



Trinity Spirit

TRINITY ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Children of God,

Here we are in the middle of summer. During my childhood, summer was a magical time. School was out and most days I was out playing through the whole day. Sometimes my mom would watch me run out the door and wouldn't see me again till dinnertime. Many times I spent the day playing baseball all day. Occasionally my parents even came out and played ball with us. There was such freedom and such joy.

Also in the summer there was time with family. We usually had a day we went to the zoo in Chicago or we went to an amusement park near where most of my relatives lived. We went on picnics and enjoyed just being together.

I went to my grandmother's for a week every summer and spent time with her and grandfather and great-grandmother. My cousins would come over and we would play with the child who lived next door. There was a magic and a wonder that filled the summer days.

I sometimes wonder what happened to all that, both for myself and for the world. I know I have far less of that magic in the summers now—*though, on occasion it is still there in time spent with family. But it seems to pass so fast.* And summer for everyone's families seem to be far more jammed with activities and places to be.

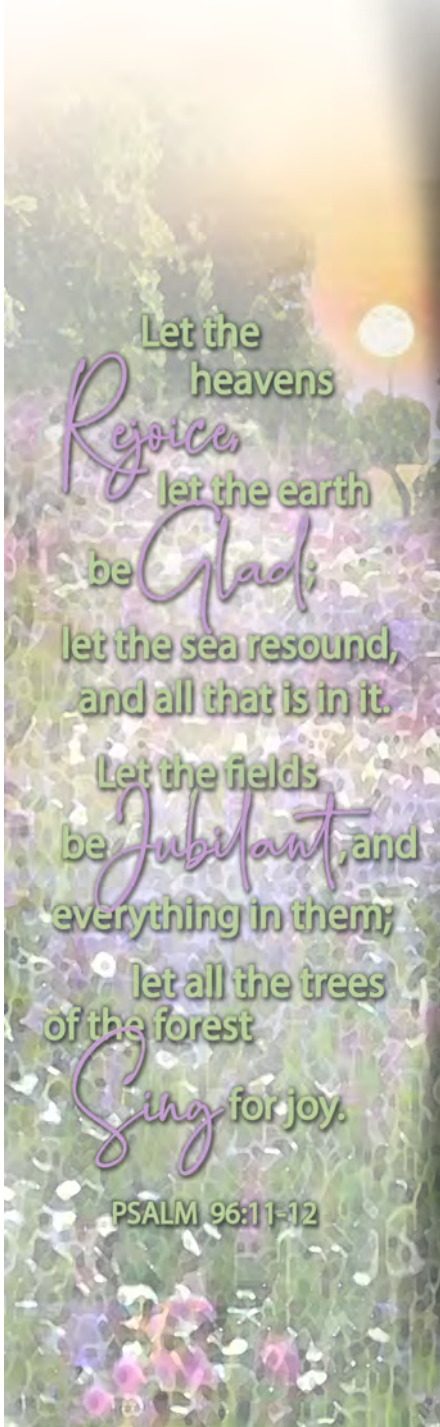
You do understand that God wants joy and play and freedom to be a part of who we are. Yes, there are calls to work and to serve, but there are also in scripture invitations to joy and freedom within our lives as well.

In 2 Samuel, David dances in joy before the Ark of the Covenant and invites the people to find joy. His wife berates him for his silliness and his vulgar display before the maids of his house, but David says, *'It was before the Lord, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the Lord, that I have danced before the Lord.'* The wise writer of Ecclesiastes says: *I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.* And Jesus proclaims: *I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

We as Christians believe not just in work and faithfulness but also joy and play and abundance. **My hope is that you find joy in the days of summer and that we, as a congregation, create a space for joy and play and peace in our life together.**

Yours in Joy,

Pastor Dave



JULY Sabbatical REMINDER!

During the month of July Pastor Dave will be on sabbatical and, therefore, unavailable.

