



Trinity Spirit



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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MAY 2022

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

It was amazing to gather in church on Easter Sunday and see so many present. There was excitement and joy and it almost seemed to be back to normal. After two long years we could finally gather in person to cry together, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Then we began to think and realized, that for Christians, *normal* is a concept that does not fit. We as Christians never really expect the world to be normal. Normal is for people to die and stay dead—but the power of death was shattered with Easter. We rejoice in that which is unexpected and new.

When we least expect it we are called in the world to make a difference. Look at the movement of our congregation. We are constantly expanding our ministry to ever new places and needs. The adult day care that was once housed in our lower level moved on, and we were called instead to make a place for the children of the West Bend area. When many years ago we considered the needs of the community, we never would have expected homelessness to be one of the biggest problems in the community and Family Promise was born. And now recently we have found ourselves reaching out to the prison population and considering how to work with congregations in Milwaukee in new ways. We are working to support the people of Ukraine. Our welcome statement is calling us to make ever wider the circle of God's love. We are building new relationships constantly and working in ever new ways to "Share the love and promise of God," with everyone.

We have begun celebrating 100 years as a congregation, and when you think about it, this congregation has always been being called to something new and different. **There has never been a normal way of doing ministry. The only thing that remains constant is the love of God that comes in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Normal? When compared with the rest of the world, Christians have never been normal. One of the most interesting charges leveled against the early church was recorded in the book of Acts:

These people have turned the rest of the world upside down . . .
ACTS 17:6

Don't settle for normal. Let us follow those who have gone before in turning the world upside for the next 100 years.

Pastor Dave Pastor Cristy

Pastor Dave and Pastor Cristy

WELCOME *new* MEMBERS



Welcome

With the fast approaching retirement of Trinity's Parish Clerk, Ruth MacDonald, we are thankful and blessed to introduce Trinity's newest staff member,

Karen Carlson

Karen has been hired as Trinity's Financial Clerk and is currently in training with Ruth.

We are so grateful for Ruth MacDonald's faithful and detailed service to Trinity over the past several years! We wish you a very joy-filled retirement, Ruth!

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

MATTHEW 25:23



Trinity welcomes new members

The Trinity family grew a bit recently when new members were welcomed into the congregation.

Diane & David Solberg

TOP PICTURE: with their Trinity Sponsors, Paul & Rae Baumann



Karen & Eric Carlson Family:

Adelaine, Eleanor, & Evelyn
CENTER PICTURE with their Trinity Sponsors, The Butzler Family



Pat & Nancy Hanvey Family:

Jayden, Mia, & Isaiah
(NOT PICTURED)

Jodi & Greg McMahon

LOWER PICTURE with their Trinity sponsors, John and Denise Kenworthy



Welcoming new members and Trinity's Annual Meeting were immediately followed by the return of Trinity's Chili Cook Off! **And, the Winners are—FIRST PLACE** Seth Bergerud, **SECOND PLACE** Todd Markgraf and **TIED FOR THIRD** Sue Beekman and Michael York.

God's work. Our Hands.

DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday | May 14 | 9 AM - 12:30 PM

Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center Spring Cleanup

Join your Trinity family in service at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center on Saturday May 14 to help them prepare their grounds and facility to begin another season of welcoming guests with various life challenges to a place of natural beauty and peace. There are tasks for all skill and strength levels and all ages. *Everyone is welcome – this is a great family activity!* Please sign up either in the Heritage Room or on Signup Genius, indicating the number and ages of people coming from your family, as that will guide Blue Lotus in setting the tasks for the day. Hours of service are from 9-12:30, although it is not necessary to stay the entire time.



God's work. Our Hands. | Samaritan BINGO!

Fun was had by all who helped run and play BINGO at the Samaritan Health Center on Sunday, April 24th!

Thank you

to everyone who donated prizes and to our great group of Trinity volunteers:

Delores Harder, Denise and John Kenworthy, Nate Kenworthy, Eleanor Muraski, Jim Klatt, Daniel Schmidt and Denise Reiderer.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11



FUN & GAMES FOR ALL!



DIRECTIONS TO THE PARK
Enter the park from Highway 33 to until the road takes a sharp curve to the right—at the point of that curve Wheat Ridge Road is on your left—take Wheat Ridge Road into the park.



WORSHIP IN THE PARK AND ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY YEAR-END CELEBRATION

Plan to join us at Ridge Run Park at 9:30 on Sunday morning, May 15th

for outdoor worship, immediately followed by a pot-luck Trinity picnic and the year-end celebration for Children's Ministry!



Alyssa Brockman

Thank You
Alyssa Brockman

Alyssa has worked tirelessly as Trinity's Children's Ministry Coordinator to create a great experience for Trinity's kids! Thank you also to everyone who volunteered to make this year's Children's Ministry awesome.

