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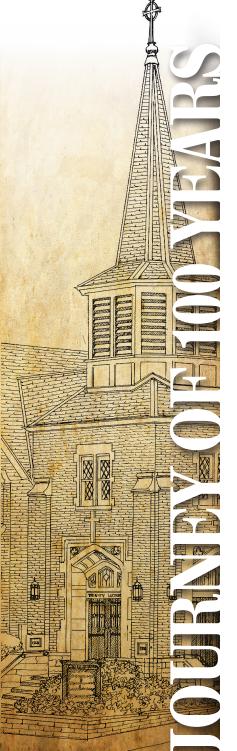
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#### Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary!

This is nothing new for Cris and myself. As many of you know, our anniversary is on New Year's Eve. Every year the new year marks a new beginning in our life together and we are reminded of that each and every year.

But this year it is true for all of us at Trinity as well. This year we will celebrate 100 years as a congregation. It will be a year of remembering all the wonderful things that this congregation has done and all the ways it has touched both the community and our individual lives. We hope to have pastors who have been part of Trinity's journey join us this year. We hope those who this congregation has sent out into ministry will also be back to celebrate with us. We will have a formal celebration in September, but will also work toward celebrating in various ways throughout the whole year.

But this milestone is about so much more than looking back. It is also a time to dream for the future. Each year as couple we stop and review the past and then we ask each other, "what do you want to see in the year to come"?

So, we ask all of you now, what do you want to see in the years to come? What are your future dreams for Trinity Lutheran Church? What we would like you to do is send into the office all the things you have been thankful for over the years and what your dreams are for the future. Throughout the year we will share these in a number of ways as a part of our celebration of our life together.

**So let us start the process.** We are so thankful that Pastor Terry Berg and all of you welcomed us into ministry here. It has been one of the wonders of our life to be a part of the vibrant and exciting ministry of Trinity. We are so thankful for the support all of you offered at the death of each of our mothers. Your love and support helped us through some of the most difficult times in our lives. We are thankful for your willingness to grow and take on an identity that is constantly stretching us. First with the mission statement to share the love and promise of God, and then with a welcome statement consistent with that mission. It was not easy to embrace this identity and yet you are living into it each day. Pastor Cris is thankful for all the youth that have found life and joy in the care of the congregation. Pastor Dave is thankful for the journey with each person as they age and remain faithful in the difficulties that life brings. We give thanks for all who have entered the kingdom in full at the end of a faithful life. And the list goes on and on.

Our hope for the future is that Trinity will keep growing and changing and finding ever new ways to love and care in a world that desperately needs it. We long for you to continue to be courageous and innovative and creative and joyful in the ministry that is shared here. Our dream is that Trinity will always be a place where all are welcome and find a safe place where God's love can make them whole and our love can support and keep them.

Please share with us, and with each other, your memories and hopes. We are looking forward to hearing from and to celebrating with all of you throughout this year.

Happy New Year and Happy Anniversary!

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Pastor Dave and Pastor Cris

# **DOING GOOD IS A SWEET THING!**

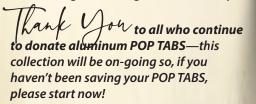


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**GRAB-AND-GO** lunch was the Wilsons' most highly used program when they lived there. Today (because Family Meal Program is still on pause), **GRAB-AND-GO** needs lots of support to sustain additional meals and snacks. **Thank you to all who donated to this snack drive!** 



Another load of POP TABS from Trinity! Each week, John (6 years old) checks the POP TAB collection area and is super excited to collect whatever is there and take it home to grow our big donation in May.







The Incredible Edibles sale has wrapped up with an incredible total of OVER \$1050 raised for the Helping Hands fund! That you to the many bakers who shared their many and varied sweet treats; to Linda Amacher, Hazel Griffin and Denise Kenworthy who sold cookies for the 3 weeks of services and at the Children's Ministry program; and to all our members and visitors who purchased cookies (sometimes weekly) in support of this important outreach program!



## WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE

*Here's to the joy of giving, and a season that's as beautiful as it is meaningful.* We had a successful year with 80 gifts given to the **GINGERBREAD HOUSE** and 40 to the **SAMARITAN HOME**. *Thanks to everyone for their love and support.* 

Thank Joh also to our organizers and gift delivery crew: Denise Kenworthy, Delores Harder and Denise Riederer.

### FOOD COLLECTION FILLS A NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference. To everyone who brought in what turned out to be an abundance of non-perishable food

And many thanks also to **Tom Bulin** for delivering the bounty to our local food pantry.