Please direct all needs to the office —Sue will pass those on to Pastor Cris or one of the others who will be helping with visitation and other concerns of the congregation.

Pastor Dave offers all of you a word of deep thanks for the time for renewal that he needed.



Please keep Pastor Dave in your prayers daily during his time of sabbatical. Pray that he may be able to rest, find a healthy balance for himself and, in the process, restore a renewed Spirit within.

GATHER AT THE fountain

Come, **GATHER** at the **FOUNTAIN** on Trinity's Courtyard at 6:30 PM on **THURSDAY NIGHTS** through the **SUMMER** —*as the weather allows!*

Our beautiful 7th Avenue patio area (complete with fountain!) offers an opportunity for us to gather outdoors for casual conversation -and- take advantage of the sounds from Music on Main at the same time.

Couples, singles, families welcome. BYO beverages, snacks, and chairs (there are benches on the patio for those who cannot bring chairs). The Y Daycare playground area available (parents will responsible to supervise).

It's just about gathering and sharing time—nothing more!

QUESTIONS: 262-334-2125 | sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com

THIS IS THE POWER OF GATHERING. IT INSPIRES US -DELIGHTFULLY- TO BE MORE HOPEFUL, MORE JOYFUL, MORE THOUGHTFUL. IN A WORD, MORE ALIVE. -ALICE WATERS

Chalk the Block!

Trinity families *and* the community are invited to join this fun and visible way to engage *and* show the neighborhood Trinity's commitment to share God's inclusive love and promise with everyone—*everywhere!*

Help **Chalk the Block** around Trinity with colorful messages of God's all-inclusive love.

- **Friday, July 9th | 5:00 - 7:00 PM**
- **Saturday, July 10th | 10:00 AM - NOON**
- **Sunday, July 11th | 9:30 AM***

* Adult supervision will be provided for little artists while their parents attend 9:30 AM worship on Sunday.

Join us for worship **Saturday, July 10th at 5 PM** -or- **Sunday, July 11th at 9:30 AM** when Nick Schoob and Haley Kordosky will be speaking about what it means to be inclusive!

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RECONNECT



SignUP and join us for some small, informal small group meetings on the Trinity courtyard or in the Heritage Room for an hour that will include refreshments, visioning and reconnecting. *The only agenda is:*

- to help you meet or reconnect with some of your Trinity family members.
- to share any Trinity photos and/or stories you have for our upcoming Centennial Celebrations in 2022.
- to talk together of a vision for Trinity for the years to come

Those of you on our email list should have received a SignUP Genius invitation to make it easy to reserve your place electronically—there are also signUP sheets in the Heritage Room to do the same. We have chosen different weekdays and times to try to help you find an option that will work with your schedule.

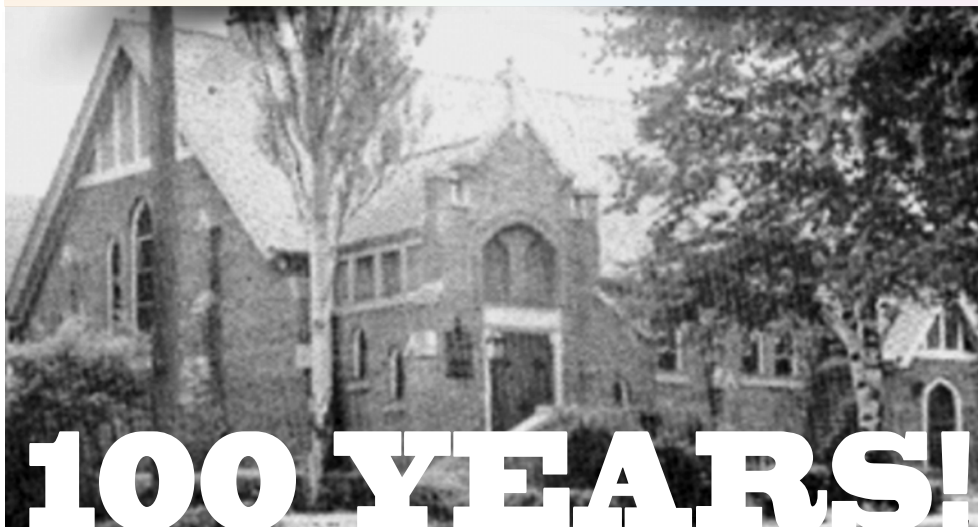
SignUP and let's get reconnected!