Every time we do a baptism 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 is instrumental in helping us keep that promise.

This year Alyssa and a wonderful group of assistants, teachers, workshop leaders, shepherds and parents have enabled Trinity to provide our children with nine months of discovery, learning and growing. Moreover, because of their experiences in Children's Ministry, our children know that deepening their faith can be fun.

Thank You!



CHILDREN'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 | FINAL WEEKS: MAY 1 - MAY 15



YEAR-END CELEBRATION & SEND OFF!

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY | Want to help?!

Contact Alyssa Brockman trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com or 262-343-5557

Confirmation YOUTH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | 6:30-8:00 PM

MAY 4 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 3/HOLY SPIRIT | SNACKS: Garrett Clark

MAY 11 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 3/HOLY SPIRIT | SNACKS: Deacon Falcone

MAY 18 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 3/HOLY SPIRIT | SNACKS: Lexi George

MAY 25 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE WRAP UP | Cook Out | Celebration
Last Wednesday night class until FALL

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

9TH GRADE OVERNIGHT | FRIDAY, AUGUST 12—SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
There will be a make-up for those who miss the retreat on a September Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm – DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Confirmation 2022 | OCTOBER 9TH AT 11:30 AM
FOR THOSE FINISHING EIGHTH GRADE THIS SPRING



**ATTENTION SENIOR HIGH FOLKS
IMPORTANT COLORADO TRIP MEETING
FOR YOUTH TRAVELERS AND PARENTS**



**SUNDAY MORNING
MAY 22
10:45 - 11:30 AM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM**



Spring is here! Please join us to help clean up Trinity's flower beds as the growing season begins. *Trinity group garden cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st beginning at 9 am. Work starts with raking out leaves and distributing mulch and, if you have them, please bring:*

- GLOVES • RAKES • LEAF BLOWERS • WHEELBARROWS

Then, sign up as a volunteer gardener/weeder to help keep our gardens looking lovely all season through. You can pick your own convenient days & times as we set up the summer schedule.

POP TAB collection is accumulating to make a difference for families!

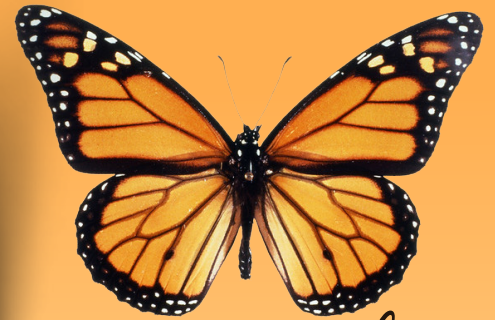
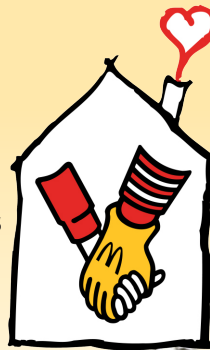
The collection of **POP TABS** helps support the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Ronald McDonald House.

While we will continue to collect tabs all year round, **the 2022 TAB TOSS DAY is on May 14th!**

The Wilson family will be taking all the tabs we (and they) have been collecting down to the tab toss site and we are anticipating an amazing report on the results of our combined efforts!

Thank you for being a part of this community outreach effort!!!

Collection "houses" for Pop Tabs are located in the Heritage room!



Monarch
MINISTRY

We are all looking forward to Wisconsin's first spring appearance of Monarch Butterflies—in May! Plans are already underway for Trinity's 2nd Annual Monarch Ministry!

We are grateful to West Bend Dairy Queen for the donated sundae containers used for caterpillar habitats.

If you have any of the DJ containers and/or paper kit bags from last season, please return them to the church office before May 15th.

Thank you
Suzanne Barker





Our thanks to **Gene Sass** for taking time to separate the palm leaves (*one-by-one*) so they would be ready to hand out during Palm/Passion worship.

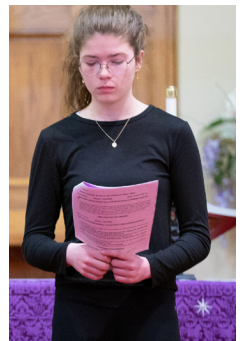
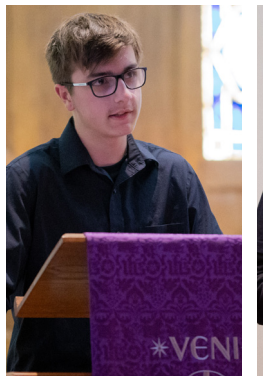
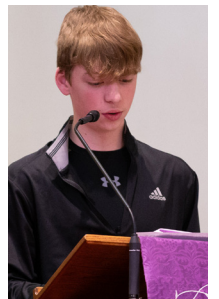
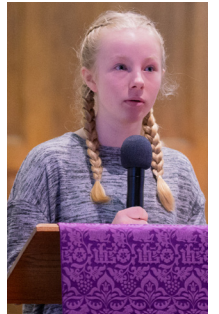
FROM
Hosanna
 TO
CRUCIFY

PALM/PASSION WORSHIP 2022

Trinity's Confirmation Youth lead worship services on Palm/Passion weekend. Their portrayals and narration helped the congregation imagine Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday to the Cross in an impactful way.



