

Trinity Spirit

TRINITY ELCA LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Siblings in Christ,

Welcome back from wherever you traveled this summer. Even if you just stayed home, welcome back to life here at Trinity. Between COVID and vacations and all the things that have pulled us in so many directions.

But here we are back together. Rally Day —*that time of beginning the fall programs*— has always been a reminder of the centrality of community as a part of Christian life. So often individualism is celebrated in the world around us, but the Bible holds up the importance of community. From the very beginning in Genesis 2:18 where God says: *It is not good that the man should be alone*; to the last pages of scripture in Revelation 7: *After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands*; the scriptures are filled with the images of the people of God gathered together to praise God and care for one another.

The true center of our ministry needs to be to share the love and promise of God with each other and with those yet to be a part of the family. God draws us together in love so that we can share the gifts of God in building each other up. In 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 Paul talks about the fact that together we have all that we need.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you (plural) have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you (plural) — so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Come and join us in joyous community and encounter God's presence through all the family of God. Come and rejoice and enter into the new life God has planned for God's people.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Cris *Pastor Dave*

Pastors Cris and Dave



The Gilbertson's named their Monarch, Rice ... and she's a GIRL!!

It's a Girl

MONARCH MINISTRY

RAISING A MONARCH BUTTERFLY

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 new member, **Suzanne Barker**, who has shared and introduced Monarch Ministry with many folks in Trinity's congregation.

While helping Monarchs survive is the goal (*the population has declined over the past 20 years by over 80%*), the amount of joy and awe experienced by those who adopted a baby caterpillar is hard to describe—*witnessing their transformation is amazing!*

This effort and experience has been so popular at Trinity that Suzanne has run out of containers for more caterpillars—if anyone has kept their container, please bring it to church or contact Suzanne Barker at grambarker20@gmail.com

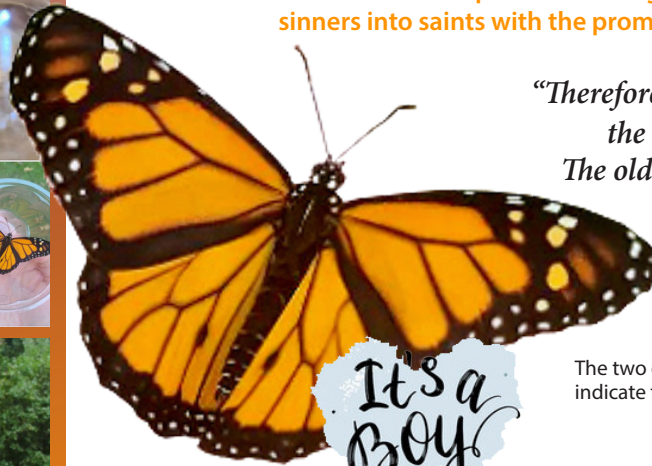
Thank You

for introducing this ministry to Trinity and helping spread joy in the process, Suzanne!

The Bible says that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new creation. The same God who takes a caterpillar and changes it into a butterfly, transforms sinners into saints with the promise of eternal life.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

—CORINTHIANS 5:17



It's a Boy

The two dots on the lower wings, near the body indicate the Wilson Family's Monarch is a BOY!

Thank You
Shirl Curreri

Shirl shared her creativity and gifts to fabricate a dust cover for our organ from old paraments. This cloth cover is not only beautiful, it makes protecting the organ easier for Helene to handle (*vs the hard-to-pull out wooden cover*).



Trinity New Beginnings

RALLY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 11 | 12

God is a God of new beginnings. We are an Easter people!

Every new day, every new season, every new year is a new invitation and a new opportunity to grow into our identity as children of God and followers of Christ. It is a new chance to let Christ's message of love, forgiveness, and grace take a deeper hold of our lives and change the way we see our lives, each other, our world....Everything.

This particular Rally Weekend, we will begin to grow and shine again in a new era that has experienced a pandemic and a country embroiled in deep divisions, anger and fear. It is time to rediscover how to live and love as the Children of God.

Each of you are invited to begin a journey that will strengthen your faith "roots" – your foundation in the faith. It is a new opportunity to reconnect with one another, renew your faith, re-center your life and rededicate yourself to letting God's love shine into the world through your life,

So....on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH:

- Celebrate and reconnect at our 3:30 pm Saturday liturgical worship
- Continue the celebration part at our Rally Weekend Potluck, following the worship services (about 4:30).

and.... on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH:

- Join us for Worship at 9:30 AM in the PICK PAVILION at RIDGE RUN PARK | 2600 Wheat Ridge Lane, off of Scenic Drive
- Celebrate the new beginning of weekly Sunday Children's Ministry also at **RIDGE RUN PARK**
- Stay (or come) immediately following worship (about 10:30) for **TRINITY RALLY DAY CELEBRATION PICNIC | POTLUCK!**
 - Meat and beverages will be provided.
 - Please bring a side dish, chips or a dessert to share.
 - Games. Prizes. Fellowship. Fun for all ages!

