



Trinity Spirit

TRINITY ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have been celebrating the new life in Christ. We have begun to gather again in person, though we continue to mask and maintain social distance—*not for ourselves but for those around us*. We do this because the virus and variants are still with us, because not everyone has been vaccinated and there is still some question about whether those who have been vaccinated can spread the virus. **NEW life has entered! But our concern for one another continues.**

We have started Children's Ministry again. And there are new wrinkles and a new coordinator Alyssa Brockman. **But our commitment to our children continues.** As a congregation we make a promise at each baptism to help our children grow as children of God. **God is giving us new opportunities to fulfill this promise.**

We will continue our online presence—something we developed in response to the pandemic. **But we also look for NEW ways to use technology to serve the people of God.** One NEW piece of technology made possible by Bill and Marjorie Meier, is the T-loop system that was installed in our sanctuary so that those with a T-coil in their hearing aids will be able to hear the service with greater clarity.

This is the nature of Easter life. It is both new and old. Jesus pointed to this reality when he said, *'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'* Matthew 13:52

As we begin to return to worship together I have heard some people say, *"it is time for us to do all kinds of new things,"* the old was disrupted by the pandemic. I have heard other say, *"why can't we just go back to the old way we used to do things?"* The risen Lord reminded his disciples of all he had taught and then he sent them out to new places. The church developed new ways of thinking seeing, hearing, and sharing the Gospel. **We are an Easter Church it is that simple. We are constantly being made NEW, while never forgetting from where we came.**

We invite the people of God to join us in the journey. Trinity arises from the pandemic a NEW congregation in many ways. **But we are always clear about our constant mission: to Share the love and promise of God with everyone, everywhere.**

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Cristy Pastor Dave
Pastor Cristy and Pastor Dave

...
Create
in me:

a CLEAN
HEART

O God
AND RENEW
a right
spirit
WITHIN me

PSALM 51:10

Alyssa Brockman



THANKFUL

Children's Ministry Coordinator instrumental in helping keep the promise.

Every time a child is baptized at Trinity, all of us promise to be sure that we—as a congregation—will provide the best resources, experiences and opportunities that we can to help our children develop strong roots of faith. As Children's Ministry Coordinator, Alyssa Brockman is instrumental in helping us keep that promise.

Since March, Alyssa and a wonderful group of volunteers (teachers, workshop leaders, shepherds and parents) enabled Trinity to provide our children with three months of in-person discovery, learning and growing. Moreover, because of their experiences in Children's Ministry, our children know that deepening their faith can also be fun!

Thank you, Alyssa for a spectacular start as Trinity's Children's Ministry Coordinator!



Kelly Granger



and BLESSED

DEDICATION ROCKS!

First Communion Teachers sharing the love and promise of God with Trinity's kids.

Trinity has certainly been blessed by the gifts and dedication of Kelly Granger and Aaron Pierce who set aside four weeks every year to specifically work with Trinity's 5th Graders (this year, 6th Graders too), teaching them about the significance of sharing the body and blood of Christ and helping them prepare to receive their First Communion. Because of their dedication, seven of Trinity's youth did just that on Sunday, April 25th.

Kelly Granger has been a member of Trinity for over 25 years. She and her husband, Jory, have three daughters; Ashley-18, Hailey-16, and Natalie-13. Kelly works at Kohl's Department Store and LOVES her volunteer work designing theater costumes. She has been teaching Sunday school at Trinity since she was in high school.

I believe this is the 6th year that Aaron and I have been teaching the First Communion class. The reason I enjoy it so much is the interactions/conversations with the kids. This is the first time for a lot of the kids where everything they have learned in Sunday school really starts to come together for them. They understand what the worship service means and they want to be a part of that. —KELLY GRANGER

Aaron Pierce says he has been a member of Trinity all his life—just shy of 22 years. He is the oldest son of Carrie and Phil Pierce. In addition to working with Trinity's 5th graders in preparation for their first communion, Aaron has been involved in a few areas of ministry at Trinity. He is a current member of the church council, has helped with the senior high youth and sings with the Cantata and Created to Praise choirs. Before entering the full time work force (currently employed in the Parts Department at the Lynch dealership in West Bend), Aaron spent three years as a counselor for Crossways Pine Lake Camp. He loves to volunteer for Habitat and oftentimes spend his days outdoors working on cars or spending time with friends.

After missing 2020, it was really good to be back working with Kelly and Trinity's 5th/6th graders this year again. I love working with the kids to prepare for their first communion because this is really their gateway and first few steps in becoming adults in the church. Hearing a younger persons perspective on the questions we ask is always intriguing and often opens my eyes to a new way of seeing things as well. But watching them grow over those 4 weeks is incredible. —AARON PIERCE

Thank you, Kelly and Aaron for your dedication and service to this important and promised 'milestone ministry' for Trinity's kids!