- THURSDAY, JULY 1st | 6:30-7:30 PM
- TUESDAY, JULY 6th | 7:00-8:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 7th | 6:30-7:30 PM
- FRIDAY, JULY 9th | 1:00-2:00 PM
- MONDAY, JULY 12th | 7:00-8:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 14th | 7:00-8:00 PM

Looking forward to moving together in community and ministry.

Pastor Cristy

*A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.*
—JOHN 13:34



100 YEARS!

fast approaching!

Share Your Trinity Stories

As part of Pastor Dave's work on gathering a history of the congregation, he would like to hear your stories. If you have information or memories about the life of the congregation or recall important moments in Trinity's history please send your story to Pastor Dave at dschoob@trinitywestbend.com, drop it off with Sue in the church the office, or talk to Pastor Dave directly after he is back from sabbatical.

July WORSHIP TO INCLUDE FOCUS ON TWO OUTREACH MINISTRIES

During two weeks in July, we will have some guest speakers who will share their passion and focus and missions of these specific outreach ministries.



JULY 10/11

Nick Schoob and Haley Kordosky will team up to share about what it means to be inclusive in everyday life and as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



BREAKING THE CHAINS OUTREACH MINISTRIES



PROJECT
RETURN ↑

JULY 24/25

Nate Shubat, joined by a guest Pastor from the Breaking the Chains Ministry, will speak about prison ministry and the ProjectRETURN effort to help the ex-incarcerated.

*The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no commandment greater than these.*

—MARK 12:31



7TH AVENUE ROAD REPAIR SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN JULY

Please be aware that the long-overdue 7th Avenue road repair is scheduled to begin on or around July 1st. While it will cause some inconvenience—it sure will be a welcome improvement when it is completed (*by October, they say!*)! In the meantime, Trinity will remain totally accessible from the roads and alley west, north and south of our building.



For *God*
does not show favoritism.
—ROMANS 2:11



WAYPOST

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES



Senior High Trip PARENT MEETING

Sunday, July 11th | 6:00-6:30 PM

There's *STILL TIME* to register for the
Trinity Senior High Summer Servant Trip
CROSSWAY'S WAYPOST CAMP | AUGUST 4th-10th

OPEN TO ALL FROM GRADE 9 BY FALL 2021 UP TO 2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We'll travel by vans to Waypost Camp located on Mission Lake, about 30 minutes southeast of Wausau. Waypost has a rich history that 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!!

Pastor Cristy TEXT—262-482-0792 cschoob@trinitywestbend.com or—Remind app

Senior High FIRST SUNDAY

Sunday, July 11th | 6:30-7:30 PM

We will gather immediately following the Summer Trip Parent Meeting and continue the conversation during this monthly opportunity to get together to share a light meal, and take a little time to renew yourself as a child of God.



