



Trinity Spirit

TRINITY ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Family of God,

We follow Jesus to the cross during the season of Lent. *Such a trip is never easy for we come face to face with the worst of ourselves.* Jesus is placed on the cross by selfishness, fear, anger, division, hatred, and all the darkest parts of who we are individually and as people in general. We have confronted our limitations and mortality at Ash Wednesday and each day of Lent is another confrontation with who we are. **But Jesus goes to the cross to reveal that is not all we are.**

God created us as good and within us is also the power of love, curiosity, beauty, care, compassion, hope, and all that makes life worth living. Dust, sin, death may threaten to define all we are, but we received those ashes in the sign of a cross to remind us that is not all we are. God continues to breathe life into us and Jesus gives us a vision of what God intended at the beginning.

Jesus shows us in the cross the power of a love that gives itself in hopes of bringing life to the world. We reflect on that as we examine the seven last words of our Lord from the cross during this Lenten season. In those words Jesus calls us to forgiveness, inclusion, awareness of the suffering of others, our nature as family of God, our struggle to find hope in the deepest darkness, our trust in God and one another, and our belief in the kingdom that God is calling into being. We renew our belief that though we struggle against sin, death and the devil and it threatens to overwhelm us; the victory has already been won in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Jesus Christ we are free. We are free to choose to pick up our cross and follow. We are free to start over again and walk the path of loving service. We are free to embrace the identity that God gave each of us at baptism. **If we were left to our own devices this would never be—but in Christ a miracle occurs.** Martin Luther expressed this in a Lenten Prayer:

*Lord Jesus,
You are my righteousness,
I am your sin.
You took on you what was mine;
yet set on me what was yours.
You became what you were not,
that I might become what I was not.
Amen*

In Christ,

Pastor Cris *Pastor Dave*
Pastors Cris and Dave

—JOEL 2:12—



Jan (far right), Phil & Kayli Wagner

Photography tells the stories we fail to put into words.



VOLUNTEERS ROCK! 🥰

Trinity's mission to Share God's love and promise is often demonstrated through the generosity of members who share from their own blessings, giving of themselves out of care and compassion. Time after time, the people of Trinity come through to make a difference for others—including sharing their love of photography and capturing ministry moments (and more) at Trinity!

BEHIND *the* LENSES



Peter & Tammy Nelson

Jan Wagner has been a member of Trinity her entire life. "I was baptized here". Jan and her husband, Phil (Trinity's Facilities Manager) have two daughters, Jamie and Kayli. "Many know Kayli from coming to church with me". Jaime is married to Josh Branham and has 2 daughters, Elizabeth 8 and Abigail 4. Jan retired as a Data Analyst a few years ago. **Her love for photography started when her dad introduced her to it at the age of 7.** "He taught me how to compose a good landscape picture and I took off from there. Her favorite subjects are flowers and landscape, though she says, "still life photography is growing on me now. One of my favorites is a can of Campbell's Tomato Soup. **And of course, my grandgirls!**" Giving her photos a dream-like feel is something Jan enjoys doing. She has sold her works (some in the West Bend Pilot). At Trinity, Jan has captured moments for us during Confirmation, the Children's Christmas program, the Cantata, Rally Sunday, the Mardi Gras party and many other events. During all of those times, the thing that stands out the most for Jan is, "How gosh-darn cute those little kids are in the Christmas program! They are adorable!!!"



Evan Beekamn

Peter Nelson has been attending Trinity with his family since he married Tammy (Kirchner) in 1998. "I was baptized at Trinity just last summer, in June 2020." Peter and Tammy have three girls. Emily 17 is a senior. Abby 15 is a sophomore. Kristen 13 is in 7th grade. They live close enough to Trinity to walk to church most of the time. Peter works as a Quality Engineer at Broan in Hartford. **He said he has been drawn to nature photography for many years and enjoys taking pictures of wildflowers and birds during hikes at local parks.** At Trinity, Peter has captured moments for us during the children's Christmas programs, Cantata, Rally day, Confirmation, 1st communion, and services led by the 1st communion and confirmation classes. What stands out most for Peter during those captures? "I love catching a great expression on people's faces at one of the events. My favorites are the children during the Christmas programs. The faces in the costumes with the Christmas lights all around are wonderful".

