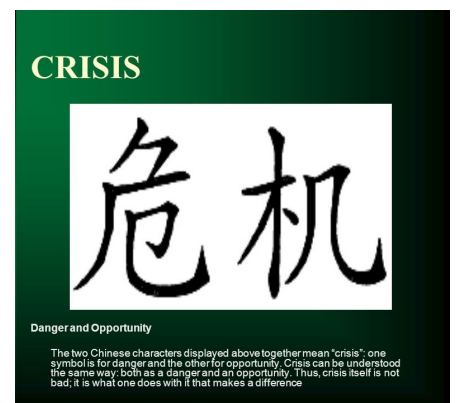
Recently in a letter Bishop Paul Erickson sent to pastors and congregations he wrote the following: *All of this is taking place while we are still dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic, causing many to refer to the history of racial violence and injustice as a pandemic of racism. There are many commonalities; racism has a global reach and is impacting every area of our lives, just like the virus. In addition, though we may long for the time when both pandemics will subside and we will find a way to go “back to normal,” it is becoming clear that the future will not be a return to what was, and that’s good news. The Coronavirus pandemic has served as a global stress test, revealing the weaknesses and injustices of our relationships, our institutions, even our theologies. The disparities that have long been present in our systems and institutions related to health care, the environment, the economy, and education are being painfully revealed, and I pray we will find a way to resolve these inequities and construct a more just and compassionate world. It’s also becoming clear, as the protests continue in cities across the country, that the national dialogue is expanding beyond the specific situation in Minneapolis to address white supremacy, racial violence, and the need for lasting and substantial reform, not just to how our police forces operate, but to how we organize every aspect of our common life. We can’t return to what “normal” used to be, because that “normal” was killing our siblings of color.*

These “crises,” give us opportunities to enter into new life. To be forced to work from home for many has helped them grow into a new understanding of the balance between work and family. We are forced to ask all kinds of questions about how we do business in this country and whether what we do is really equitable and life giving for all people. To confront racism in ourselves and in our country gives us an opportunity to work toward a community that truly is just for all God’s people. There are so many possibilities in the midst of all this and as people of faith we truly believe that God can and will do a new thing among us.

It won’t be easy. The new thing God did in Isaiah’s day required failure, exile, rebuilding, rethinking faith and life. Finally it required the birth of Christ and all that it entailed. **The new thing – that began so long ago - is still happening.** But those who cling to God are called to let go of the past so something new can happen. We too will have to let go of some of the ways that things have been. **And yet we truly believe that a new respect and care and love for one another can arise from this time of radical change.**

It has always seemed amazing that the same character in Chinese represents both crisis and opportunity. From a faith perspective this is a truth we need to embrace. Let us journey into the new future God is bringing into being.

Pastors Cris and Dave



Welcome to Trinity Community Connections!

Many of us are craving some social interaction. We have been thinking of some creative ways to get together and connect.

We are in the final stages of putting some groups together for connections! These groups will take place through July and August. We are creating {have created??} SignUpGenius interest lists to organize these groups and keep them safe and small (8-15 people).

These are the upcoming opportunities from which to choose:

EDUCATIONAL/SOCIAL

Book Study on Contemporary Issues - ***At Trinity. Masked and distanced for safety.***

Monthly, day and time to be determined by group.

Bible Study on Isaiah – ***At Trinity. Masked and distanced for safety.*** Tuesdays
1:00pm for 4 weeks July 14th – August 4th)

Contemporary Issue Movie Discussion/Study – ***At Trinity. Masked and distanced for safety.*** Monthly, day and time to be determined by group.

Discussion – Raising Children in the World that is becoming – ***At Trinity. Indoors or outdoors/masked and distanced.*** 4 weeks mid-July to mid- August Childcare provided. Day and time to be determined by group.

PURELY SOCIAL (Bags, cards, games...)

Dining Out (lunch) – ***Masked and distanced as restaurant requires.*** Every other week. Day, time and locations to be determined by the group.

Dining Out (dinner) – ***Masked and distanced as restaurant requires.*** Every other Week. Day, time and locations to be determined by the group

Family Play Dates – ***Distanced for safety, masks optional.*** Indoors/outdoors at Trinity or Offsite at a park. **Afternoons weekly.** Day, time and locations to be determined by the group.

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Social Connection 1 - ***Masked and distanced. Afternoons*** every other week.
Day, time and locations to be determined by the group.

Social Connection 2 - ***Masked and distanced. Evenings*** every other week. Day, time and locations to be determined by the group.

Social Connection 3 ***with children, distanced/indoors or outdoors/masks optional.*** Every other week - day, time and locations to be determined by the group.

