



Trinity Spirit



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Got a moment?

How can it be July already!?! Time sweeps through and before we know it summer will be over. We will soon celebrate one hundred years that have passed for Trinity—ONE HUNDRED YEARS!—but in the scheme of things that is only a blink of an eye.

No matter how fast it passes, we receive the gift of time—and each moment of it is distinct and precious. Each moment is unrepeatable and unique. Each moment brings opportunity. Each moment is worth opening our eyes and hearts to so that we are aware and present as they happen—**knowing that we meet God in each moment of time.**

It is powerful to just set your mind on being present in the moments—and ask yourself, *Where is God in all this? How do I see God in the children playing right in front of me—or even in the child throwing a fit? How is God present in the sunshine and in the rain? How is God enjoying our vacation days with us? How is God present in our deepest grief?*

In Romans 8:28 Paul wrote,

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

And how about us? Do we take Paul's words seriously? As humans, too often prone to focus on self, do we work for good in all things? Being aware of the passing of each moment of time should give us pause.

I have always been moved by the following statement:

I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

ETIENNE DE GRELLET QUAKER MISSIONARY

A moment is always a moment—no matter how fleeting. As we open our eyes and hearts to the gift of each moment, may we find joy, peace and purpose—and, whether they add up to a summer or a hundred years, may we be thankful for each and every one.

Pastor Dave Pastor Cristy
Pastors Dave and Cristy





Trinity Members,

We look forward with anticipation to celebrating our Centennial year together. We have invited a number of past leaders and "children" of the congregation (who have gone into the ministry) and will also be joined by ELCA Bishop, Paul Erickson.

We hope that you will be able to attend the celebration and, if you know of anyone who has been a part of Trinity's JOURNEY OF 100 YEARS, please extend an invitation for them to join us as well. To help us best accommodate everyone, we need to estimate attendance and, as such, request your response, below.

KINDLY FILL OUT RSVP BELOW AND RETURN TO TRINITY BY JULY 31

PLEASE PRINT

NAME(S) _____

Centennial Celebration

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17
MOWA | 5 PM - 9 PM

_____ # Attending
_____ Unable to attend

Celebratory Worship

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18
TRINITY | 9:30 AM

_____ # Attending
_____ Unable to attend



It's been a faith-filled
JOURNEY OF 100 YEARS for the ministry of

Trinity Lutheran Church

You are invited to share in the joyous occasion of our

Centennial Celebration

Saturday the 17th of September, 2022
5 o'clock in the evening at

MOWA

MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART
205 Veterans Avenue | West Bend, WI 53095

Trinity Centennial Celebration

SATURDAY EVENING

September 17, 2022 | 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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West Bend, WI | 53095



MUSIC & PROGRAM
FINGER FOODS
BEVERAGES
CASH BAR

Celebratory Worship

SUNDAY MORNING

September 18, 2022 | 9:30 AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN HERITAGE ROOM
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
140 N 7th Avenue | West Bend, WI 53095

KINDLY REPLY BY JULY 31



Centennial Celebratory CHOIR

*“Serve the Lord with gladness:
come before his presence with singing.”*

PSALM 100:2

**Be part of the Celebration
—join the CCC!**

No celebration at Trinity would be complete without music!
The Centennial Celebration Choir (CCC) will be singing
as part of the celebration worship service on Sunday morning,
September 18—under the direction of Darci Ketter.

There will be just 2 rehearsals (*likely one in August and one in September*),
times and dates TBD based on singer availability, with the usual learning
tracks and rehearsal materials provided.

Before music can be selected, we need an indication of the voices in the choir
(both vocal part and numbers). There are three ways to join the choir:

- **SignUP Genius** —email invite or access through Trinity’s website
- **Sign up sheet in the Heritage Room**
- **Reply to the email being sent to members of former
choirs/singing groups** (*Hazel Griffin apologies in advance
if anyone is missed as she may not have everyone’s current
mail address.*)



**Come, raise a celebration song
for both Trinity’s history and future!**

DISCLAIMER: Choir characters a blast from the past—we won’t be wearing robes.

All Creation Sings

Take a moment.

Summer is an incredible time to notice the beauty of the world. Look at the wonder of the smallest plants and animal and pay attention to the bright sun and the wideness of a sky filled with stars.

There is awe and wonder built into the structure of all things.

This calls us to a deeper care of the amazing gift of creation. Take time to do some reading in books and on line about the ways that we can all care for this world. We can all in our own way walk more gently upon the earth.





**SENIOR HIGH 2022
SUMMER SERVANT TRIP
JULY 15 - JULY 24
SKY RANCH LUTHERAN CAMP
COLORADO**

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp—Colorado is the destination for our High School youth Summer Servant Trip. Located west of Fort Collins, three miles north of Rocky Mountain National Park, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp is surrounded by the Roosevelt National Forest that encompasses more than 800,000 acres in north-central Colorado. It's here that we hope our campers encounter Christ from the mountain top to the blacktop and build relationships that last a lifetime.