NEW BEGINNINGS

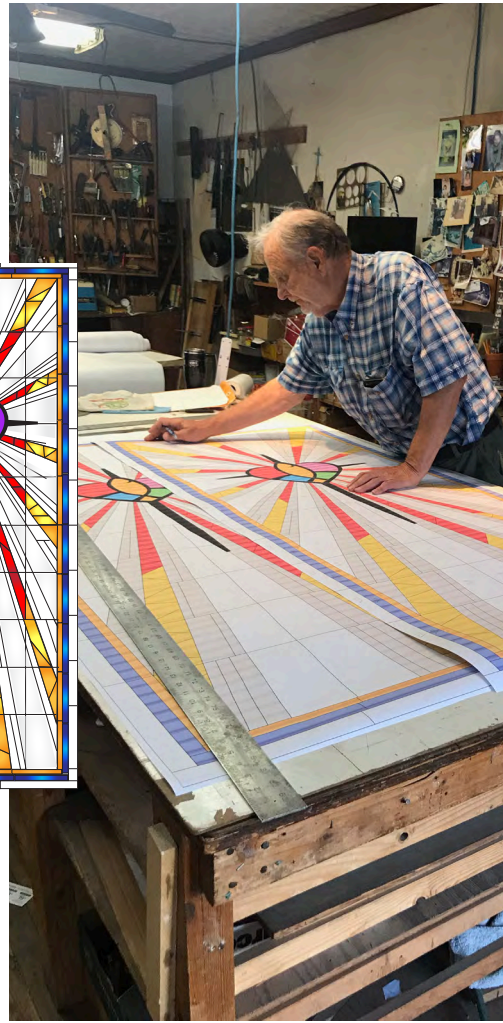
We are soooooo excited about our
Children's Ministry program!

As part of the planning and anticipation of gathering again on Sunday mornings in Fall, we are reorganizing and refreshing our youth rooms—*and looking for some volunteers!*

If YOU can help, please contact Alyssa Brockman
trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com
or call the church office: 262-334-2125



ORIGINAL DESIGN (MOCK UP) |
REVISED DESIGN ILLUSTRATION



Bob Krauski finalizes design and begins to number each piece of glass



Colored glass selected for the center symbol

Trinity's MEMORIAL GLASS project is in excellent hands!

The Krauski family has a rich history in art glass. Bob and Mary Krauski, themselves, have been at work full time making glass art since the early '70s. Bob is the central figure of three generations of glass-making expertise. His dad, Tony, was a glass painter and their son, Peter, is a glazier employed by Oakbrook Esser Studio. Bob does the glazing here; however, he is best known for his sandblasting abilities. He has been blasting for 30 years and has thoroughly mastered the skill. He is also willing to tackle new and interesting techniques, inventing new ones of his own!

Bob and Mary's studio is located in the beautiful Kettle Moraine area of Southeastern Wisconsin, which often serves as an inspiration. The building itself is a Civil War era structure originally built to house the general store of the tiny and historic hamlet of Monches. They have done work for hospitals, nature centers, restaurants, corporations and Churches as well as hundreds of private individuals. Although a high concentration of their work has been in the Midwest, they have traveled extensively and because of our their exhibiting with such prestigious groups as the American Craft Council, they have worked in every part of the country.

The Krauski's approach their craft diligently and respectfully, always trying to devise ways to please both their clients and themselves—making every effort to create works that will stand the test of time and be passed on to future generations. krauskiartglass.com

NEWSLETTER CAN BE VIEWED IN COLOR ON TRINITY'S WEBSITE: trinitywestbend.com

Trinity's MEMORIAL GLASS: it's a process!

BY: SANDY POENITSCH | A memorial project to have stained glass panels created, intended to replace the compromised plain glass in the double doors between the Heritage Room and the Narthex that leads into Trinity's Sanctuary, has been an ongoing process.

After several months of pursuing stained glass options and recommendations that seemed viable, but never came to fruition, we were finally led to Bob Krauski who, along with his wife, Mary, is the owner/operator of Krauski Art Glass in Hartland.

We are truly honored that Bob and Mary Krauski are the artists that will be bringing to life our art glass door panel design.