Evan Beekman, a West Bend West graduate, has been a long-time member of Trinity. Evan was baptized, participated in Children's Ministry and was confirmed at Trinity. For many years he has also been involved with Trinity's AV group and is one of our *go-to guys* for some of our technical needs. **Evan was happy to produce Trinity's welcome video spot that was shown at the West Bend Theatre and has recently edited and put together the video that became our 2020 Children's Ministry Virtual Christmas program.** He was in attendance on Ash Wednesday to capture moments during the imposition of ashes. Evan is currently a student at Minnesota State University at Moorhead studying 3D Animation.

Hey Kids! Bring your completed crossword puzzle page to Children's Ministry for a prize!



The First Passover Crossword Puzzle

3 DOWN "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been made near by the _____ of Christ."
EPHESIANS 2:13

5 ACROSS "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the _____ lamb.'" **EXODUS 12:21**

7 ACROSS "The LORD said, "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying; 'On the tenth day of this month every man shall take himself a _____, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.'" **EXODUS 12:3**

1 DOWN Moses told them, "You shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the _____ and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin."
EXODUS 12:22

3 ACROSS The LORD said, "Your lamb shall be without _____, a male of the first year." **EXODUS 12:8**

2 DOWN Then Moses said to them, "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two _____ the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you." **EXODUS 12:23**

4 DOWN Also the LORD said to Moses, "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened _____, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening." **EXODUS 12:18**

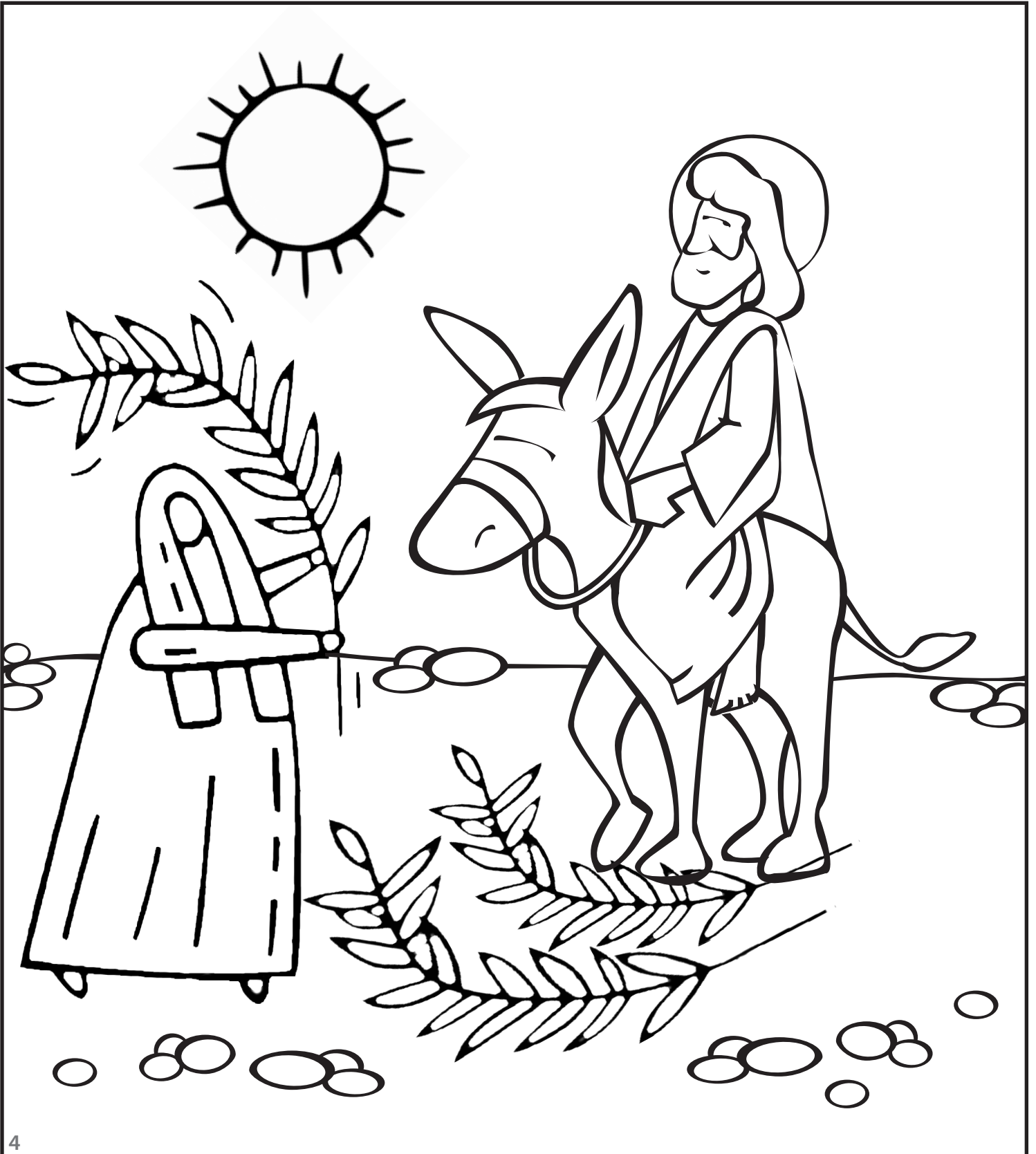
1 ACROSS "Then the children of Israel went away and did so, just as the _____ had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did." **EXODUS 12:28**

