

Trinity Spirit

TRINITY ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Trinity family,

As I write this letter, we're returning from a few days visiting Dave's Dad in Ohio. The Ohio weather was the best they've had so far this summer. But every beautiful day looked a little "off" because of the noticeable haze that hung in the air. There were "air quality" warnings encouraging people with any type of breathing issues to stay inside. The haze was caused by the wildfires out west.

This is just one more reminder of how much we are all connected. What happens in one place reverberates way beyond that one place or event. Obviously, a little haze is nothing compared to the horror of the actual fires people are facing. However, the haze broke into our ability to just enjoy our day without even thinking about our suffering siblings out west.

These past two years have been filled with concrete examples of just how much what we do really does matter far beyond our personal bubbles:

- An infection in a country far away became a worldwide pandemic, killing so many and changing lives and livelihoods of everyone around the world.
- The origin of one of the terrible wildfires has been traced back to the special effects at one joyful "gender reveal" party.
- Incidents of individual acts of injustice have sparked the awareness of widespread, systemic injustices and movements to address and improve how we live together.

We are living in a pivotal period of history. Moving into our "new normal", we have so many opportunities to **"share the love and promise of God."** **What we do can have a significant positive impact—IF we step up and DO our part:**

- **Recognize that our own personal health choices effect more that just ourselves.**
Get vaccinated or wear a mask.
- **Open your eyes, ears and hearts to the needs of ALL your siblings in God's family.**
Don't assume that all is well just because something is going right for you.
- **Speak up and put in the time it takes to get and keep things moving in a direction that allows for ALL of God's children have the access and opportunity to live and grow in God's grace.**

Tomorrow is in God's hands. But WE are called TODAY to use our time and lives to plant the seeds of justice, compassion, respect, grace, and hope that God can use to change the world.

As we enjoy the rest of our summer, let us use this time to hear and respond to God's call.

In God's love,

Pastor Cristy
Pastor Cristy

COLOSSIANS 3:13-15

*Be tolerant
with one another
whenever any of you has a complaint
against someone else.*

*You must
forgive one another
just as the Lord has forgiven you.*

*And to all these
qualities add love,
which binds all things together in perfect unity.*

*The peace that
Christ gives is to
guide you
in the decisions
you make;*

*for it is to this peace that God has
called you together in the one body.*

And be thankful.



Skilled volunteers
serving *and* saving!



VOLUNTEERS ROCK!

Trinity's mission to Share the love and promise of God 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 skilled labor in countless ways on Trinity's behalf!

BEHIND *the* SCENES

THANK YOU to Phil Wagner, Bob Poenitsch *and* Paul Ehmke!

About 20 years ago, Paul Ehmke installed heavy, protective glass on the outside of the stained glass windows in Trinity's sanctuary. Recently, one of them (the glass on the largest, center transit window on the south side of the church) came loose and slid down a few feet. Thankfully, the glass did not break in the process (it must have been a slow slide down!). When it was discovered, Phil Wagner secured it in place with wood bracing until it could be repaired. This particular section of glass was about 10½ feet tall, banded in 3-parts. A call was made to a local glass shop to see if they could put the glass back in place for us. After looking at the situation they gave us an estimate ranging anywhere from \$850 to \$1,300 to do the work. Instead, Phil Wagner and Bob Poenitsch decided they would tackle the job themselves. After a call to Paul Ehmke, hoping he still had and could borrow-out his glass suction cup, Paul even came to share his expertise, guiding Phil and Bob (and giving them peace of mind!) as they carefully removed each section of the (very heavy) glass. Two days later they had all the materials they needed to clean and reinstall the glass.

We owe Phil, Bob *and* Paul a debt of gratitude for their dedication, skill and service to Trinity.

A little more about Phil Wagner. We are extremely blessed to have Phil Wagner on staff as Trinity's Facilities Manger. Phil's job description involves things like cleaning, setting up tables and chairs and general maintenance—but, many times, what he does goes far above and beyond anything on his job description.