See you there!

Trinity Fall Worship Schedule

Saturdays | 3:30 PM – Liturgical Worship
Cranberry Hymnal liturgical settings and Traditional Hymns

Sundays 9:30 AM – Created to Praise Worship

Sundays | 9:30-10:30 AM - Children's Ministry Hour

ONLINE WORSHIP WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN OPTION



*new
Beginnings*

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

9:30 AM

**RIDGE RUN PARK
PICK PAVILION**

2600 WHEAT RIDGE LANE
OFF OF SCENIC DRIVE



**WORSHIP
IN THE PARK**



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
KICKOFF**

RALLY DAY PICNIC AND POTLUCK!

GAMES! FOOD!

FUN!—for the entire
Trinity FAMILY!!!



But the Lord says,

*“Do not cling to events of the past
or dwell on what happened long ago.
Watch for the new thing I am going to do.*

It is happening already

—you can see it now!

*I will make a road through the wilderness
and give you streams of water there.*

—ISAIAH 43:18-19




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
KICKOFF on RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 12TH
9:30 AM
RIDGE RUN PARK!

There will be games and activities during worship and even more fun afterward during the **Trinity PICNIC!!!**

If you haven't already registered your kids, you will find a link to a fillable PDF REGISTRATION FORM on Trinity's website: trinitywestbend.com



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



ALL ABOUT YOUTH

TRINITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY
SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 12 | 5 PM - 6 PM

ATTENTION 2021 SUMMER SERVANT TRIP ATTENDEES, PLEASE PLAN TO COME AT 4:30 PM to share pictures, etc. and work on our "TRIP PRESENTATION" to the congregation.

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE** folks to gather together throughout the year for: First Sunday meetings; Lock-ins and a activities; planning, fundraising and preparing for the **JULY 2022 ELCA National Youth Gathering | Boundless—GOD BEYOND MEASURE | Minneapolis, MN**



F.I.S.H<< | 4TH - 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

Following **I**mmanuel, **S**erving **H**appily

JOIN US FOR FUN & GAMES RALLY DAY IN RIDGE RUN PARK!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

OCTOBER 31 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM
F.I.S.H<< HALLOWEEN PARTY!

NOVEMBER 14 | NOON - 1:30 PM
FAMILY BOWLING PARTY

This ministry is designed to enhance the community-building element of faith development. In order to grow spiritually, it is vital that young people see themselves as part of a faith community—a place where family and friends gather to learn, celebrate and grow.

The monthly **F.I.S.H<<** events are designed to grow both faith and friendships among Trinity's 4th-6th graders - many of whom attend different schools. Usually our events are "in house" in an effort to keep the "per family" cost down and to be sure that no one is prevented from participating because of cost.

F.I.S.H<< events typically involves a light meal, games, prizes and an activity or craft. Each event has a theme based on the church year or a faith concept. **We hope lots of families take advantage of this important faith development opportunity!**

CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30-8:00 PM

SEPT 15 | Faith changes how we see God

SEPT 22 | Faith changes how we see Ourselves

SEPT 29 | Faith changes how we see Others

FRI/SAT OCT 1-2 | **9th GRADE OVERNIGHT**—Comfort Inn, Jackson

SUNDAY OCT 10 | **WORSHIP SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION**




DON'T FORGET KAORI

As we celebrate our own children and get ready to gather again in Children's Ministry, please remember and help support Trinity's Compassion International sponsored child, **Kaori** and her family in Peru. COVID has made contact more challenging so we ask that you also keep Kaori and her family in your prayers.





God's Work. Our Hands. MONTH of Service —OCTOBER—

Trinity will again celebrate the joy of sharing our time and talents with the community with **God's Work. Our Hands.** Instead of a single specified day of service, we are planning projects throughout the month of October, to accommodate more family schedules and to allow participation in more than one in-person event.

As in the past, projects will be available for all ages and levels of physical ability! Volunteering benefits individuals and agencies in our community, but volunteering in a shared activity is also one of the best ways to get to know new people in our church family and strengthen existing relationships.



Watch for more project site details and signup announcements through Trinity's Constant Contact email blast on Wednesdays in September.

