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Dear Friends and Members of Trinity,

We are nearing the Fall. Usually that is the beginning of congregational life for the year ahead. However, this year, it is still uncertain where we will be regarding the Covid-19 virus. Numbers appear to be continuing an upward trend that calls on us to continue to be cautious as we move forward. At this point we do not know when or how in person worship will be introduced back into the life of the congregation.

But this does not stop us from rallying together as God's people for the work Christ calls us to be doing. Jesus said: *"wherever two or three are gathered in my name I will be there in the midst of them"*. That is true whether the gathering is in person in the church, gathered in cars in the parking lot, or assembled in virtual space on-line. We have faith in this promise, and we invite you to have faith in it as well. Rally to worship together, however that worship takes place.

Jesus calls us to care for those in need. We may need to offer that care in new ways:

by phone,

by offering to get groceries for those who cannot

by wearing masks and working on social distancing to keep people safe

or any of the other ways the new reality calls us to act to share the love and promise of God everywhere.

We all need to continue to rally to this work in whatever way that we can.

Jesus calls us to work for justice and the presence of the kingdom of God. Jesus calls us to live our faith not just privately but publicly as well. So, we can address the issues of white privilege racial justice and the variety of flaws in our systems. If demonstrating isn't our "thing" then we can contact and share our concerns with those in power. Or we can witness to our beliefs by the way we adjust our own way of living. We can each use our power to vote for those people and policies we believe will help share the love of God in our life together. If we cannot vote in person we can vote by mail. We can also help our community by filling out our census forms so that helpful or necessary resources might come into our community. We can rally around the work of justice and equity.

And we can rally around our children. We can continue to share the story of the love of God with them by sharing online children's sermons and children's ministry and pray with them and share our faith with them each day.

Rally day may look different this year, but the Spirit is the same.

We rally around our Lord and Savior who gives us life no matter the situation. Join us as we rally together.

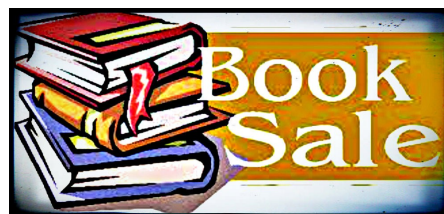
Pastors Cris and Dave

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The west entrance to Trinity is un-locked most weekday afternoons from noon til 4:30 when someone is usually in the office. If in doubt, you can call ahead to make sure— 334-2125. We have devotion books, Mt. Meru coffee, And Serogy chocolate bars still available! We can also take in your shoe/ boot donations.



COMING SOON...

Even though Trinity has been closed, the “Blanketeers” have figured out a way to keep production going. That means they will need some income to keep supplies on hand which in turn means we need to continue the Book Sale tradition! Don’t forget to drop off your books, puzzles, games, cd and dvd’s any weekday afternoon!



The Gathering is currently serving guests with to-go meals rather than in-person dining. Please save your plastic grocery bags from any store, but especially the heavier red bags from Sendik’s, to be recycled for this purpose. We will have a drop-off/ collection date for the bags in conjunction with our fall God’s Work. Our Hands.

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!



Have you been curious about the source of music in our virtual services? When we first began virtual worship back in March, we were able to edit music clips from some of our archived recordings of 5:00 cantor-led worship services, a few of the Created to Praise services, and even the 2019 Ecumenical Choir Gathering hosted by Trinity. We were fortunate and thankful to have good recordings available for Holy Week, but when it became apparent that virtual worship would likely continue for months, we needed to expand our musical options. To accomplish this, Rick Gilbertson, Darci Ketter and Lori Hassig have been meeting with Hazel Griffin to record both traditional and contemporary service music as well as special music selections. These long recording sessions are edited into individual song tracks, and those tracks, as needed, are further edited to select specific verses for the services. We are grateful and blessed to have their vocal gifts enrich our online worship!



“Do You Hear Who I Hear?”