He is always willing to lend a hand, in and outside the building, no matter the task! He took on replacing all our lighting with LED fixtures which is saving Trinity many dollars every day. His knowledge of the building and trouble-shooting skills over the years has gone a long way to prevent what could have been nightmare situations for us more than a few times. A few weeks ago, Phil found himself removing absolutely horrible smelly (dead) fish that one of Trinity's neighbors decided to throw in our dumpster. The odor was truly unbearable and would have only magnified had Phil not taken it upon himself to get them out (*and, of course, they were at the very bottom!*). That is only a small example of his dedication to working outside the lines. When you see Phil, please let him know how much his service to Trinity by way of caring, both for our property and our welfare alike, is appreciated!

Thank you, Phil!



Trinity Worship Changes

Whether it is familiar hymns or contemporary pieces, the (live) music and separate worship formats we've been missing are making their way back to Trinity!

NOTE EARLIER SATURDAY WORSHIP TIME!!!

Saturdays | 3:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE the worship TIME has changed from 5:00 PM to 3:30 PM. This was a special request from more than a few Saturday regulars who are concerned about both meal times and driving in the evening (especially during the winter months). We will survey our Saturday worshippers as we go to evaluate the time change.

SATURDAY LITURGICAL (Traditional) WORSHIP: The worship format has returned to the Liturgical (Traditional) service that is familiar to many and will include traditional hymns and (live) organ accompaniment.

SUNDAY CREATED TO PRAISE WORSHIP: The full (live) Created to Praise format that includes the CTP singers at 9:30 on Sunday mornings will resume in September, after Rally Day. We will, however, be enjoying some special music and instrumentals during in-person worship in the interim.

NOT QUITE OUT OF THE WOODS—YET.

Your Congregation Council would like to remind all of us that the pandemic is still in play. *The numbers involving the new variant, especially affecting those who are not vaccinated, are on the rise. We remind you that masks are always available at Trinity and we continue to ask those not vaccinated and those who feel compromised in any way to please mask up.*

THANK YOU for continuing to care for your neighbor and to all who have been and remain patient as we still work our way out of pandemic and toward the renewed and spirit-filled worship we are accustomed to.



Please join us for a
Celebration of Life Service

in honor and memory of

Donna Hallada

and her generous spirit

Saturday, August 7th, 2021

Trinity Lutheran Church | 10:30 AM

Donna's love, dedication and service to Trinity was a blessing with lasting ripple effects that we are thankful for and miss very much.

You are also invited to continue the Celebration of Donna's life by joining her family and friends at The Moose Lodge in West Bend at NOON. A brat fry lunch will be served in celebration of Donna's commitment to The Moose's drive through Brat Fry Fundraisers. A service will be performed by The Women of The Moose.

Donna's family hopes you will join them at both or either of Celebration of Life locations; *both Trinity and The Moose Lodge were a big part of her life!*

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or The Moose Lodge.

Mark your calendars and get ready for
RALLY DAY 2021!

✓ **SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 12 | 9:30 AM**
RIDGE RUN PARK - PICK PAVILION

- **WORSHIP IN THE PARK!** 
- **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF**

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY A

- **A Trinity PICNIC!**
GAMES! FOOD! FUN!
—for the entire Trinity FAMILY!!!



*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

—JOHN 14:27



A *Trinity* OUTREACH PROJECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

As Fair Park kindergarten teacher, Renee Wilberg, stated, "Having crayon colors that reflect various skin colors, gives a child an opportunity to create and illustrate more accurate portraits of themselves and their friends. We want all children to be able to welcome and be accepting of the diversity of our world; and although a box of crayons may not change our world, it just may help some students in our community begin to recognize and learn about others in a more authentic and meaningful way."

Let's help our local school kids create pictures that truly reflect themselves, their friends and families with crayons sets of the multicultural skin tones.



FAMILY COLORS

YOU CAN HELP THIS *Trinity* OUTREACH EFFORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Your donation of Multicultural Crayons or funds to purchase to them will help us with this community outreach effort. They're available to purchase through OfficeMax, WalMart, Meijer, Target—and of course, Amazon.

Drop off donations of crayons or specified funds to purchase them in the Heritage Room at Trinity.



NEW BEGINNINGS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH GRADE!