When You Prayed Beneath the Trees was sung by Natalie Granger



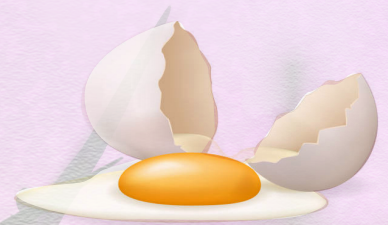


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SEE it, MAKE it, TASTE it,
MOVE it, TELL it—SHARE it!

During the Easter Rotation, Trinity's Children's Ministry experience helped teach the journey to the cross through a variety of ways—including baking puff pastries that depicted Jesus the empty tomb, crafts, story telling and role playing.

From the joy of Palm Sunday to the Last Supper to praying in the Garden of Gethsemane to Roman Soldiers to Pilot washing his hands—Trinity's kids will remember Jesus walk to the cross.



Easter Breakfast

Trinity's High School Youth prepared and served Easter Breakfast between worship services on Easter morning.

A free-will offering from the breakfast will go toward helping with the cost of the High School Summer Servant trip to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado.



ATTENTION ALL 2022

High School and College GRADUATES

Are you or someone in your family graduating? Please email the church office to share:

- your/their graduation information (date, school, etc.),
- any plans you have in place for next year and for life "after graduation"
- please include a picture too!!!

THANK YOU and CONGRATULATIONS!

PLEASE email your information to the church office by **MAY 10th:**
sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com



Bible Study

Tuesdays | 1 PM

Everyone is invited

In May we will move from 1 Corinthians and continue on into the book of 2 Corinthians. Did the Church at Corinth change in light of Paul's first letter or do the troubles continue? What new wisdom does Paul have to offer?

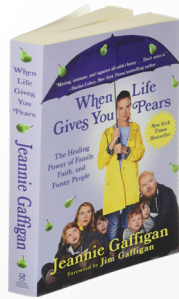
Bible study is available in-person or you can also join us in real-time via Zoom. The session is recorded and rebroadcast on Trinity's Youtube channel and on our website.

Please email the church office for the ZOOM connection information.

May Book Study Discussion

When Life Gives You Pears

THURSDAY, MAY 19 | 6:30 PM



How do we face unexpected struggles in life? How do we find joy and hope in the midst of illness and uncertainty? We hear a unique perspective from Jeannie Gaffigan, wife of comedian Jim Gaffigan in her book,

When Life Gives You Pears: The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People.

The following synopsis is found on the Amazon website: In 2017, Jeannie's life came to a crashing halt when she was diagnosed with a life-threatening brain tumor. As the mother of 5 kids —6 if you include her husband— sat in the neurosurgery department in star-covered sweats too whimsical for the seriousness of the situation, all she could think was "Am I going to die?" Thankfully, Jeannie and her family were able to survive their time of crisis, and now she is sharing her deeply personal journey through this miraculous story: the challenging conversations she had with her children; how she came to terms with feeling powerless and ferociously crabby while bedridden and unable to eat for a month; and how she ultimately learned, re-learned and re re-learned to be more present in life. With sincerity and hilarity, Jeannie invites you into her heart (and brain) during this trying time, emphasizing the importance of family, faith and humor as keys to her recovery and leading a more fulfilling life.



No experience necessary
YOU ARE NEEDED NOW!

When each of us does a little, big things can happen. #TrinityTogether

- Ushering | Greeting
- Worship Assistant | Reading
- Communion Set Up | Serving
- Coffee Hour Host or Baker

Visit trinitywestbend.com or call or email the church office to sign up for any of these tasks — each task is easy to do and makes a difference in your life—*sign up today!*



PROJECT
RETURN ↑

Project RETURN grew out of a volunteer base that believed men and women returning from incarceration deserved a second chance. It offers a variety of support for those returning from incarceration.