Aaron Pierce | Color Dust fun at Pine Lake



Mark your calendars and dust off your **REDS, ORANGES, YELLOWS & FLAMES**

and wear them to Worship on Pentecost Weekend!

Pentecost Celebration Worship

We will celebrate Pentecost on May 22/23. Pentecost has been called the birthday of the Church, but it is so much more. It is not just the celebration of the Holy Spirit's creation of the Church, but the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church today within each of us and among and through us.

As part of our celebration, together we will invite the Holy Spirit into our midst to move in new and exciting ways. Each of us might consider how we can offer our very life to the work we share together as the risen Lord's Church in the world. *As you prepare for our Pentecost celebration here are some questions to consider:*

- **What are the gifts that God has given me?** Don't compare yourself to anyone else. Just look within and see the ways that the Holy Spirit has blessed you as a member of the Church. *Don't be modest- be honest.*
- **How can I use the gifts that God has given me for the sake of our life together as the Church and for the sake of Christ's mission in the world?** Gifts are not meant to be hidden away but used and shared with others.
- **Where are the growing edges in my life that I need the Spirit to help me with in the coming year?** The Spirit of God calls us to grow in faith and life and this is your opportunity to respond to the calling of the Spirit.
- **How can I affirm others in their life in the community?** We all need encouragement as we live the life of the Spirit together.

At Pentecost we will once more consider what it means to be a member of the Church. We are not just attendees or consumers- but disciples called into life together as the body of Christ. The same Spirit that moved thousands of years ago is alive among us today, calling forth a living breathing Church of many members.

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it. This Pentecost and throughout the coming year may this body of Christ find new life as we live together in the promise of a God that turns dead ends into new beginnings.

Pentecost | Annual Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

2020 Trinity Congregation Annual Meeting
Sunday | May 23, 2021

Plan to join us immediately following the 9:30 AM worship service for the Annual Meeting that normally would have been held last January.

All Trinity members are invited and encourage to attend!

In addition to a review of the past year, approval of the 2021 Budget and election of Council Members, the congregation will be asked to approve a change in the bylaws, recommended by the Trust Board and approved by the Council. PROPOSAL OF BYLAW B7.05.10A WORDING CHANGE | Insert "ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust – Fund A," after "Shall cause all funds in the Trust to be invested in ..." This change will allow Trinity's Trust Board to invest funds in the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust.

ANNUAL MEETING

Worship

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

ONLINE WORSHIP

will continue and can be accessed through Trinity's website or Trinity's YouTube channel.

IN-PERSON* WORSHIP

*MASKS REQUIRED

Saturdays at 5 PM

Sundays at 9:30 AM

No need to call ahead, come as you are.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

Even as we have begun to gather again, Pastor Dave has been asked to continue daily devotions. If you would like to share in the devotions you can find a link on the Trinity website or you can go directly to Trinity's YouTube page.



Thou shalt not COVID thy neighbor.

Please Continue Masking!

Why am I asked to continue masking if I have been vaccinated?

This is a question that some have asked us. First, we are not out of the woods yet—the original virus is still at play and, as we all know, new variants continue to be discovered. Science is unclear about how much people who have been vaccinated can spread the disease even though they, themselves, may be protected.

We continue to mask out of concern for each other. We encourage you to continue to mask, and be careful about maintaining social distance whether you are vaccinated or not. It puts the well-being of others ahead of personal preference.

It is part of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Thank you for continuing to mask up!



ATTENTION KIDS AND FAMILIES!

IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE BEND!

VBX 2021

Vacation Bible Experience

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JUNE 14 - 18, 2021

9:00 AM - 11:30 PM

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US FOR

ROCKY RAILWAY

**JESUS' POWER
PULLS US THROUGH!**

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

They will explore how Jesus' power...

- Helps us do hard things,
- Gives us hope,
- Helps us be bold,
- Gives us new life... forever,
- Helps us be good friends.



All about YOUTH

TRINITY YOUTH EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Senior High First Sunday x2

1. **Sunday, May 2 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**
MASKS REQUIRED | YOUTH Room
Important talk about the Summer Trip details at 6 PM,
followed by some time to renew, reconnect, recenter and recharge.
2. **Sunday, May 30 | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**
RIDGE RUN PARK - PICK PAVILION
Cookout, games and relaxing before the "end of the school year"



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | 3 years up to 6th grade!

Sunday Mornings | 9:30 - 10:30 AM

MASKS REQUIRED | social distancing practices will be followed

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION & SEND OFF!

Sunday May 16th | 9:30 - 10:30 AM Fun Day! | Bounce House!

F.I.S.H. SPRING FLING PARTY!

Sunday, May 2 | 11 AM - NOON

4TH-6TH GRADERS | MASKS REQUIRED

Join us in Fellowship Hall and the Courtyard for FUN & FOOD!!!