Please keep Trinity's High School Youth and Counselors in your prayers as they head out to the Rocky Mountains for the 2022 Summer Servant Trip "RISE ABOVE"



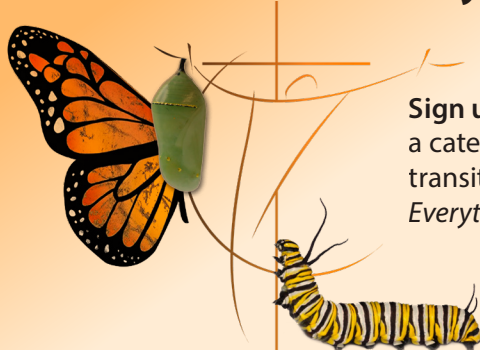
**YOUTH PROGRAM
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
SUMMER/FALL 2022**

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

The summer is a great time to volunteer to usher, read the lessons at worship, set up or serve communion ... *there are lots of opportunities to help!*

- **FRIDAY, AUGUST 12—SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**
9th Grade **OVERNIGHT**
- **MONDAY, AUGUST 29 | 7:00 PM**
9th Grade **ORIENTATION** *for PARENTS and YOUTH*
- **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31 | 7:00 PM**
7th Grade **ORIENTATION** *for PARENTS and YOUTH*
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | 6:00 PM**
8th Grade **PIZZA PARTY**
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 | 7:00 PM**
8th Grade **ORIENTATION** *for PARENTS*
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 6:30 PM**
CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN
For all 7th, 8th, and 9th Graders
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 | 9 AM - 11 AM**
9th Grade **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL**
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 11:30 AM**
Confirmation Worship

Monarch Ministry is for ALL AGES!



Sign up in the Heritage Room to reserve a caterpillar to feed, care for and help transition to a **MONARCH BUTTERFLY!** *Everything you need is provided!*

FINANCIAL MINISTRY

6 MONTHS INTO 2022

Trinity's Financial Ministry enables and empowers what we can do together every year—as a congregation and a Christian community also related to the ELCA and Greater Milwaukee Synod, and other outreach ministries.

Because our building (*post-covid closure*) is being used much more, our staff has expanded and is being better compensated, naturally expenses have gone up. **Trinity's Financial Ministry Team meets monthly to monitor income and expenses; and I can report to you that at this mid-year point we are doing okay.**

- An anonymous gift of \$50,000 to our Endowment Fund was very gratefully received. Endowment Fund *earnings* are used specifically for special outreach ministries, leadership development, or the mission of the greater church.
- Thanks to foresight and pre-planning, we had adequate funds in our Capital Fund to cover the \$60,000 cost for the much needed resurfacing of our parking lot—eliminating the need for a special drive before having the work done. This expenditure, however, has reduced our Capital Fund reserve. In thanksgiving for our new parking lot, if you are able, we invite you to help us renew the Capital Fund by designating special gifts on your offering envelope to the Capital/Building Fund. *Thank you in advance for your gifts toward this effort.*
- The “OTHER” category of our offering envelopes designates special gifts (*over and above our general fund*) to support Family Promise, Ukraine, Kaori—our *Compassionate International child*, our Centennial, and our Youth programs. *Thank you, your special gifts help enable these ministries.*

I believe we are a people who experience a giving God, especially in Jesus, and are called to be a giving and sharing people. I end with what I heard recently from a new member, “*I like it that for every dollar I give, ten cents goes toward the ministry and outreach of our synod and greater church.*” As a member of many congregations over the years, *not many do that*, but Trinity does. **Thank you—your faithful giving makes a difference in many ways.**

I look forward to the second half of 2022—our Centennial Year!

Paul Bauman | CONGREGATION TREASURER

TRINITY FINANCIAL MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS:

Jackie Granger, Ruth MacDonald, David Putnum, Karen Carlson, Paul Bauman, Pastor Dave

A little *time* goes a long way

*Because, when each of us does a LITTLE,
BIG THINGS can happen!*

Give a moment.

We are currently working on setting up and scheduling TEAMS and we'd love to include YOU!

If you could spare just a little bit of time and are willing to pitch in, please consider serving on one of Trinity's Volunteer Teams:

- Counting Team
- Coffee Hour Team
- Ushering Team
- Reading Team
- Communion Set Up Team
- Communion Serving Team

SignUP to help through our website trinitywestbend.com

-or- contact Sue: 262-334-2125

sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com



#TrinityTogether
NOT THE SAME WITHOUT YOU



**PENTECOST & TRINITY
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
ICE CREAM SOCIAL!
WEEKEND OF JUNE 4/5**

In recognition of Pentecost —the birth of the church— and Trinity’s Centennial Year we celebrated after worship with an ice cream social that was complete with a plethora of toppings, smiles, good conversation and a whole lot of reds, yellows and oranges too!

#TrinityTogether
Always better together.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

ACTS 2





Huge thanks to

Alyssa Brockman and Suzanne Barker for their commitment to represent Trinity at the West Bend Farmer's Market on Saturday, June 11th where our Monarch and Children's Ministries were combined and lifted up.

It was a beautiful morning shared by many and a very successful representation of Trinity!