Crafters – ***At Trinity, indoors/distanced/masks optional. Afternoons or evenings.*** Every other week - day, time and locations to be determined by the group. Socialize while you craft.

Please sign up on SignUpGenius for any group you would like to attend. Indicate times/days of the week that are possible for you. Let us know if onsite childcare would be desirable. Many of the actual meeting days and times will be determined by those who are interested. **IF YOU CANNOT ACCESS SignUpGenius PLEASE EMAIL, CALL OR TEXT the church office (262-334-2125 trinity@trinitywestbend.com) or Pastor Cristy (262-483-0792 cschoob@trinitywestbend.com)**



This is a little fun thing to do!
 Quarantine Exercise: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are sixteen names of books hidden in this story! Pastor Dave says it took him an hour and a half! Good luck!



A Thank You Once More for Your Faithfulness

It has been amazing to experience the faithfulness of the members of Trinity. Despite our long inability to gather together in person the people of Trinity have continued to faithfully attend worship on-line, offer themselves in service to the congregation and the community, encourage and care for each other in new and creative ways, and faithfully support the congregation through their giving. God has blessed us greatly as a congregation and we are deeply thankful for each and every one

of you. We are looking to create some in person activities this month and we hope you will take advantage not only to be together, but to share together how God has been blessing you. There will be a letter that will go out this month with a more detailed look at how we are doing as a congregation financially along with your six month statement. We look forward to being together soon.

**Vacation Bible Experience
 To go**

Beginning in July, there will be "VBX and home" packets ready to be picked up and enjoyed by families at home. The

VBX theme will be Weird Animals/Weird Times. The focus will be on God's love that is with us even in the scariest, strangest, most confusing times. There will be no charge for these packets. Each Packet will include:

- materials for a theme related craft;
- instructions for a theme related snack
- YouTube links or videos for
 - A "Bible Adventure" presentation, and
 - introduction and theme videos.
 - Music video
- Suggestions for theme related games.





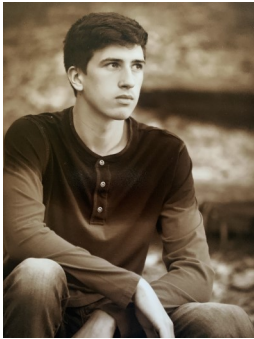
S. Payton McClain Graduate of WB West will tackle Moraine Park Tech this fall with plans to become a Power Distribution Electrician. Congrats, Sparky!



Mitch Ethier Mitch graduated from West Bend West. He is on his way to UW Oshkosh in the fall.



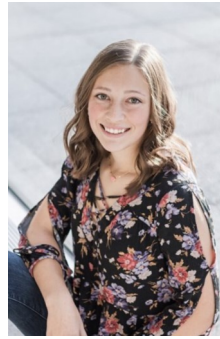
Michael Schuster graduated from Slinger High School. In July he heads off to serve our country in the US Navy. He will be going into EOD(explosive ordnance disposal) which is part of the navy Challenge program (special forces).



Justin Anderson graduated from Kewaskum High School. He is planning on attending UWM in the fall for Biochemistry



Katelyn Schicker graduated from West Bend West and plans to head on the UWM in the fall



Calla Buechler graduated from West Bend West. In the fall, she is continuing on to MSOE for nursing and playing soccer for the MSOE team.



Kathryn Schickert completed all her undergrad courses for her Bachelors in Dual Education in May! She has decided to hold off on celebrating until fall when she will (hopefully) be able to walk at graduation. This fall, she will be student teaching teach both 2nd grade (Reg Ed Placement) and 8th grade (Spec Ed Placement) within in the Appleton Area School District. She will also be participating in a program through UW Oshkosh ArtsCore which will provide her additional support, professional development, and will allow for a focus on implementing Arts Integration into her teaching.



Samuel Younglove
Ziegler Family Foundation

AND OUR WINNERS ARE...

These great young adults are recipients of various scholarship awards this year! 201 seniors from West Bend High Schools will receive recognition for their hard work and dedication as they move on to college. Kudos to the generous donors in our community for making this investment in the future. Best of luck to all Trinity graduates—God bless.