A COOKOUT AND GAMES!!! THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY.

RSVP IS NEEDED by Thursday, April 29 | Call or text

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



FOLLOWING IMMANUEL
SERVING HAPPILY

Confirmation Youth Program

Wednesday Nights | 6:30-8:00 PM

MASKS REQUIRED | Lower level, Fellowship Hall

MAY 5 | 8th Commandment | SNACKS: Zach Schneider

MAY 12 | 9th Commandment | SNACKS: Kaitlin Sparks

MAY 19 | 10th Commandment | SNACKS: Riley Weber

MAY 26 | Last Wednesday night class until SEPTEMBER 15th

Sunday MAY 30 | NOON to 1:30 PM

RIDGE RUN PARK | PICK PAVILION

End of Year Cookout/Picnic Celebration



WAYPOST

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES

Senior High Summer 2021 Servant Trip

Open to all high school youth from
Grade 9 by Fall 2021 to
2021 High School Graduates

WHERE? Crossway's Waypost Camp in Hatley, WI. Surrounded by Roosevelt National Forest and three miles north of Rocky Mountain National Park.

WHEN? August 4th – 10th, 2021

WHAT? We'll travel by vans to Waypost Camp — located on Mission Lake, about 30 minutes southeast of Wausau, Waypost has a rich history can be traced back to 1942. The land is rich in history and abundant in natural beauty and resources, with over a mile and a half of natural shoreline. There we will stay in and enjoy an outdoor setting while exploring issues of caring for creation and environmental service.



While we are learning and serving, we'll also leave plenty of time to take in all that the camp has to offer and have lots of fun!!



Space is limited and filling up! High Schoolers intending to join us need to turn in a registration form and \$50.00 down payment by May 15th.

IMPORTANT INFO MEETING: May 2nd at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room | If you would like to join us, need more information but cannot make the meeting, **CONTACT Pastor Cristy ASAP!** TEXT—262-482-0792 Email—cschoob@trinitywestbend.com or—Remind app.



TRINITY WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

SUNDAY | MAY 30
9:30 AM

RIDGE RUN PARK - PIC PAVILION

Save the date and plan on joining us for worship under the Pic Pavilion at Ridge Run Park on Sunday, May 30th.

This is an opportunity to enjoy God's gifts of green space and fresh air! It also allows us to socialize a bit more after worship. On that note, plan to stay for an outdoor 'coffee hour' after worship.

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Confirmation 2020 | PART 2

This is a first for Trinity! It is not news to any of us that COVID 19 changed EVERYTHING in 2020—including our Confirmation Celebration! While we were able to conduct a Confirmation Celebration service during an outdoor worship at Ridge Run Park last October, a few of our confirmands were quarantined at the time and unable to participate. And so, **Confirmation 2020 | PART 2** will be celebrated for those young folks who were not able to join their friends last fall—and, once again at Ridge Run Park!

Come, celebrate!

Worship & Confirmation in the Park | 9:30 AM
MAY 30 | Ridge Run Park | Pick Pavilion



1st Communion Congratulations

Seven of Trinity's 5th/6th Grade youth who complete the First Communion workshops with their parents received their First Communion during the 9:30 AM Worship service on Sunday, April 25th.

As part of their **"Keeping the Promise Rotation"** they also participated in leading the worship service.

Please join us in congratulating:

Thomas James Abraham

Mitchell David Doede

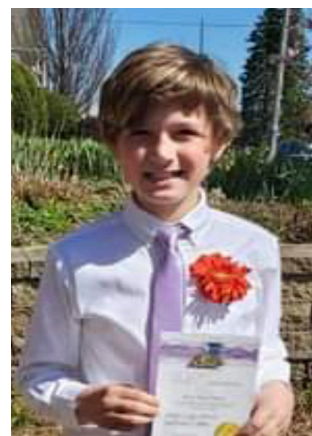
Oscar Anton Martin

Grace Katharina Myrhum

Taylor Destiny Oksiuta

Brendan Ryan O'Shea

Gracyn Elizabeth Schneider





*I am the bread of life, Jesus told them.
Those who come to me will never be hungry;
those who believe in me will never be thirsty.*
JOHN 6:35





In May we will study passages that celebrate the beauty and wonder of creation.

We will study Genesis 1 and 2, some of the Psalms of creation, and the wonders in the last chapters of the book of Job, as well as some of the nature imagery found in the gospels.

Bible study is available in-person or you can also join us in real-time via Zoom. The session is recorded and rebroadcast on Trinity's Youtube channel and also available through our website.

1 PM | Tuesdays at Trinity
IN-PERSON | MASKS REQUIRED
Everyone is invited!



At the recent finance group meeting it was noted that giving was down in March. At this point we are not facing any serious shortage of funds, but we did want everyone to be aware of the situation.