In August, our Tuesday Bible Study will continue to meet at 1:00 PM. We are asking everyone who participates to continue to mask and we will be physically distancing for the sake of all. If you would like to join through zoom here is the information:

David Schoob is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634007037>
Meeting ID: 836 3400 7037

We will also record the session for those who cannot or do not feel comfortable joining us. Our topic in August will be the studying the book of Lamentations along with some study of N.T. Wright’s book God and Pandemic. In this way we can tie some of the words of Lamentations into our own struggles in these days. I hope that you can join us in person or online. The sessions will start on August 11th.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

The world continues to need the prayers of the faithful each day. Here are some suggestions for your prayers through the month of August:

For our world, national, state, and local leaders who must each day make important decisions. Please pray for more respect and cooperation from all leaders as they work with people who have different ideas.

Pray that those who are voting might receive information that is trustworthy so that they might make responsible decisions. And pray that God would work through the system with all its imperfections.

Pray that God would strengthen those who are working on a vaccine for the Covid-19 virus. And pray that all would be guided to do what they can to protect the health of those they encounter in whatever way they can.

Pray for our country caught in the grip of racism. Pray that God would help all of us to look within and see how racism has affected us. Pray also that God would offer us new direction in how to live together as people with different racial identities, different sexual identities, different political identity, different faith identities, and all the differences that make this world a wondrous place.

Amid the present unrest, protect both police and protestors. Help both to deal respectfully and carefully with one another.

Pray for strength and comfort for all of us who live amid uncertainty about the future. Help us cling to the promise that come what may your love will surround and keep us

Drive in Worship

“Always focus on the front windshield and not the review mirror.”

— *Colin Powell*

Let's gather together for worship—from the safety of our own cars!

Please join your Trinity family and friends on SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th at 10 AM

We will all be tuning in via our FM car radios | Please BYO elements for Communion

To ensure we accommodate everyone, kindly RSVP to the church office 262-334-2125 or

trinity@trinitywestbend.com by Friday August 7th

Plan to arrive by 9:50 so our PARKING USHERS have time to guide you into a parking spot and get you a bulletin!

THANK YOU GREG GRIFFIN, SANDY POENITSCH and TIFFANY WILSON!!!

An enormous thank you to this the tremendous team that have been **volunteering** countless hours to allow Trinity members to connect virtually during this time of physical distancing. Sandy provides beautiful graphics and presentation for Trinity's entire media presence. Greg Griffin has been filming all the worship opportunities and daily devotions, posting them to YouTube, and sending out the links for Trinity's Facebook, Website and Constant Contact. Tiffany Wilson, provides frequent updates to the Trinity Facebook page to make Trinity more visible in social media.

We have had many positive comments from nonmembers who have noticed our enhanced and timely online presence! Be sure to check out our Website (trinitywestbend.com), our Facebook page (Trinity Lutheran Church ELCA) and our YouTube Channel (Trinity Lutheran West Bend). If you do not are not receiving Trinity's "Constant Contact" emails, please call the office and be sure we you're your correct email. If you are on Facebook, please like and follow our page to help spread the news of what is happening at Trinity!





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, introduction and theme videos, and suggestions for theme related games.

Thursday Night Prayer Around the Cross

Thursday evening Prayer Around the Cross is a weekly opportunity. This time 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**.

Youth Recognition/Appreciation Sunday at the Drive In –

August 9th, 10:00am

Youth appreciation/recognition Sunday – August 9th during the 10:00am Drive In worship. It will be a chance for us all to celebrate the important place of the youth in our congregation, their contributions to our life together, their accomplishments, and to offer a special blessing for our Graduates as they move forward toward their future plans.

Because of the Covid 19 situation, the 9th Grade Overnight scheduled for August will have to be cancelled. We are hoping to be able to replace it with another opportunity for our 9th Graders to gather, have some fun and cover the confirmation material. We'll keep you posted.