Project RETURN has asked us to concentrate our efforts toward some of the most needed items, *such as:*

- Gift cards any stores
- Bus cards
- Gas cards
- Warm hats and gloves
- Larger size coats up to 6x men and women
- Gently used and laundered clothing
- Under-garments
- Hygiene Products (Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razor, Hairbrush/Comb, Washcloths, Feminine Hygiene Products, Shaving Cream, Toenail Clippers, Lotion, etc.)
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach
- Toilet Paper

Project RETURN also accepts donations of functional furniture and other small household items that can accommodate a new house or apartment. **Items most needed are:**

- Beds
- Dressers
- Pillows & Blankets
- Pots & Pans
- Kitchen Table & Chairs

Thank you for your continued support to this important community ministry.

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.

Wallace Buege 5 01	Jade Kenworthy 5 09	Taylor Loomans 5 16	Austin Lemler 5 24
Donna Crass 5 01	Jade Schwieso 5 09	Thomas Oelhafen 5 17	David Putnam 5 24
Christian Ketter 5 01	Jacob Pollnow 5 10	Christine York 5 17	Virginia Meier 5 24
Rose Peters 5 01	Connor Yapp 5 10	Ellis Martin 5 18	Jodi McMahon 5 25
Samuel Retzlaff 5 02	Milo Behn 5 11	Marcia Maule 5 18	Dinara Beth 5 26
Cheryl Buege 5 03	Russell Lange 5 11	Ava Schiller 5 18	Colin Williams 5 26
Michael Beekman 5 05	Barbara Lemler 5 11	Makenzie Averill 5 19	Julie Schaller 5 27
Beverly Boerger 5 05	Oscar Martin 5 11	Jodie Schibline 5 19	Chuck Wilfer 5 27
Douglas Crass 5 05	Aaron Pierce 5 11	Jodi Appel 5 20	Eric Carlson 5 28
Cary Gunnare 5 05	Ruthann Dorn 5 12	Joe O'Connell 5 20	Myles Ellis 5 28
Sue Beekman 5 06	Collin Bergerud 5 13	Brady Feltz 5 21	Ashlee Starr 5 28
Sadie Rick 5 06	Katie Martin 5 13	Gene Sass 5 21	Jared Schmitt 5 29
Kyle Kershaw 5 07	Ivy Disterhaft 5 14	Henry Anderson 5 22	Brett Kichura 5 30
John Abel 5 08	Nick Laatsch 5 14	Bryan Johnson 5 23	Spencer Hupfer 5 31
Chuck Dreher Jr 5 08	Jacqueline Schramm 5 15	Jody Kappler 5 23	Zachary Lemler 5 31
Jessica Gieryn 5 08	Jericho Vore 5 15	Angela Ambroziak 5 24	Marilyn Wilberg 5 31
Morgan Kappler 5 08	Chaz Dreher III 5 16	Taeya Gruber 5 24	
Emily Nelson 5 08	Reuben Holcomb 5 16	Gregory Harding 5 24	

Wishing a belated (April 19th) HaPpY BirThDaY to Jenny Spaeth, who was missed in last month's newsletter.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



While we will be commemorating our Centennial in small ways throughout the year, we are planning a formal celebration reception that will be held from
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at MOWA,
the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Trinity's Centennial Celebration/Reception

Saturday | September 17, 2022

A special celebration Worship service is also being planned for Sunday morning, September 18th.

If you would like to help with planning, please contact Pastor Cristy or the church office.



FAITHFUL GIVING

So far in 2022 the members of Trinity have continued to be faithful and generous in their giving which has allowed us to continue our ministry as we had hoped. But we are about to enter the summer months when giving can drop significantly.

We encourage everyone to continue their faithful giving so that we can move through the summer without missing a beat. Thanks to each of you for all you do for the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church both financially and with your gifts of time and talent. It is the faithful nature of Trinity members which has made the ministry strong for 100 years and will continue to keep it strong into the future.

Thank you Trinity

GIVING APP HAS NEW NAME





The **GIVE+** app has a new name:
VANCO MOBILE FAITH ENGAGEMENT
—or— **VANCO MOBILE**, for short!
When you start the app, search using
"West Bend" to find Trinity.



May 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30 AM	2	3  Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	4  CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	5  TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM CENTENNIAL TEAM MEETING 7 PM NA	6	7 Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
8 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 9:30 AM	9	10  Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	11  CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	12  TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	13	14 God's Work. Our Hands. BLUE LOTUS 9AM-1PM Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
15  WORSHIP in the PARK & PICNIC and CHILDREN'S MINISTRY YEAR-END CELEBRATION Ridge Run Park Pick Pavilion 9:30 AM	16	17  Bible Study 1 PM COUNCIL 7 PM 7 PM NA	18  CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	19  TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM BOOK STUDY 6:30 PM 7 PM NA	20	21 Trinity Garden CleanUP 9:00 AM Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
22 CTP Worship 9:30 AM	23	24  Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA	25  CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	26  TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	27	28 Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
29 CTP Worship 9:30 AM	30 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	31  Bible Study 1 PM 7 PM NA				 PENTECOST

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