After meeting with Bob in his studio and learning more about his art—the original design proposed for our doors went through a bit of an evolution. Originally, the only color would have been in the symbol centered on each panel (reflecting Trinity's commitment as a Reconciling in Christ congregation) and in a border on the outside edge. While helping select glass for the center symbols, I was struck by the abundant, odd sized, interesting and varied types of glass in the studio—remnants from years of Krauski Art Glass projects. That same day I went home and redesigned what were originally plain glass panels surrounding the center symbols. The rework includes more of an art aspect that not only adds interest, but also allows the ability to incorporate somewhat randomly, the varied glass types and colors available using the remnant pieces within the design. Thankfully, after sharing the redesign with Bob, he agreed with the new plan!

As it goes, life events (including 2020 and COVID-19) played roles in delaying the progress, but things are back on track and Bob is in the process of working on a full-size pattern to cut the glass for our door panels! The pictures shared in this newsletter show Bob with the actual size print of the design as he makes necessary structure tweaks and starts numbering each (and every) piece needed to be cut. It will be my pleasure to be visiting the Krauski studio often (helping Bob if and as I can) and recording, through pictures, the process and progress of his work.



Faith

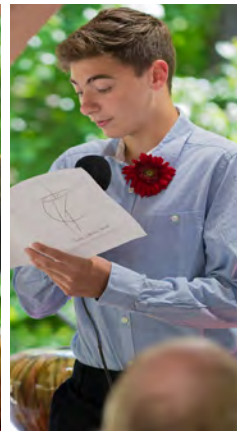
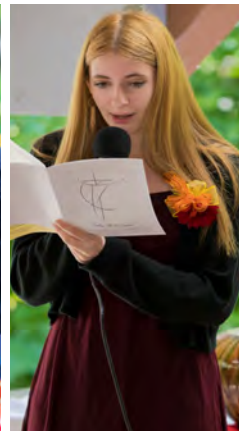
Confirmation 2020-PART 2

Due to pandemic quarantines, four of our confirmands were unable to attend CONFIRMATION 2020-PART 1 with the rest of their peers last October, and so: A celebration of Confirmation service was held for them on a very beautiful morning at Ridge Run Park on Sunday, May 23rd. There, these four young adults affirmed their baptisms in the presence of God, their families, and the Trinity congregation.

Congratulations & God's Blessings to:

- Reuben William Holcomb
- Landon Jeffrey Ketter
- Eadrick John Lohr-Kougl
- Elena Elizabeth Lohr-Kougl

May the God of the Heavens
cause you to soar.
May the Christ of the journey
light your path.
May the Spirit of power
fill your heart
with the courage to follow.



Welcome

New Members

Please join us in welcoming Trinity's newest members!



Jim & Suzanne Barker relocated from Illinois about two years ago. They are thankful to be living close to their two grandchildren! Originally they joined another church in a nearby community, but felt called to be more centered in the West Bend area. The Barkers are excited to become involved with Trinity's ministries and in the West Bend community.

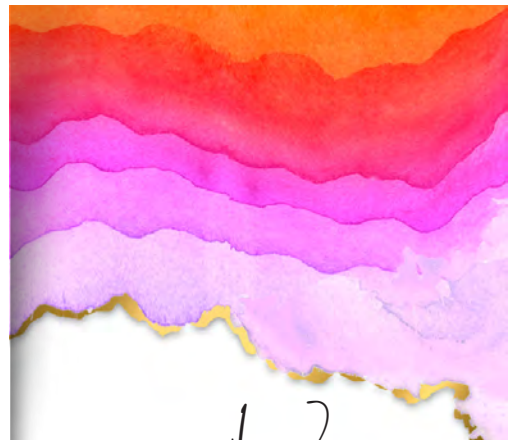


Cheryl Page moved to West Bend and after searching for a while, found a home at Trinity. She has been active in Bible study and in the limited number of social activities during the pandemic. She served on the board of worship in her previous church as well as being a counter and recording donations. She loves to read and loves to meet people and hear their stories.



Seminary Graduate!