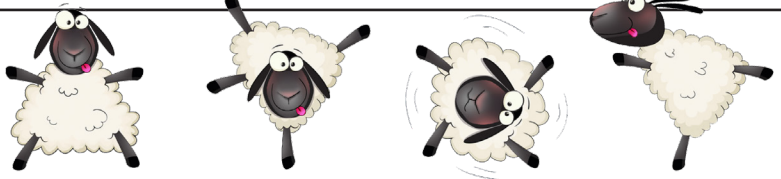
We are so excited about Trinity's *NEW BEGINNINGS* Children's Ministry program—kicking off on Rally Day, September 12th at 9:30 AM in Ridge Run Park! There will be games and activities during worship and even more fun afterward during the Trinity PICNIC!!!

While we are still working at putting the finishing touches on the refreshed **SeeIT, MoveIT, MakeIT, TellIT** and **TasteIT** workshop rooms, we also preparing training for our teaching volunteers (typically parents and/or High School youth) and Shepherds (typically Confirmation and/or High School youth). **Get ready for a brand new, energized experience!**

ATTENTION SHEPHERDS: We will be limiting the number of Shepherd/helpers for each workshop this year. *If you have interest in serving as a Children's Ministry Shepherd you must attend the following:*



MANDATORY SHEPHERDS MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24 | 5:00 - 7:30 PM



Sharing God's love with Trinity's kids is guaranteed to positively impact your own life! TO HELP with Trinity's CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM or if you have any questions, contact **Alyssa Brockman** trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com or **262-343-5557**



GET INVOLVED!!!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

IN THE LIFE OF TRINITY'S KIDS—AND IN YOUR OWN!

*But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered,
"This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

—LUKE 15:2



Trinity **PROPERTY TEAM SEEKING A LITTLE BIT OF H-E-E-E-LP!**

Areas on the exterior of our building, including ground level and second story window trim, fascia and soffits, and the bell tower/steeple are slated to receive a fresh coat of **MUCH NEEDED** paint and/or stain during the first week of August—weather permitting, the work will start on Monday, August 2nd.

Our **ALL-VOLUNTEER** property team has already reserved a lift and will take care of the high stuff, but they would greatly appreciate a few more hands to help take care of the more easily accessible painting that needs to be done on the ground level.

You can volunteer on a day that works for you, for just a couple hours (or more), whatever is convenient! As always, many hands make for a lighter workload.

PLEASE CONSIDER LENDING A HAND TO HELP GET THIS JOB DONE!

Call Sue in the office with questions and/or to volunteer, or just stop by to church during the first week of August and offer to help!

*For God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but to save the world through him.*

—JOHN 3:17



Trinity comforters

The Trinity Comforters have been busy making blankets and finding places in the area to donate them. Recently, the Department of Corrections (*Breaking the Chains Ministry*) was very happy to receive 30 of our blankets to share! We hope the Lutheran World Relief collection sites will open up again this October after being closed last year, but it's been great to find so many local outlets who are in need and thankful for our warm blankets as well.



The Trinity Comforters invite you to mark your September calendars for our annual

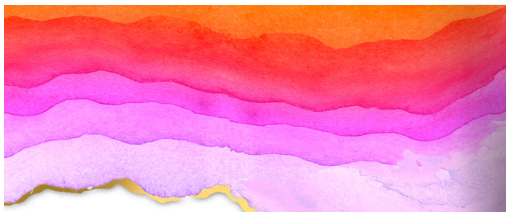
BOOK & PUZZLE SALE

IT WILL BE HELD FOR TRINITY MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 25th - 26th

We are accepting donations of books and gently used puzzles until the sale. The money raised from this sale supports both the Prayer Shawl and Trinity Comforters ministries. Your donations of books, puzzles, games, etc can be dropped off at church anytime the office is open!

Your help is much appreciated.



Trinity's MEMORIAL GLASS: project update

BY: SANDY POENITSCH | The memorial glass project for the double doors between the Heritage Room and the Narthex and Sanctuary is well underway. I have been traveling to the Krauski Art Glass Studio weekly to help Bob Krauski with elements of the process.