FOR NOW, YOU CAN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23** | Blue Lotus Farm cleanup
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31** | Samaritan Bingo

If you have a suggestion for a service project in October, please contact Hazel Griffin (262-334-9548) or the church office.



God's Work. Our Hands. SHIRTS AVAILABLE!

If you would like to order a shirt, signup on the order form in the Heritage Room or online through Signup Genius. Shirts are available as follows:

- T-shirts** | short and/or long-sleeved
- Sweatshirts** | hooded and/or crew-neck

**SHIRT ORDER DEADLINE IS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.**



Providing free medical and dental service for those in need.

The Albrecht Free Clinic is a non-profit clinic that strives to meet the medical, dental, and behavioral health needs of the uninsured and under-insured individuals living or working in Washington County. We are a community resource that promotes healthcare for those that are eligible and unable to afford medical and dental services elsewhere.

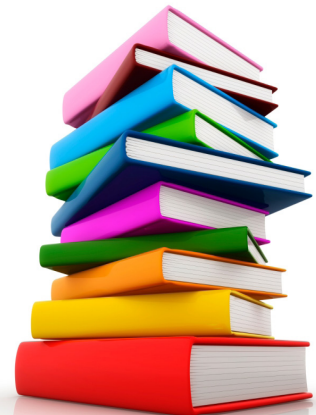
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On the occasion of the Albrecht Free Clinic's 25th Anniversary, Trinity has been invited to help support this community ministry by participating in their first-ever coin drive—HEALTHY CHANGE!

During the month of September a container will be placed in the Heritage Room for you to drop your loose coins. At the end of the month all the coins collected will be given to the Free Clinic.



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.

BEHIND *the* SCENES
**CHILDREN'S
 MINISTRY**
 PROJECT
 ROOM REFRESH

Thank You

- Tom Bulin
- CarlEda Skinkis
- Alyssa Brockman
- Sandy Poenitsch
- Sue Beekman
- Karissa Gutschenritter
- Tammy Nelson
- Abby Nelson
- Kristen Nelson
- Victoria Homuth

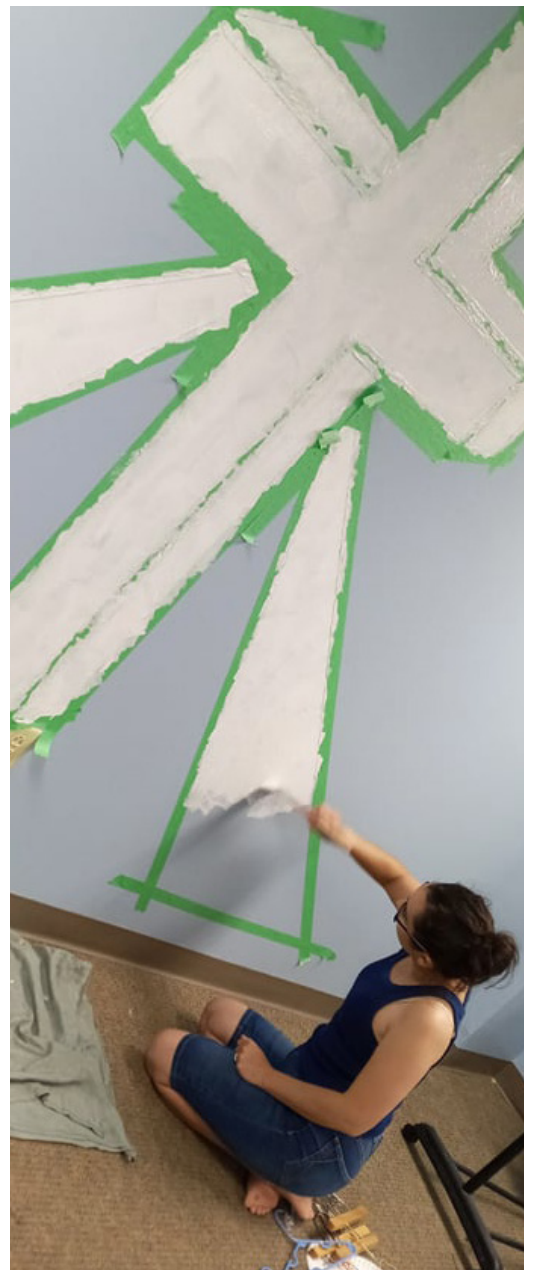
Trinity is thankful and appreciative for the dedication of these folks who shared their time and labor to help give the Children's Ministry **SEE IT, MAKE IT, and MOVE IT** rooms fresh new coats of paint!

We are excited as we anticipate the reveal of the refreshed rooms, along with the start-up of our Sunday morning Children's Ministry Rotation Workshop program this month!