Taylor Kurer
The Kaiser Family



Katelyn Schicker
COLUMNS Academic

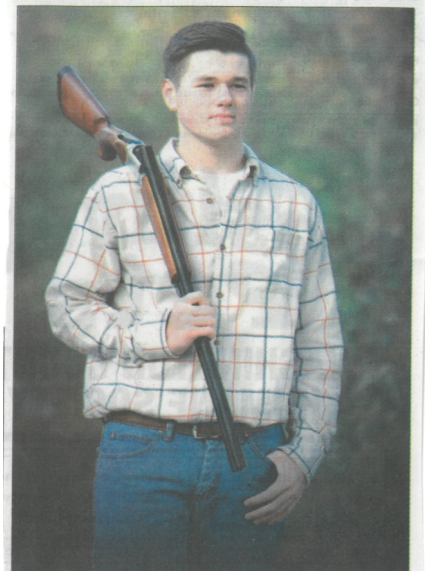


Christian Ketter
The Kaiser Family



Calla Buechler
COLUMNS Academic

SPRING SPORTS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Submitted photo

Schmoldt has desire for trapshooting

West Bend East's Tanner Schmoldt participated in trapshooting for West Bend in 2019. A varsity team member since his sophomore year, Schmoldt averaged 44.0 targets a season ago. He served as a board member as a senior.

Thursday Night Prayer Around the Cross Begins Again

On Thursday, July 16th, Prayer Around the Cross will begin again as a weekly opportunity. This opportunity to pray, reconnect and recenter, will be reorganized for social distancing and masks will be required.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A "PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS" WORSHIP:

You will **enter to a darkened church**, find a seat and silently prepare for worship.

There are no bulletins. Any worship instructions will be given verbally during the worship time.

There are no song sheets or books. The music is simple sung prayer. It consists of repeated phrases, tunes and refrains that can be easily picked up by the worshipers. Worshipers are encouraged to join in when they feel comfortable to help establish a prayerful setting and mind set. The musician(s) will teach any music that cannot easily be learned during the liturgy **at the beginning of worship**.

The worship is divided into parts:

Preparation: at this time a welcome is offered and any special instructions are given.

Gathering: We gather in the name of God and prepare our hearts and minds to hear the word of God through prayer, silence and song.

Word: short reading or stories from the Bible and related readings or reflections from other sources.

Praying: Beginning and ending with shared prayer this is the time for personal prayer and reflection. You may come forward to sit or kneel at the cross, light a prayer candle, and/or partake of any extra act of worship offered. Or, you may remain in your seat praying.

Sending: A closing prayer and blessing. A dismissal and an opportunity to stay and pray after "Prayer"

After the Gathering, Word and Group Prayer parts of worship, worshipers will be invited to sit or kneel around the cross or remain in their seats for individual prayer. If you come forward to sit or kneel are the cross:

You are **invited to light one of the candles lying around the cross and place it in one of the bowls of sand** as a visible sign of your silent prayer before God.

You are invited to **remain around the cross for as long or short a time as you wish**.

Occasionally, during this prayer time, there may also be an optional opportunity/station set up to offer things like individual communion, anointing or laying on of hands for healing, baptismal remembrance.... If such an opportunity is offered, worshipers will be instructed at the Gathering time. **These worship acts are optional and can be experienced before or after you pray at the cross.**

There are **intentional periods of silence** woven into this worship style. It is a time to release our fretful worry and fidgety boredom, to settle into the wordless, mutual presence of our companions and God, and to **be** rather than **do**.

This worship experience generally lasts 30 minutes. We will try to make available information allowing interested individuals to dig deeper into the scriptures highlighted in the Word part of each service.

Socially Responsible Worship Service to begin Sundays in August

Beginning in August, we are planning to roll out a Covid 19 socially **aware "at Trinity" Sunday morning worship opportunity**. Plans for how exactly it will look are in progress now. Watch for details in Constant Contact, the August newsletter, and all Trinity communications.

KAORI UPDATE!

Every week, we get reports directly from our staff in Peru, letting us know the latest on how the pandemic is affecting their country. **And I know how important it is to pass along as much of that information as possible to you.** Because the sad reality is, as we start to take tiny steps back toward normal, our brothers and sisters around the world continue to face the uncertainty of life during a pandemic.

That's why we have created [a source](#) for you to come to find the most up-to-date information on COVID-19's impact on Peru, and to understand how truly vital your support of Kaori Rosalia is during this time.

Below, you will find a small excerpt from this new resource. Please click **READ MORE** to read a story from the field, see the letter and gift delivery status for Peru and get information on how your monthly gifts are empowering our frontline church partners to provide lifesaving care to Kaori Rosalia and thousands of Compassion-assisted children and families throughout Peru. *Last Updated: 06/24/2020*

COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Peru, and about 85% of Peru's ICU beds with ventilators are currently occupied. **The country remains under a nationwide state of emergency that includes self-quarantine and closed borders.** Peru's national state of emergency and quarantine measures are extended through June 30. Mandatory curfew hours are from 9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

All Compassion frontline church partners have put children's and youths' activities on hold. The national staff and church partners are monitoring children and families that are vulnerable due to extreme poverty, possible abuse or health complications. **Church workers are working closely with local authorities to deliver supplies to families and have been able to distribute 161,319 food packs and 49,125 hygiene kits. Additionally, they have helped 1,370 individuals access medical support during the quarantine.** Tutors and pastors are providing virtual counseling as needed to beneficiaries and caregivers.