6 DOWN "For _____ days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. "
EXODUS 12:19

Trinity **Kids Page #2**

Bring your completed coloring page to Children's Ministry for a prize!

Palm Sunday Coloring Page



Children's Ministry is BACK!

Hey Kids!

Pick one or both of the activities on page 3 and 4 and bring your completed Passover crossword puzzle or Palm Sunday coloring page to Children's Ministry for a prize!

Can't wait to see you!

ATTENTION Parents and Young Adults VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO WORK WITH

Trinity's Kids!

- 1. Help with Children's Ministry**
Help lead small group rotations.
 - 3-week commitment
 - Lesson plans/materials /provided
 - No previous experience necessary
 - FUN and REWARDING
 trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com
or call the church office 262-334-2125
- 2. Help with F.I.S.H. Group**
Help oversee F.I.S.H. activities
 - Once a month | Sundays | 10:30-NOON
 Call or text Pastor Cristy 252-483-0792
or email cschoob@trinitywestbend.com
- 3. Help with Confirmation**
WE NEED MENTOR/VOLUNTEERS to help with our Confirmation program on Wednesday nights 6:30 - 8 PM
Call or text Pastor Cristy 252-483-0792
or email cschoob@trinitywestbend.com



CHECK. IT. OUT.

TRINITY YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday, March 7 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

MASKS REQUIRED | Heritage Room

WE ARE RESTARTING our monthly opportunity to get together (sometimes at church, sometimes elsewhere). Share a light meal, and take a little time to renew yourself as a child of God.

FYI—we'll be discussing our Summer Servant Trip for 2021

- Connect or reconnect with friends.
- Re-center yourself with a short, interactive worship experience
- Recharge your passion for compassion



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STARTS MARCH 7TH

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

MASKS REQUIRED | social distancing practices will be followed

We are excited that Children's Ministry will begin again on March 7th!

Drop off your child/children for an hour on Sunday mornings and use the time to get some shopping done, grab a cup of coffee or breakfast, or worship with Trinity ONLINE while you wait | trinitywestbend.com.

ATTENTION PARENTS - If you have not yet registered your child/children for the Children's Ministry program beginning March 7th, please call the church office 262-334-2125 or email Alyssa at trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com



CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM/SCHEDULE

Wednesday Nights | 6:30-8:00 PM

MASKS REQUIRED | Lower level, Fellowship Hall

Beginning March 3rd, both 7th and 8th grades will be meeting

EVERY WEDNESDAY, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall & breakout rooms

SEE SCHEDULE BELOW | online makeup will still be available

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CONFIRMATION PARENTS - at the 8 PM pickup time on MARCH 3RD, please plan to come inside the church for a 15 MINUTE INFORMATION SESSION.