Please remember your commitment to the Church. The mission of Trinity is dependent on all of us sharing our gifts. *And even as we raise awareness of the need, we give thanks to all of you for your faithfulness.*



When EACH OF US does a little BIG things can happen!

Visit trinitywestbend.com to sign up for ushering and check out other volunteer opportunities -or- call or email Sue Beekman in the church office | 262-334-2125
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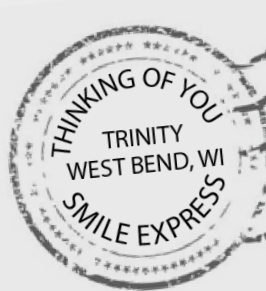
FAMILY PROMISE COORDINATORS NEEDED—prayerfully consider volunteering for this outreach ministry

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! sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com

UNITY CLUB RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER
Saturday | May 22 | 8AM-3PM
UNITY CLUB PARKING LOT | 1715 CREEK ROAD, WEST BEND
GREAT DEALS | GREAT CAUSE!



Trinity Mail Ministry
[#brightensomeonesday](https://www.instagram.com/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](https://www.instagram.com/trinitytogether) [#churchwithoutwalls](https://www.instagram.com/churchwithoutwalls)

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.

Donna Crass 5 | 01
Christian Ketter 5 | 01
Rose Peters 5 | 01
Beverly Boerger 5 | 05
Douglas Crass 5 | 05
Cary Gunnare 5 | 05
Edward Tennes 5 | 05
Sue Beekman 5 | 06
Sadie Rick 5 | 06
Kyle Kershaw 5 | 07
John Abel 5 | 08
Charles Dreher II 5 | 08
Morgan Kappler 5 | 08
Emily Nelson 5 | 08
Jacob Pollnow 5 | 10

Russell Lange 5 | 11
Barbara Lemler 5 | 11
Aaron Pierce 5 | 11
Ruthann Dorn 5 | 12
Collin Bergerud 5 | 13
Jane Limberg 5 | 13
Katie Martin 5 | 13
Ivy Disterhaft 5 | 14
Nick Laatsch 5 | 14
Jacqueline Schramm 5 | 15
Jericho Vore 5 | 15
Reuben Holcomb 5 | 16
Taylor Loomans 5 | 16
Christine York 5 | 17
Marcia Maule 5 | 18

Jodi Schibline 5 | 19
Joe O'Connell 5 | 20
Gene Sass 5 | 21
Henry Anderson 5 | 22
Bryan Johnson 5 | 23
Jody Kappler 5 | 23
Gregory Harding 5 | 24
David Putnam 5 | 24
Dinara Beth 5 | 26
Colin Williams 5 | 26
William Meier 5 | 27
Julie Schaller 5 | 27
Chuck Wilfer 5 | 27
Ashlee Starr 5 | 28
Kiersten Thorin 5 | 30
Marilyn Wilberg 5 | 31

Your HELP is needed!

Looking to make a difference in someone's life? Can you give about one hour each week to take noon meals to homebound elderly persons?

The Washington County Senior Dining Home Delivered Meal program has an immediate need for volunteer drivers in the West Bend area on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Anyone willing to deliver meals and have your mileage reimbursed should call the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Washington County at 262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 for more information.



Senior Dining



"Feeding the Whole Person" for 40 Years



ATTENTION ALL 2021 High School and College GRADUATES

Are you or someone in your family graduating?

Please share your/their graduation information with us (date, school, etc.) and any plans you have in place for next year and for life "after graduation" that we can share in the next Trinity Spirit Newsletter.





Pictures welcome too!!!

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!

PLEASE email your information to the church office: sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Trinity May 2021						1 IN-PERSON Worship 5:00 PM
2 IN-PERSON Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:30 AM First Sunday #1 6:30 PM	3	4 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	5 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	6  7 PM NA	7	8 IN-PERSON Worship 5:00 PM
9 IN-PERSON Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30-10:30 AM	10	11 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	12 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	13  7 PM NA	14	15 IN-PERSON Worship 5:00 PM God's Work. Our Hands. BLUE LOTUS 9AM-1PM
16 IN-PERSON Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SEND OFF CELEBRATION 9:30-10:30 AM	17	18 Bible Study 1 PM COUNCIL 7 PM 7 PM NA	19 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	20  7 PM NA	21	22 IN-PERSON Worship 5:00 PM
23  PENTECOST IN-PERSON Worship 9:30 AM ANNUAL MEETING!	24	25 Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	26 CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	27  7 PM NA	28	29 IN-PERSON Worship 5:00 PM
30 WORSHIP in the PARK CONFIRMATION 2020 PART 2 Ridge Run Park Pick Pavilion 9:30 AM Confirmation Cookout NOON First Sunday #2 6:30 PM	31 MEMORIAL DAY	1	2	3	4	5

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