August Events

Late August is the time we usually gather Confirmation youth and parents to talk about the year ahead in Confirmation. Because of Covid, this year we will be presenting the Parent and Youth Orientations for each grade on Trinity's YouTube Channel to watch at your convenience. We will offer 3 get together cookouts for the youth outside in Trinity's Courtyard in August. We'll also schedule several Zoom meetings to answer any questions parents might have in early September. Watch for details.

Wednesday, August 19th – Wednesday, 6:00pm 8th Grade Cook out in Courtyard

Wednesday, August 26th – Wednesday, 6:00pm 9th Grade Cook out in Courtyard

Trinity Children's Ministry presents The Prodigal Son





Again, we want to say thank you to everyone. There is no way we as pastors and staff can express how deeply grateful we are to be a part of such an amazing congregation. People have supported the ministry of this church by helping us maintain our ministry without walls. People have taken on huge burdens of filming, editing, and getting online material in the right places for all who need them. We especially want to thank Greg Griffin whose sends around 20 hours a week helping us get everything on the internet. People have found new and exciting ways to help others and care for one another amidst an increasingly difficult set of obstacles.

You have all continued to support the church financially so that we have had one less worry in an uncertain time. You are a blessing from God not just to Trinity but to the world. You truly are in every way you can sharing the love and promise of God. Let us continue this journey in faith. If you have questions on how to share your gifts, please contact the church office.

The finance team of the congregation has lost some members due to moves and other calls people have in their life. We could use two or three additional members. The finance team monitors the financial health of the congregation and on occasion offers finance suggestions to the council. If you feel called to help with this task, please call Ruth McDonald or the church office.





Recycling isn't just for the environment anymore. It's becoming an economic imperative and you could even consider it your patriotic duty. So says the top environmental officer of the U.S. who urged Americans to help fight a world-wide pandemic by recycling the packing materials from their delivery orders. With so many people creating waste at home, recycling is "more essential than ever right now" so said the EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "Right now there is a critical need for all raw materials in the manufacturing supply chain, especially paper and cardboard."

Groups in the UK and Europe have also warned of possible shortages of cardboard as a result of increased home deliveries. With many businesses shuttered and unable to recycle that means it's more important that households do their part. Americans recycled 66% of the paper they used in 2017, but only 8.4% of plastics were recycled that year. Here are 5 ways to be nice to the planet, reduce waste and support efforts to ship you all the things you need (and want!).

1. Recycle paper and cardboard
2. Reuse disposable bags
3. Reduce takeout waste
4. Fewer canned drinks
5. Stop with the PPE We are using a lot of personal protective equipment (PPE) to stay safe. Just don't throw your masks, gloves, and wipes into the recycling during the pandemic-or anytime. PPE is not recyclable and it's not safe for sanitation workers to touch it once it's been used. "These items should NEVER go into the recycling bin," Wheeler said.

Reprinted from CNN article

If anyone would like to donate any of the following items, they can be dropped off at the Family Center from 8am to 3pm, Monday through Friday beginning the week of July 27th.

URGENT NEEDS:

Lysol
All-Purpose Cleaner
Toilet Paper
Paper Towel
Hand Sanitizer (w/pump)
Shaving Cream
Twin XL Mattress Protectors
Cot Mattresses & Cot Mattress Protectors
West Bend Taxi Vouchers (Make \$45 Checks payable to WB Tax
and give them to FPWC – they'll pick up the vouchers, so you don't have to!)
Gas Gift Cards (Prefer Shell/Kwik Trip/BP)
Milk
Cleaning Wipes
Laundry detergent pods
Postage Stamps



WE COULD USE SOME HELP!?

Current Needs:

Storage Bins (30 gal minimum)
Utility Floor Mats
Walmart Gift Cards (for groceries)
Commercial Washing Machine

Please call the Family Promise office to inform them of your donation.