Can't wait to share the love and promise of God with Trinity's kids!

Additional *Thanks* to
Abby & Kristen Nelson

for designing and creating the Children's Ministry **NEW BEGINNINGS** bulletin board!





BEHIND *the* SCENES

Thank You

Bryan Johnson

Phil Wagner

Bob Poenitsch

*and their ground-level
easy-access helpers:*

Paul Bauman

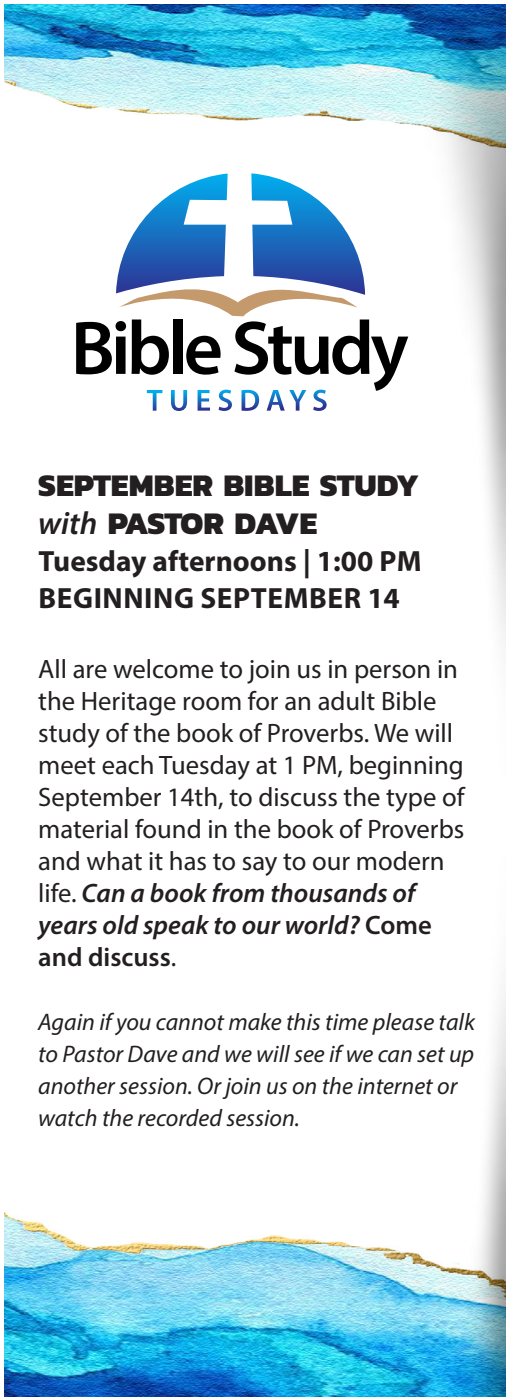

Peyton Johnson

Trinity owes a debt of gratitude for the dedication, skill, gift of time and labor donated by these gentlemen who attended to the much needed tasks of scraping, priming and painting Trinity's exterior trim.

We are thankful and very blessed to have such skilled and dedicated members willing to give of their time and talents for the sake of the congregation.

*"Don't forget to do good
and to share what you have
because God is pleased with these
kinds of sacrifices."*

HEBREWS 13:16

Bible Study
TUESDAYS

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY
with **PASTOR DAVE**
Tuesday afternoons | 1:00 PM
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14

All are welcome to join us in person in the Heritage room for an adult Bible study of the book of Proverbs. We will meet each Tuesday at 1 PM, beginning September 14th, to discuss the type of material found in the book of Proverbs and what it has to say to our modern life. *Can a book from thousands of years old speak to our world? Come and discuss.*

Again if you cannot make this time please talk to Pastor Dave and we will see if we can set up another session. Or join us on the internet or watch the recorded session.



Financial
UPDATE

It is important that we keep everyone up to date on the financial status of the congregation. Here a summary of our last budget statement:

Because of a combination of unexpectedly high giving in 2020 and lower expenses – we were able to start a contingency reserve of \$25,000 and also have a carry-over balance of almost \$24,000 for our core budget. January saw a boost for our finances because some individuals gave their entire yearly pledge that month.

Since February our core General Fund expenses have been \$27,000 higher than our core revenues – for each of the past six months, expenses have been higher than revenues.

The core General Fund balance that was \$24,000 at the beginning of the year is now \$17,000.

This calls on all of us to be faithful in our financial commitments to Trinity. As a congregation we cannot continue this trend without eventually having it affect our ministries. We encourage everyone to prayerful consider their giving financially, and also gifts of time and talent so that we continue to faithfully the work of God we are called to. Thank you for your support during this time of change and transition.