# **TRUE GIVING IS AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE**



Trinity will be spicing up our **ANNUAL MEETING** and kicking off our Centennial year with our **CHILI COOKOFF** – **ANNIVERSARY ADDITION!** 

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY, JANUARY 30TH

Trinity's ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 30th, 2022 immediately following the 9:30 worship service. And, immediately following the meeting, everyone is invited to stay for the ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF—SKIPPING 2020! There will be a chance to visit with other members and

of course sample some of the finest chili in the county.

We have a couple Chili Cookoff multiple year winners but, Sue Beekman is the reigning champion! Sue, together with all the past winners are looking for challengers!!! If you are interested in entering the cook off just fill out the entry form to the right, drop it off at church in the next week or so, or contact Sue in the church office. There will be a free-will offering taken for the meal and all proceeds will go toward Trinity's Centennial celebration in September.



Come, be part of the ANNUAL MEETING and then give your taste buds a treat at the CHILI COOKOFF! *Who will be the champion this year?* 



Sign me up for the **2022 CHILI COOKOFF COMPETITION** on Sunday, January 30th! *I'm pretty sure my recipe will be the winner!* 

NAME

EMAIL

PHONE

Chili Cookoff participants should bring their chili in a crockpot so it can be kept at the right temperature and ready to serve after the annual meeting. Chilis will be numbered and samples will be served in small cups for tasting. Members vote for their top 3 favorites. **GOOD LUCK!** 



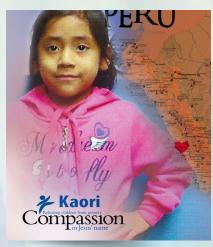
### **COMMITMENT 2022**

As of the writing not many estimate of giving cards have been received for the 2022 year. We know that many people are reluctant to fill out a card because they are afraid that they will not be able to make their commitment. *We understand*. But we have also found over the years that making a pledge gives people a vision of what they hope to do in the coming year and reminds them of just how important the work of their congregation is both for them and the world. And, they are not binding—just estimates. *It is not too late for you to submit an estimate of giving card for the coming year. Cards are available in the office.* 

Also remember that our time and skills are also gifts to be shared in the world. Be aware of opportunities in the congregation and in the community where you can give of yourself in love, compassion and care.

As Christians we believe that all we have is a gift from God. We recognize that we are truly blessed. And we follow our Lord who gave everything for us and so we too want to offer of our gifts to those around us. What we have is God's gift to us, what we do with it is our gift to God.

# 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- 9887and 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.

Thank You

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." —ROMANS 12:12





#### **F<I<S<H<< | 4TH – 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP** JANUARY 16 | NOON - 2:15 PM SNOW TUBING at Sunburst Ski Hill\*

On Sunday, January 16th, Trinity's 4th - 6th graders are invited to join us at Sunburst in Kewaskum for Snow-Tubing and fun from NOON to 2:15 PM. *The cost will be \$12.00 and includes the snow tubing ticket, hot chocolate and a small snack!* 



**ATTENTION PARENTS** Please plan on dropping off and picking up your child at Sunburst.

**RSVP REQUIRED** Phone or text 262-483-0792, using the Remind app; or email Pastor Cristy at cschoob@trinitywestbend.com BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th!

**PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED FOR TUBING** Pick up a permission slip next to the SNOW TUBING Sign up on the Youth Board outside the Youth Room in Fellowship Hall (lower level).

\*IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, we will replace the snow tubing on January 16th with an *EPIPHANY 'GLOW' PARTY* in the Fellowship Hall from 11 AM - 12:30 PM (*NO COST*) and try again for SNOW TUBING in February.

SAVE-THE-DATE | FEBRUARY 13 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM Valentine's Day Celebration

OR alternative date for SNOW TUBING | NOON - 2:15 PM

## A HALCHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH GRADE! SEEIT, MAKEIT, TASTEIT, MOVEIT, TELLIT — SHAREIT!

#### SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 10:45AM

The second half of our 2021-2022 Children's Ministry program **resumes on Sunday morning**, **January 9th!** *We will kick off the new year learning about the story of JONAH and the WHALE!* 

The *KEEPING THE PROMISE* journey, fulfilling the promise we all make as a congregation when a child is baptized and we all stand up and say, "We we will support this child, offer your love, your resources and your faith so that they may grow and learn in the community of the church." will begin on February 13th! Families will be contacted and invited to take part in fulfilling these important pieces of our faith with our children.