Congratulations to **Nick Schoob** who graduated from Luther Seminary on Sunday, June 6th—earning a Masters of Divinity degree. Nick is currently in the interview process and waiting for a call to ministry. *Please keep Nick in your prayers for trust through the process, for the right call to come, and for blessings as they step out on this new journey of faith.*



"IF NOT US, *who?*
AND IF NOT NOW, *when?*"

This famous quote is meant to inspire people to take action **NOW**— **not to wait for someone else to step up**. It implies that a person should find who they truly are and **use it** to change the world.

Though we are still working our way out of the pandemic at the same time as making the most of our short and welcome summer months—**the church is not on vacation**. Trinity is gearing up for what we hope will be a fall that finds us all with renewed spirits. Spirits to gather together in worship and praise. Spirits to ensure Trinity's kids are fed through the Children's Ministry program. Spirits to work together to share God's inclusive love and promise in and outside our doors.

To be the hands and feet of Christ we can't have a mindset of "**someone else**" will do it. **Especially now, it's time for each of us to step up and DO SOMETHING.**

If you already have **Spotify** (or download the free app) on your smartphone, you can scan the code below to hear Matthew West's song, "**Do Something**".



The greatest *joy*
I know
in this life is
*serv*ing the Lord.





Where Do You Fit In?

We recognized that one of the shortcomings of life at Trinity has been contacting people directly who may have, *at one time or another*, filled out a time & talent sheet that was not followed through on. This is even more apparent now, as we are still working our way out of the pandemic and relying on just a few folks who have stepped up.

So it is time for a change.

We encourage you to check out **SignUP Genius** (*always under the Volunteer button on our website*), to offer your time to the work of ministries of Trinity. Currently the opportunities to serve are, *for the most part*, simple, but very important tasks such as; ushering, worship assistants and operating the audio/visual board during worship (*which is so much easier than it may sound!*).

Please know as we move forward, we are committed to contacting you within two weeks of you raising your interest in getting involved with any particular task or ministry.

We need you and we are committed to getting better at this—and now you have it in writing! **So let's work together to get everyone involved in the joy of ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church.**



**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
sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com



Saturday, September 25

Waukesha County • Ozaukee County
Racine/Kenosha County • **NEW!** Milwaukee County
Virtual Option Available

OFHRRW.org

Join all of your friends on the morning of **Saturday, September 25** for the **Outreach for Hope 2021 Ride Run Walk**, and help FUNdraise \$150K for grants to central city congregations in the Greater Milwaukee Synod!

Starting on July 15, visit OFHRRW.org to register to participate at one of our event sites (each site offers a walk, and road and trail rides unless otherwise noted):

WAUKESHA COUNTY: Dousman / walk and ride on Glacial Drumlin Trail, and ride on county roads

OZAUKEE COUNTY: Grafton / walk and ride on Ozaukee Interurban Trail, and ride on county roads

RACINE/KENOSHA COUNTY: Kenosha / walk and ride on North Shore Bike Trail, and ride on roads

NEW! MILWAUKEE COUNTY: WALK ONLY at Washington Park

VIRTUAL: Ride, run, walk, and/or fundraise on your own schedule (7/15- 9/25; you can register for both the virtual option AND an in-person event)

Registrants will receive a free event t-shirt, and snacks, drinks and a boxed lunch for in-person events. There is NO registration fee -- instead, pay what you can at registration, and/or collect donations from others leading up to the event.



SPRING CLEANING???? Bring your shoes to Trinity!!!

RePurpose YOUR SHOES FUNDRAISER for TRINITY YOUTH PROGRAM

We are still accepting *gently used or new* shoe donations at the church as an ongoing fundraiser for Trinity's Youth program. In addition to our youth program, this collection supports micro-enterprises around the world. **TRINITY OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS 8AM-3M**

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.