Any donations to Family Promise should be left outside of their door.

Family Promise telephone number: 262-353-9304
Promise Center, 724 Elm Street, Unit 100, West Bend, WI 53095

IMPORTANT PEOPLE FOR 2020



If you turn to page 11 you will find ads for various local businesses. Some are Trinity members—all of them generously paid for these ads that in turn pay for the printing of your newsletters (so we don't have to!!) Please take a moment to look them over and remember to call if you can use any of their services. This is a huge savings for your church and we are grateful for their continued support. Let's give them some in return?

Happy Birthday To You All!!

Kevin Kichura	8/1	Lauren Hull	8/16	David Starr	8/25
Joey Schneider	8/1	Brandon Hupfer	8/16	Cathy Wiedmeyer	8/25
Mary Treichel	8/1	Victoria Kenworthy	8/16	Kristine Dreher	8/26
Elouise Brockman	8/2	Michael Tikusis	8/16	Kyle Gunnare	8/26
Anthony Wulff	8/2	Adeline Peters	8/17	Mason Hoffman	8/26
Hazel Griffin	8/3	Kimberly Gryzkewicz	8/18	Taylor Oksiuta	8/26
Anniken Brandt	8/5	Sophia Neumann	8/18	Matthew Wiedmeyer	8/26
Tamara Cerniglia	8/5	Ricky Gilbertson	8/19	Nancy Bower	8/27
Leon Krueger	8/5	Renee Kichura	8/20	David Sparks	8/27
Kaylee Starr	8/5	Barbara Larson	8/20	John Wilson	8/27
Cindy Theisen	8/5	Elizabeth Markgraf	8/20	Lily Myrhum	8/28
Brittany Rady	8/6	Rhonda Retzlaff	8/20	Diane Nielsen	8/28
Joseph Washa	8/8	Autumn Appel	8/21	Rita Hupfer	8/29
Nolan Malecha	8/10	Eileen Davis	8/21	Carl Kirchner	8/29
Tanner Schmoltd	8/10	Christin Sinjakovic	8/21	Sally Behn	8/30
Mason Ellis	8/11	Brock Cranney	8/22	Thomas Davis	8/30
Alexander Bergerud	8/12	Jay Riederer	8/23	William Mertens	8/30
Benjamin Schiller	8/12	Maxwell Schickert	8/23	Jenae Vandehei	8/30
Kelly Anderson	8/13	Autumn Disterhaft	8/24	Rob Brockman	8/31
Michael Kurer	8/13	Matthew Hoppenjan	8/24	Kaylin Kozlowski	8/31
Sierra Mathieu	8/13	Pamela Neumann	8/24	John Schauble	8/31
Sheila Sauer	8/13	Chet Nielsen III	8/24		
Travis Thorin	8/14	Leah Rineck	8/25		
Tami Dale	8/15				



Last Updated: 07/24/2020 COVID-19 cases continue to rise in Peru. **The country is under a nationwide state of emergency that includes self-quarantine and closed borders until July 31.** Curfews have been reduced in most regions to 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Large gatherings remain suspended, but commercial businesses can operate at 50% capacity. Many communities are facing issues in accessing medical supplies, including oxygen tanks. All Compassion frontline church partners have put children's and youths' activities on hold. You can help—text 1-844-385-9887, enter the amount to give, enter a space and the name Kaori. Thank you

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 NA	5	6 6:30 PM Prayer Around the Cross	7	8
9	10	11 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 NA	12	13 6:30 PM Prayer Around the Cross	14	15
16	17	18 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 NA	19 6:00 pm 8th grade Confirmation Cookout	20 6:30 PM Prayer Around the Cross	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 1:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 NA	26 6:00 pm 9th grade Confirmation Cookout	27 6:30 PM Prayer Around the Cross	28	29
Do more of what makes you awesome!						

The WEST entrance is open weekday afternoons and there is usually someone in the office. 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)

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