MARCH 3 | 5th Comm & Palm/Passion Prep | SNACKS: Kristen Nelson

MARCH 10 | 5th Comm & Palm/Passion Prep | SNACKS: Sophie Reno

MARCH 17 | 6th Comm & Palm/Passion Prep | SNACKS: Jesse/ Matt Retzlaff

MARCH 24 | 6th Comm & Palm/Passion Prep | SNACKS: Connor Scaffidi

MARCH 31 | HOLY WEEK | **NO CONFIRMATION CLASS**

APRIL 7 | 6th Commandment | SNACKS: Gavin Schauble



F.I.S.H. ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Sunday, March 14 | 10:30 AM - NOON

MASKS REQUIRED

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a good time that includes games, snacks and prizes. **THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY.**

RSVP IS NEEDED by Thursday, March 11th | Call or text

Pastor Cristy 252-483-0792 or email cschoob@trinitywestbend.com

ATTENTION F.I.S.H. PARENTS - we are in need of a few PARENTS to help oversee F.I.S.H. activities—once a month on Sunday mornings from 10:30-NOON. **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** March 14 | St. Patrick's Day Party — April 11 | Re-Birthday Party — May 2 | Spring Fling



Ash Wednesday is one of the most serious and solemn days in the Christian year. The mood is one of penitence and reflection on the quality of our faith and life. Its goal is participation in the Lenten discipline, which prepares us for the Easter celebration.

Trinity invited each of us to come inside the church to receive the imposition of ashes. Nick Schoob served along side Pastor Cris and Pastor Dave to share this symbolic and significant day with the Trinity congregation.

By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.
—GENESIS 3:19



EVOLUTION OF A MINISTRY

AND JUST LIKE THAT—WHAT WAS OLD IS NEW AGAIN!

The February meeting of the Trinity quilt ladies was very productive. It was discovered that **Immanuel Church Circle of Friends shop** would be able to share some blankets with people in need in West Bend. Additionally, we found out Immanuel is also connected with **Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge** helping homeless in our community. *With the help of Tom Bulin and his truck, 70 blankets were delivered!*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. —2 Corinthians 5:17

Our Savior's Church in West Bend asked if we could help them serve their sister church in a desperately low income area in Milwaukee. They said they could use 10-15 blankets. **35 blankets were delivered!**

While we continue to make the 60x80-inch blankets for **Lutheran World Relief**, there has been a suggestion that we also create some **baby size blankets** using soft flannel. *That new ministry is in the works!*

With a renewed purpose and intentions of expanding our ministry, the quilters decided it was time to change our name as well. We will now be known as the **Trinity Comforters**. This name not only speaks to what we like to give the most—**comfort!**, it provides a broader stroke as we would like to move this outreach ministry beyond just blankets. We plan to help Trinity connect with members and friends through other means, such as sending cards, notes or making phone calls.



I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. —Psalm 32:8

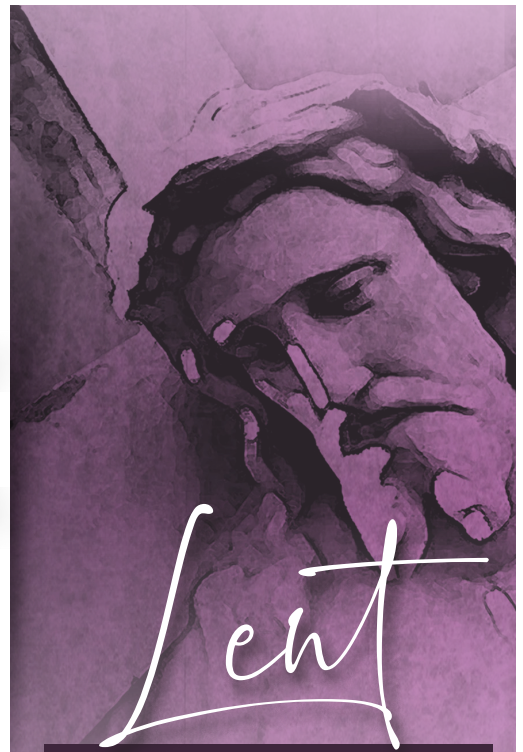
So, there are now many ways for anyone to give of their time/talents with this group of awesome Trinity folks! Even if blanket making is not something you've tried before! You can work with the group at Trinity or from your home. The **Trinity Comforters** currently consists of 10 fun members (*including Tom!*)— **we meet on Thursdays (weather permitting) around 1-1:30-ish PM. Please come join us if you can!**

Your donations are an appreciated part of this ministry too. We ask that you remember us if you have extra bed sheets—any kind, any color and any size. Cotton or soft flannel fabric is also needed! Sue in the office will happily accept your gifts during Trinity office hours: Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM! Please call Barb Sass at 262-689-7533 for more information!