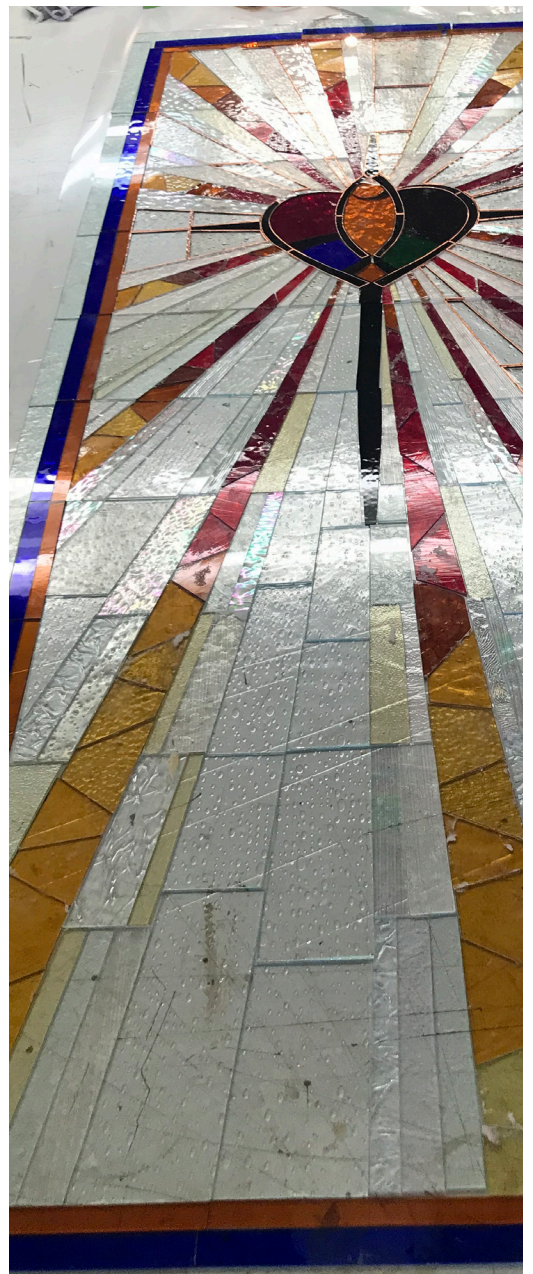
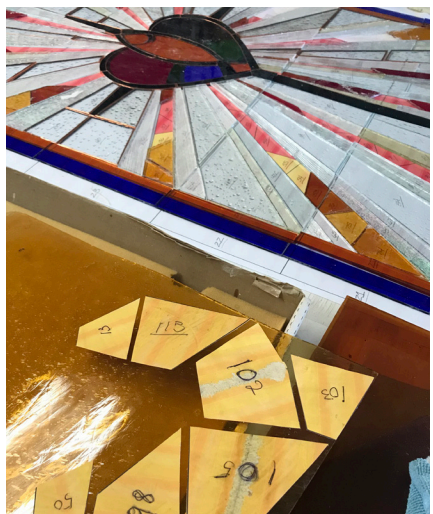
Bob printed two full-size copies of the design. He had one of them numbered, so my first job was to transfer the numbers to the second printout. Once that was done I was asked to cut out each piece of the original pattern using a special scissors that leaves a channel—this allows for the copper foil and soldering that will be required to secure each piece of glass to the other. *The numbering and cutting alone took almost 5 hours!*

Each cut piece represents a piece of glass needed to fabricate one panel. The next task was selecting the glass remnants in the Krauski studio that we would use. A bit of spray adhesive on the back of the cut paper pieces helps hold them in place on the glass as Bob cuts them. He then wet-sands all sides of each piece. The paper pattern is removed and each piece finds its place on top of the numbered pattern on his work table (just like a puzzle).

Just before the publication of this newsletter we had one of the glass panels completely cut and laid out. The next step is to wrap each piece in copper foil so Bob can then start the soldering process. Each door will also have steel reinforcing bars placed as well.

Once all the glass was cut and laid down on the table for the first panel, Bob slid the numbered pattern out from underneath. I will trace/transfer it on the back to reverse the pattern for the second door and number each piece again. If all goes well, next visit we will start the process all over again for the second door.

NOTE: the glass for the cross in the center is black and opaque, but the rest of the glass is translucent. The colors look darker in the photos because they are on a hard/solid surface.