Sharing God's love with Trinity's kids is guaranteed to positively impact your own life! To get involved with Trinity's CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM, contact **Alyssa Brockman trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com** or 262-343-5557

# Confirmation YOUTH PROGRAM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30-8:00 PM

JAN 05 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 PARABLES | SNACKS: Kristin Nelson

- JAN 12 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 PARABLES | SNACKS: Drake Omernick
- JAN 19 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 PARABLES | SNACKS: Gavin Schauble
- JAN 26 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 PARABLES | SNACKS: Zach Schneider
- JAN 29 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2 PARABLES | SNACKS: Kaitlin Sparks

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS**

 Tubing & LOCK-IN | 7 PM Friday - 7 AM Saturday | FEBRUARY 11-12

 Palm/Passion Worship | 3:30 PM Saturday | 9:30 AM Sunday | APRIL 9 -10



#### SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY | JANUARY 2

**Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites ALL 9<sup>TH</sup>–12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE folks to gather together for: Senior High 1st Sunday** throughout the year. This is a monthly opportunity to get together, share a light meal, and take some time to renew yourself as a child of God.

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

6 PM - 7:30 PM

There will be worship and service opportunities; Retreats, Lock-ins, activities and fundraising as we prepare for our **2022 SUMMER TRIP to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in July.** 

#### Speaking of FUNDRAISING—Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale

Throughout January and February we'll be selling candy bars. Please pick up candy bars at church to sell at school and all around.



#### SENIOR HIGH WINTER RETREAT AT PINE LAKE FRIDAY-SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4-6 COST \$100

We do retreats because youth are busy, multi-tasking, surrounded by tons of other options and opportunities. Retreats offer an oasis In the midst of spiritual deserts. They offer silence in the midst of chaos. They offer community in what can be a lonely teenage world.

*INTERESTED?* Let Pastor Cristy know!!! Sign up sheets are on the Youth Board or contact Pastor Cristy by TEXT (262-483-0892), Facebook (Trinity West Bend), Remind app, or email: cschoob@trinitywestbend.com



#### SENIOR HIGH SUMMER 2022 TRIP ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING JULY 22-JULY 30, 2022

Every three years, 30,000 ELCA high school youth and their adult leaders from across the country gather for a week of faith formation known as the **ELCA Youth Gathering.** Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship. Young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

At the 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering, we will explore the fierce love that God has for us, just as we are, and how by grace, through faith, we are saved and freed to truly live. Our God is with us, and our world, in the best of times and in the worst of times. **God's love and grace is truly "Boundless"**.

Every ELCA Youth Gathering is a wonderful mixture of amazing times, great fun, prayer, faith development, the witness of faithful leaders from around the world, reflection, caring for others, and new friendships.

Trinity has already registered but it is still *possible* to still add interested youth.

If you are interested, you need to pick up and turn in a registration form (available on the youth board and by email or online) and a \$150.00 DOWN PAYMENT ASAP.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God he Father through him. --Colossians 3:17



Wagner's name in a Holidays of Giving contest through Bank Five Nine in West Bend—the Wagners WON!!!

It took a small team, some on the fly planning, and a few white lies to get Phil and Jan to the bank without them suspecting anything—*and, it worked!* They were very surprised to be presented with a check to use as they wish or for a weekend get away.

ongrafn Phil & Jan!

Thank you to our Trinity INSTIGATORS: Suzanne Barker, Sue Beekman and Karen Sparks.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. —JAMES 1:17





Thank You

Thank you to everyone who made Trinity's special December Advent Worship services such wonderful experiences for our congregation. The music and narration touched our hearts with the true spirit of the season!

NARRATION AUTHOR Pastor Dave MUSIC & ACCOMPANIST Hazel Griffin

PERCUSSIONISTS Colin Williams | Connor Scaffidi NARRATORS Greg Griffin | Sue Pawlowski CHORAL SINGERS Cyndee Bruder | Patrick Budoff Ruthann Dorn | Rick Gilbertson Gaytha Hillman | Wendy Johnson Darci Ketter | Phil Pierce

ONLINE PRESENTATIONS Greg Griffin



If you missed the Cantata-style Advent worship services, all three have been combined in one online presentation. You will find it on Trinity's YouTube channel and/or can access it through Trinity's website: trinitywestbend.com







































Thank You

Our sincerest thanks to Sue Gilbertson for restoring and painting (beautifully!) the Joseph and Mary figures from Trinity's outside Nativity.









talents to helping with the first half of the 2021-2022 Children's Ministry program. Special thanks to Madison and Jessica Gieryn for their help coordinating the presentation of A C-A-P-I-T-A-L CHRISTMAS, the Children's Ministry Christmas program.