Emerson Ketter 7 | 01
Deborah Brooks 7 | 02
Bryan Naumann 7 | 02
Susan Walters 7 | 03
Dorothy Draeger 7 | 04
Darlene Hall 7 | 05
Margaret Hoepner 7 | 05
Peter Hupfer 7 | 05
Dorothy Barnes 7 | 06
Edward Bauer 7 | 06
Alexander Davis 7 | 06
Dakota Gunnare 7 | 06
Sandy Poenitsch 7 | 06
Ingrid Polinski 7 | 06

Arik Loomans 7 | 07
Michael Loomans 7 | 07
CarlEda Skinkis 7 | 08
Kevin Pretsch 7 | 09
Jennifer Rands 7 | 09
Cynthia Bruder 7 | 10
Darwin Dorn 7 | 10
A.J. Brandt 7 | 11
Jarod Ethier 7 | 11
Ruby Disterhaft 7 | 12
Cynthia Vore 7 | 12
Brian Thelen 7 | 13
Brenda Deuberry 7 | 15
Michael York Jr 7 | 15
Jakob Starr 7 | 16

Chantal Schroer 7 | 19
Linda Schroer 7 | 19
Ardith Bergerud 7 | 20
Melvin Walters 7 | 20
Finn Pawlowski 7 | 21
Mary Schweiger 7 | 22
Renee York 7 | 22
Sheila Foyse 7 | 24
Jane Schmitt 7 | 24
Mike Retzlaff 7 | 25
Sherry Oleniczak 7 | 26
Christa Thorin 7 | 28
Michael Walters 7 | 29
Jerome Zaborowski 7 | 30
Marilyn Zwick 7 | 30
Carey Jacobsen 7 | 31



Faithful
Giving

FINANCIAL UPDATE | We ended the month of May on a sound footing and we thank all of you for your faithfulness. But summer has just begun and we encourage you to continue to faithfully support the life of the church. We also encourage everyone to consider our program for weekly or monthly automatic giving. The details for this are on the website. *We'll see you at the church.*

Online Weekly Devotions

Have you gone to look for Pastor Dave's daily devotions and found them missing?

Don't despair. We continue to provide devotions on a weekly basis. They are posted on Trinity's YouTube channel, our website and Facebook page each Wednesday morning—*so look for them then!*



P R O J E C T
RETURN ↑

Thank you for your donations toward this ongoing outreach ministry!

THANK YOU—the first load of Trinity donations have been delivered to Project RETURN in Milwaukee and were very gratefully received!

Project RETURN grew out of a volunteer base that believed men and women returning from incarceration deserved a second chance and offers support toward that belief. **Project RETURN** accepts donations from the community to help with the immediate needs for those returning from incarceration—**this will be an ongoing outreach effort for Trinity.**

Some of the MOST NEEDED items are:

- Gently used and laundered clothing
- Under-garments
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Coats, Hats & Gloves
- Pots & Pans
- Pillows & Blankets
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach
- Toilet Paper
- Food Cards
- Bus Passes/Gas Cards





There are cardboard boxes in the Heritage room where your donations can be dropped off. All donations will be taken directly to **Project RETURN.**

Questions? Contact Nate Shubat | nateshubat@gmail.com

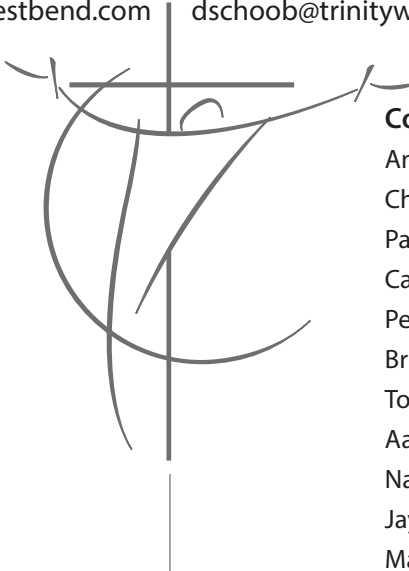
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Worship & Music
Faith Development
Stewardship
Community Building
Invitation
Property
Ministry Support
Technology
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