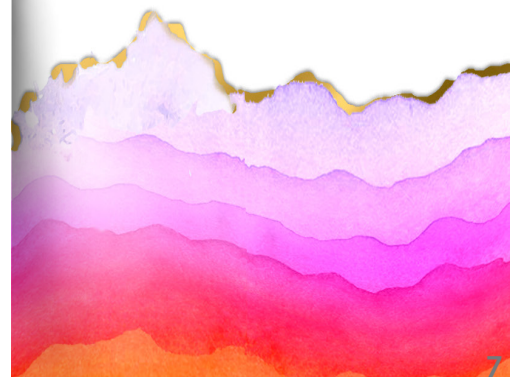


Chalk the Block!

Thank you to organizers, Haley Kordosky and Alyssa Brockman for Trinity's first annual Chalk the Block! event!



The weather was in full cooperation mode as messages of God's inclusive love were chalked on the walkways around Trinity's building. While we did not have the turnout anticipated for this family-friendly event, those who participated had hearts full of smiles, knees full of chalk and memories that rain will never wash away!





GATHER AT THE fountain

Come, **GATHER** at the **FOUNTAIN** on Trinity's Courtyard beginning around 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*).

No agenda whatsoever!—*just a casual time to gather together.* 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



Thank you for your Faithful Giving.

Each of us has been given gifts for the work of the kingdom. Please consider your service to Trinity's ministries, through faithful giving of your time, gifts and financial support.

There are a number of ways you can make sure your offering reaches us:

- Mail it to the church office.
- Drop it off in the drop box outside the upper/alley entrance doors anytime.
- Set up automatic withdrawal through GIVE+ automatic giving, visit trinitywestbend.com
- GIVEPLUS+ | Mobile APP
- 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, Trinity!



PROJECT **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



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.



#trinitytogether | Because, 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

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.

Peter Nelson	8 01	Tami Dale	8 15	Pamela Neumann	8 24
Elouise Brockman	8 02	Lauren Hull	8 16	Chet Nielsen III	8 24
Anthony Wulff	8 02	Michael Tikusis	8 16	David Starr	8 25
Hazel Griffin	8 03	Adeline Peters	8 17	Cathy Wiedmeyer	8 25
Leon Krueger	8 05	Sophia Neumann	8 18	Kristine Dreher	8 26
Kaylee Starr	8 05	Ricky Gilbertson	8 19	Kyle Gunnare	8 26
Cindy Theisen	8 05	Barbara Larson	8 20	Taylor Oksiuta	8 26
Joseph Washa	8 08	Elizabeth Markgraf	8 20	Nancy Bower	8 27
Tanner Schmoltdt	8 10	Rhonda Retzlaff	8 20	David Sparks	8 27
Alexander Bergerud	8 12	Eileen Davis	8 21	John Wilson	8 27
Benjamin Schiller	8 12	Christin Sinjakovic	8 21	Diane Nielsen	8 28
Kelly Anderson	8 13	Jay Riederer	8 23	Rita Hupfer	8 29
Michael Kurer	8 13	Maxwell Schickert	8 23	Carlyle Kirchner	8 29
Sheila Sauer	8 13	Autumn Disterhaft	8 24	Sally Behn	8 30
Travis Thorin	8 14	Matthew Hoppenjan	8 24	Thomas Davis	8 30
				Jenae (Vandehei) Haldemann	8 30



Got Memories?

fast approaching!

Trinity will celebrate our centennial in 2022. As part of the celebration we are gathering a history of the congregation and 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 or drop it off with Sue in the church the office!

We look forward to reminiscing and hearing how Trinity has touched your life in the past.

THIS BELATED
happy 103rd
birthday
wish is for





Ruby Beaver

Ruby turned 103 on June 25th!

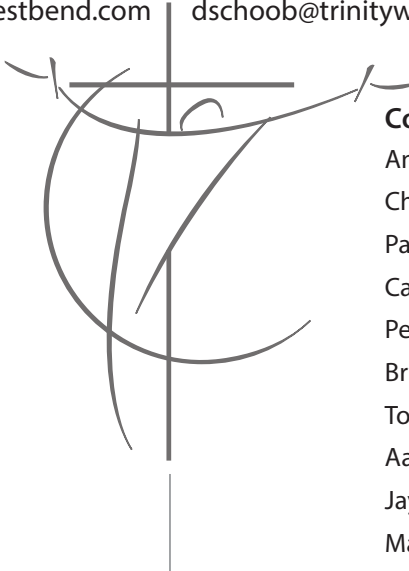
God bless you, Ruby!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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