Prayer Concerns

This month I would like you to offer prayers for people within our Trinity family and our wider synod family. Some will be named and others will be unnamed. I am inviting these prayers because we have not been together as much over the last few months so many of those who we are praying for have not been able to be raised up in our life together.



Pray for those entering into new life situations. Please pray for Ruby, Eileen, Elsie and a number of others.

Please pray for the friends and family of Trinity members who have died over the last several months: Bill Kirchner, Wilma Wilson, Dee Dee Brace and Karen Oelhafen.

Pray for our members who have been isolated due to the Covid-19 virus: Dorothy Draeger, Lois Cranney, Mary Ann Triechel, Todd Nielsen, Harriet Rick, Joan Rudd, and others you may know.

Pray for those whose employment has been lost or disrupted due to businesses effected by the pandemic.

Pray for families whose children have been isolated and are struggling with missing their friends.

Pray for those in the medical profession who have carried a heavy weight over the last several months.

Pray for our young people who have been actively trying to organize to create changes in the world that need to be made.

Pray for the pastors and synod staff who have had to develop new approaches to ministry during a trying time.

Pray for our siblings at Cross Lutheran who have lost nearly a dozen of their church community to Covid-19.

Pray for the members of our synod Anti-Racism Team as they continue to guide difficult conversations.

Pray for Annette Zeigler and other state and national Supreme Court justices who have had to make rulings in the midst of these difficult times.

Pray that God will lead us into new possibilities that can arise out of the challenges of these day.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE FOR 2020

Counters Anita McClain & Jody Schilling
Saturday, July 4 5:00 pm
Ushers Arlyss Speener
Sunday, July 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, July 11 5:00 pm
Ushers
Sunday, July 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
Saturday, July 18 5:00 pm Dreher
Ushers
Sunday, July 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, July 25 5:00 pm
Ushers Carl & Betty Schweiger
Sunday, July 26 8:00 am
Ushers Jay Nelson, Lynne & Eric Thorin, Ken Juedes
9:30 am *Ushers* Paul Anderson, Ron Wicke, James Winkler



Happy Birthday To You All!!

Emerson Ketter	7/1	CarlEda Skinkis	7/8	Chantal Schroer	7/19
Deborah Brooks	7/2	Jackelyn Abel	7/9	Linda Schroer	7/19
Bryan Naumann	7/2	Jennifer Abel	7/9	Ardith Bergerud	7/20
Lee Taylor	7/3	Kevin Pretsch	7/9	Melvin Walters	7/20
Susan Walters	7/3	Jennifer Rands	7/9	Finn Pawlowski	7/21
Dorothy Draeger	7/4	James Sulik	7/9	Mary Schweiger	7/22
Michael Frei	7/4	Cynthia Bruder	7/10	Renee York	7/22
William Dymond	7/5	Darwin Dorn	7/10	Cameron Anderson	7/24
Darlene Hall	7/5	Curt Schoob	7/10	Sheila Foyse	7/24
Margaret Hoepner	7/5	A.J. Brandt	7/11	Jane Schmitt	7/24
Peter Hupfer	7/5	Jarod Ethier	7/11	Mike Retzlaff	7/25
Dorothy Barnes	7/6	Ruby Disterhaft	7/12	Samantha Archer	7/26
Edward Bauer	7/6	Cynthia Vore	7/12	Sherry Oleniczak	7/26
Alexander Davis	7/6	Joyan Pagel	7/13	Kayli Mildbrandt	7/27
Dakota Gunnare	7/6	Brian Thelen	7/13	Christa Thorin	7/28
Sandy Poenitsch	7/6	Brenda Deuberry	7/15	Michael Walters	7/29
Ingrid Polinski	7/6	Mark Lang	7/15	Lisa Wicke	7/29
Arik Loomans	7/7	Michael York Jr.	7/15	Jerome Zaborowski	7/30
Michael Loomans	7/7	Jakob Starr	7/16	Carey Jacobsen	7/31
Ethan Omernick	7/7				

BANANA IS A HAPPY FRUIT. EATING JUST ONE CAN HELP YOU RELIEVE IRRITABLE EMOTIONS, ANGER OR DEPRESSION.

JULY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 6:30 Prayer Around the Cross	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 6:30 Prayer Around the Cross	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 6:30 Prayer Around the Cross	31	
<p>THIS CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE! We are hopeful that VERY SOON it will be safe to resume activities, but we will all just have to wait and see...</p>						

The office continues to be closed and all “in church” activities suspended until further notice. If there is something we can do to help you, please contact us. 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)

Holy Communion Celebrated at all services

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