Thank you so much for your support!

A PURPOSE

RENEWED



**WORSHIP | DEVOTIONS
BIBLE STUDY**

We hope that you will join us for some of the Lenten opportunities at Trinity.

Each weekend we will focus on one of the seven last words of Jesus in our **Worship Services**.

We will reflect throughout the week on that word in our **Daily Devotions**.

On Tuesdays at 1 PM there will be a **Bible Study** on the book of Romans calling us to consider what faith in Jesus means for us as followers of Christ. You can join this study in person at Trinity, **SOCIALLY DISTANT PRACTICES APPLY | MASKS REQUIRED**, or you can join us through Zoom, or hear a recording of the class on YouTube.

**WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE
trinitywestbend.com**

All of these opportunities can be connected to through the Trinity website at **trinitywestbend.com** or through the **Trinity YouTube page**. Access our YouTube page by typing Trinity Lutheran Church West Bend Wisconsin in the YouTube search engine.

We pray that Lent will be a time of re-commitment and growth for each of you. If you have any needs or questions please contact us through the church office | 262-334-2125.



We collected \$100!

Thank you to everyone who stopped in to donate!

Thank you, Trinity—you got in the GAME and helped move the BALL down the FIELD to help alleviate hunger today, tomorrow, and everyday, so that all of God's children may have enough!



SUPERBOWL OF CARING proceeds will be divided between our local Food Pantry and the ELCA Outreach for Hope world hunger appeal.



So You Want to Talk About Race

A synod discussion on the book *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo is being planned for March. Details are still in the works but we will make them available on Constant Contact and on the website when they are available.

We hope you will read the book and join the discussion.



Trinity Mail Ministry

#brightensomeonesday

Reaching out to brighten someone's day has never been easier—be part of Trinity's mail ministry! Cards are ready and waiting with pre-addressed envelopes, all they need is your signature! We will even mail them!

Stop in the church office weekdays between 8 AM-3 PM—a few minutes of your time will go a long way to make someone's day.

Thank you, Trinity! #trinitytogether #churchwithoutwalls

Remember Kaori

Please remember our Trinity congregation-sponsored **Compassion International** child, Kaori and her family during these challenging times. **Kaori's center in Peru is currently distance only!** That means that staff and volunteers are not able to go to children's homes due to local restrictions and all communication is being done virtually. **Your donations and prayers are welcome and needed.**



You can donate to this ministry by texting 1-844-385-9887 and specifying Kaori. Enter the amount you want to give, followed by a space and the name Kaori. *SAMPLE: if you want to donate \$10, enter 10 Kaori in the text. It's that simple!* You can also mail or drop off a donation specified for Kaori at Trinity.



FAMILY PROMISE COORDINATORS NEEDED—prayerfully consider volunteering for this outreach ministry

Family Promise rebuilds lives with compassion by providing resources and services that prevent and end homelessness for individuals and families in Washington County.

Please consider this opportunity to become an integral part of this very important outreach ministry. A team of two people -OR- two couples would be great to help coordinate this ministry! NOTE: Former coordinators, Carrie Pierce and Sue Beekman are very willing to answer questions and to train!

Direct questions and interest to sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com

Birthday BLESSINGS

ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, GOD DANCED,
ANGELS SANG AND THE STARS ALIGNED.
WE HOPE THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE
A HAPPY CELEBRATION FILLED WITH BLESSINGS.