Thank you, Trinity!



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

SEPTEMBER BOOK STUDY

6:30 PM | THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

We invite you to read the book: **Critical Race Theory: An Introduction** by **Richard Delgado and Jean Stefanic**. The teaching of Critical Race Theory has been a hot button issue as we enter the school year. But how many of us really know what Critical Race Theory is (or as the media calls is CRT). If we are going to have a meaningful discussion it begins with knowing exactly what we are discussing. So come and share in a discussion of the basics after reading this book by two writers with an intimate knowledge of the topic.

If this is not a convenient time let Pastor Dave know and we will try to set up a second session. We will also have the discussion on the internet if all participants are willing.



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.

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.

Jessica Lance	9 01	Joseph Falconer	9 10	Kelly Granger	9 23
Ethan Schickert	9 01	Nicole Beier	9 12	Philip Pierce	9 23
Janet Wagner	9 01	Karen Geib	9 15	Arlene Pierog	9 23
Abby Nelson	9 03	Arianna Hohner	9 15	Amy Oksiuta	9 24
Margie Kieckhafer	9 04	Richard Gerhardt	9 17	Lois Haase	9 25
William Dushek	9 08	Nicole Hull	9 18	Brad Abraham	9 26
Candice Sarauer	9 08	Lynn Anderson	9 19	Maryn Disterhaft	9 26
Patrick Budoff	9 09	Jordyn Kurer	9 19	Derek Hall	9 26
Jay Nelson	9 09	Melissa Pitzen	9 19	Delores Washa	9 26
Leon Vore	9 09	Sue Harter	9 21	Michael York	9 29



sab•bat•i•cal /səˈbədək(ə)l/ *noun*
a period of paid leave granted for study or travel.
Time to renew, refresh and restore.

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of Trinity for making my first month of sabbatical a reality. I renewed my love of reading during the month, reading over a dozen novels and other books. I worked on my spiritual disciplines and spent time with family, including my dad in Ohio. This gave me a much needed time of rest and renewal and I am deeply appreciative. I am ready to continue the work we share together. Thank you.

Pastor Dave

*The Lord's unfailing love
and mercy still continue,
Fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise.*

*The Lord is all I have,
and so in him I put my hope.*

—LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24



100 YEARS!
fast approaching!

Got Memories?

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!





Visit trinitywestbend.com to sign up for:
Ushering: Greeting
Worship Assistant: Reading
and to check out other volunteer opportunities -or- call or email Sue Beekman in the church office for more volunteer opportunities—
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LUTHERAN CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	3	4 Liturgical Worship 3:30 PM
5 CTP Worship 9:30 AM	6 LABOR DAY TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	7 7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION 7:00 PM 7 PM NA	8 OUTREACH TEAM MEETING 6:30-7:30 PM	9 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PIZZA 6:30 PM PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION 7:00 PM 7 PM NA	10	11 RALLY Saturday Worship 3:30 PM Potluck FOLLOWING WORSHIP
12 RALLY DAY!!! Worship In the PARK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30 AM TRINITY PICNIC IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING	13 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION 7:00 PM	14 PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM NEW MEMBER MEETING 7:00 PM 7 PM NA	15 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	16 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	17	18 Liturgical Worship 3:30 PM
19 CTP Worship CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30 AM	20	21 PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING 7 PM 7 PM NA	22 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	23 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	24 BOOK DISCUSSION 7 PM	25 Liturgical Worship 3:30 PM BOOK SALE
26 CTP Worship CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30 AM BOOK SALE	27	28 PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY 1 PM 7 PM NA	29 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	30 PUBLIC BOOK SALE	PUBLIC BOOK SALE	PUBLIC BOOK SALE

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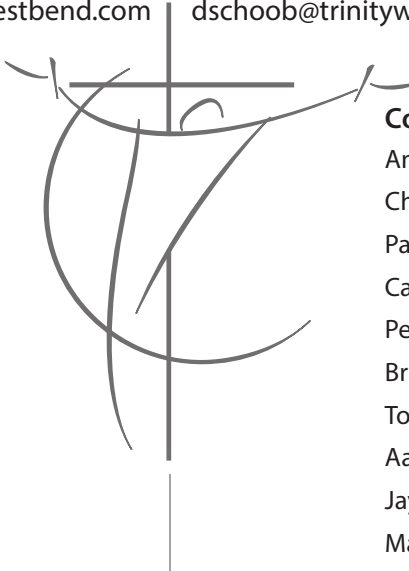
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