Confirmation

Congratulations to **Sophia Mary Reno** who was confirmed during an Advent Cantata-style worship service on Sunday, December 12th



Thank you to **Peter Nelson** and **Evan Beekman**, for their work in 2021 making sure Trinity's special events and ministries were recorded in pictures and video.



The Trinity Comforters **loaded up 15 boxes of blankets** and delivered them to the West Bend Moose lodge. One of their members has donated a semi, a driver and gas to get to Kentucky to help after the tornado. They will be collecting pretty much anything for a week or so if anyone wants to donate!

The Trinity Comforters meet on Thursday afternoons to work on blankets—*join us!* 

Sabbatical REMINDER!

### **NO BOOK OR BIBLE STUDY THIS MONTH.**

In January Pastor Dave will be on sabbatical. Book and Bible study will resume in February. Bible study will focus on the books of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. The book study will be Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me About Life, Faith, and Second Chances. Believe it or not a true story. We have some copies of the book for those who are interested. There is also a children's version of the book for those who would like to share the story with younger readers which is available on kindle. Watch for details on the times and dates for these studied in February.



Pastor Dave will be taking his final month of sabbatical in January and part of his time will be spent on recording Trinity's history in preparation for our Centennial celebrations this year. He would like the history to be more than dates and titles—he'd like to include memories that impacted you over the years. You are a part of Trinity's history, so help write it.

Please use the following questions as a starting point to sharing your Trinity stories.

- How has the congregation touched your life?
- What special people and events do you remember in your life at Trinity?
- What do you want to see in the years to come?
- What are your future dreams for Trinity Lutheran Church?
- What do you think will be interesting to future generations of Trinity's members?

Send any stories to Pastor Dave by email at dschoob@trinitywestbend.com or to the office: sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com

Thank You



#### 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES!

When this piece was sent to print, we still had not received the Offering envelopes for 2022 that were ordered in October! If the delay continues past the start of the new year, please know you can simply write your current offering envelope number on a plain envelope along with your name (or just your name will do, too). We are sorry for the inconvenience and hope the 2022 envelope are in our hands SOON!

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.

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Diane Ferstadt Delia Gunnare Robert McClain Tim Neumann Penny Bergerud Jory Granger Chris Pamperin Karen Demmon Nathan Kenworthy **Delores Kilby** Mitchell Doede Sarah Theisen Karissa Gutschenritter Tom Bulin Isabella Schaller Samantha George Carol Peters Tina Malecha

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Heidi Chlupp 1 01 Cynthia Stracka 1 02 Nataleigh Clark 1 03 1 03 Perry Ebersold Steven Naumann 1 03 Josie Vore 1 03 Katelyn Wulff 1 03 Anita McClain 1 04 **Beverly Ritger** 1 04 Kirsten DeLuka 1 05 Virginia Laatsch 1 05 Joann Naumann 1 05 Mikayla Wicke 1 05 1 08 Lee Laatsch Lynn Wickert 1 08 Larsen Anderson 1 09 Victoria Homuth 1 10 Grant Lauters 1 10 Lucas Doede 1 | 11

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Thank you for your faithful support over this past year. It is only through your support that we are able to continue our ministries in new and creative ways.

Your end-of-year generosity has always helped Trinity maintain momentum as we head into a new year. If you haven't already, please consider giving your special offering today. As we have learned during 2020 and again in 2021, we never know what we may be challenged to face, but we do know your continued support will help us meet the challenge of a new year.

You can send your special gift to the church office or drop it off 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*.

Again, thank you for all the ways you have rallied together in our shared ministry during 2021. We are thankful we have been able to worship in person again and looking forward to a new year that brings with it new HOPE. With your continued support and generosity, our community of faith will move into our Centennial year with renewed spirit and the resources we need to help us meet whatever new challenges come our way. The light shines in the darkness and with a spirit of creativity, joy, generosity and love, together we will be reflectors of that light.

God's Peace in 2022.



The Members of the Trinity staff want to thank all of you for the ways you have touched us with God's lovecards, gifts, and most of all words of love and support.

May God bless us all in the coming year.

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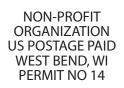
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#### ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED



### Our welcome is wide open—come as you are.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Saturdays at 3:30 PM and Sundays at 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (3 YRS - 6TH GRADE) Sundays | 9:30-10:45 AM ONLINE Worship also available: trinitywestbend.com | Facebook | YouTube

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