Judy Ehmke 3 | 01
 Samuel Laatsch 3 | 01
 Kaiden Naumann 3 | 01
 Gavin Schauble 3 | 01
 Jaida Campbell 3 | 02
 Sydney Chlupp 3 | 02
 Denise Riederer 3 | 02
 Preston Courchane 3 | 03
 Landon Ketter 3 | 03
 Kelly DeLuka 3 | 04
 Nicole Foyse 3 | 04
 Lisa Cranney 3 | 05
 Jonathan DeLuka 3 | 05
 Paul Hauch 3 | 05
 Susan Pawlowski 3 | 05
 Arielle Bauer 3 | 06
 Annette Ziegler 3 | 06
 Alec Pitzen 3 | 07
 Evan Pitzen 3 | 07
 Conrad (CJ) Schiller 3 | 07

Ayla Abraham 3 | 08
 Linda George 3 | 08
 Keith Kirchner 3 | 09
 Michael Marlett 3 | 09
 Bryan Schlosser 3 | 09
 Diana Schlosser 3 | 09
 Ann Zube 3 | 09
 Kenneth Brehmer 3 | 10
 Elizabeth Gruber 3 | 10
 Amanda Hull 3 | 10
 Christopher Naumann 3 | 11
 Deacon Falconer 3 | 12
 Amy Kreutzer 3 | 13
 John Kenworthy 3 | 14
 Cheryl Scaffidi 3 | 14
 Christopher Schmoltdt 3 | 14
 Phyllis Naumann 3 | 15
 Cory Wiedmeyer 3 | 15
 Paul Ehmke 3 | 16
 Shannon Kreutzer 3 | 16

Gary Draeger 3 | 17
 Jeffrey Schramm 3 | 19
 Mary Wilson 3 | 19
 Daniel Harter 3 | 20
 Maribeth Nielsen 3 | 20
 Clayton Kappler 3 | 21
 JJ Ziegler 3 | 21
 Mitchell Ethier 3 | 22
 Christine Pollnow 3 | 23
 Ashley Granger 3 | 25
 Matt Beier 3 | 26
 Kevin Brehmer 3 | 26
 Peter Dale 3 | 26
 Dominick Davis 3 | 26
 Dennis Polinski 3 | 26
 Gabe Markgraf 3 | 27
 Tammy Nelson 3 | 27
 Kerima Davis 3 | 29
 Rae Bauman 3 | 30
 Daniel Pawlowski 3 | 30
 Darciaann Ketter 3 | 31
 Chase Lauters 3 | 31

Faithful Giving

As we begin this New Year we have continued to be blessed by the faithful giving of our members. Again we want to thank you. We hope that we can share our blessings in person in the near future. But come what may, the ministry of Trinity continues and you are all a part of it.

Together in Christ,

Pastors Dave and Cris

Together with the Trinity Finance Team and Congregation Council

Giving-made-easy

Donations can be mailed to the church office, dropped off during weekday office hours, or placed in the drop box outside the upper/alley entrance doors anytime. To set up automatic withdrawal through **GIVE+** AUTOMATIC GIVING, visit trinitywestbend.com. You may also **TEXT** your offering to 1-844-385-9887 with the amount you would like to contribute (e.g. 25.00) and you will be sent a text with a link to register. *It's that simple.*








Thank you so much for your support, gifts, words of encouragement and prayers. The care and concern they carry has transformed a difficult time into a daily celebration of blessings.




Please know I am deeply touched and appreciative. I have no doubt you all have played a huge part in what is so far a speedy and complete recovery.

Pastor Cris

March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	3 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	4 7 PM NA	5	6
Lent THIRD SUNDAY Children's Ministry 2021 KICK OFF! 9:30-10:30 AM SR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY 6:00 PM-7:30 PM	8	9 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	10 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	11 7 PM NA	12	13  Turn your clocks AHEAD before you go to bed!
Lent FOURTH SUNDAY Children's Ministry 9:30-10:30 AM FISH 10:30-NOON Daylight Savings	15	16 Bible Study 1 PM COUNCIL 7 PM 7 PM NA	17 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	18 7 PM NA	19	20 First day of SPRING! 
Lent FIFTH SUNDAY Children's Ministry 9:30-10:30 AM	22	23 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	24 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	25 7 PM NA	26	27
Palm SUNDAY  Children's Ministry 9:30-10:30 AM	29	30 HOLY WEEK NO BIBLE STUDY 7 PM NA	31 HOLY WEEK NO CONFIRMATION	1  MAUNDY THURSDAY	2  GOOD FRIDAY	3

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