Alyssa provided 100 simple-to-make butterfly craft kits for kids and *we ran out of them!*

We also ran out of Trinity butterfly bookmarks that attracted kids and adults alike! 81 people signed up to win a butterfly-themed give away and/or to get in line to adopt and raise a monarch caterpillar/butterfly that they are picking up at Trinity as they become available!

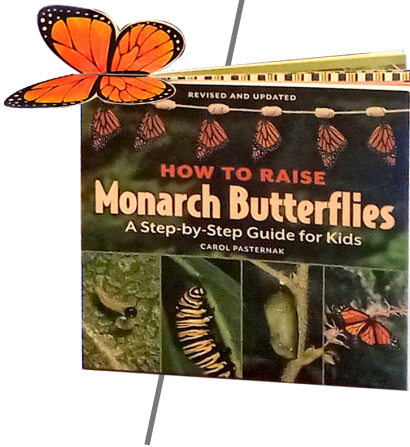
Thanks also to
Jim Barker

for hand-crafting the large Monarch Habitat (now at Trinity) so we can all watch the Monarch Life Cycle process happen right before our eyes!

WINNER DRAWN AT 11 AM TODAY!
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!

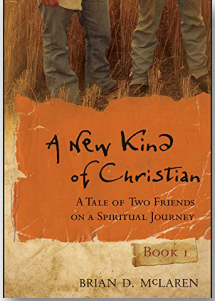
WIN ME!

- 12 X 14 Pop Up Butterfly Habitat Cage
- DRESS UP PLAY (Cloth Monarch Wings)
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOK (Caterpillar to Butterfly)
- FLIP BOOK (Metamorphosis)
- TWO | Extending Butterfly Nets
- 4-PC | Realistic Monarch Butterfly Life Cycle Figure/Toys:
 - EGGS (larval body caterpillars on a leaf)
 - CATERPILLAR
 - CHRYSIDES (pupa)
 - MONARCH BUTTERFLY



SUMMER BOOK STUDIES

We will continue to have our book study group meet throughout the summer.

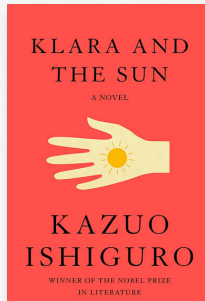


In JULY we will be reading the book **A New Kind of Christian, A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey** by Brian McLaren. Where do you go when you are finding the conservative Christian movement and the liberal mainstream outside your comfort zone? Is there anything left? *So begins the journey of two friends.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY book discussion will take place on **Tuesday, July 26th at 6:30 PM**

In AUGUST we will share the book **Klara and the Sun**. Kazuo Ishiguro looks at our rapidly changing modern world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator, an artificial friend to explore a fundamental question: *what does it mean to love?*



AUGUST DISCUSSION DATE TBA

HAPPY READING!



Discussion Time

Tuesdays | 1 PM

SUMMER SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 5 | **NOT MEETING**

TUESDAY, JULY 12 | 1 PM - Topic TBA

TUESDAY, JULY 19 | 1 PM - Topic TBA

TUESDAY, JULY 26 | 1 PM - 3 PM

"CHRISTMAS IN JULY" — Join us as Suzanne Barker shares *"A Christmas Message"* from December 25, 1944 written by her Grandfather Pastor W.E. Maas. We will sing Christmas carols and enjoy some Christmas treats too!

You are invited, come and share the important issues that touch our hearts.



GATHER AT THE fountain

Join us for fun, relaxed, get togethers while we enjoy the sounds from Music on Main on Trinity's 7th Avenue Courtyard! Fire pit available for any chilly nights.

THURSDAYS | 6:30 PM

BYO snacks, drinks, lawn chairs (we do have benches, too!)

Couples, singles, families. All are welcome! We hope to see you there!



COFFEE TALK MONDAYS

7:30 AM at *Café Floriana*
BEGINNING JUNE 6

Start your Monday mornings early—enjoying some tasty coffee or tea and the company of others from Trinity at *Café Floriana* - on the Rivershores property | 611 Veterans Avenue, West Bend. We will meet each Monday beginning at 7:30 AM *Come for the coffee—stay for the company & talk.* NO AGENDA—all are welcome!

QUESTIONS: Alyssa Brockman | trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com

Remember **Kaori**

Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito is the Trinity congregation's Compassion International sponsored child. Kaori was born on February 10, 2013, she is now 9 years old and lives in a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers.

Your faithful support and encouragement help make a difference for Kaori and her family— physically, spiritually and with cognitive and emotional development too.

We invite you to take a moment to write Kaori a quick note letting her know that you received her photo, share photos of your own, and share some encouragement with her. Please email notes to Kaori to the church office: sbeekman@trinitywestbend.com. They will be forwarded (electronically) to Kaori. **Your words matter, and we know Kaori would love to hear from you. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support!**



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	CarlEda Skinkis	7 08	Chantal Schroer	7 19
Deborah Brooks	7 02	Jackelyn Abel	7 09	Linda Schroer	7 19
Bryan Naumann	7 02	Jennifer Abel	7 09	Ardith Bergerud	7 20
Susan Walters	7 03	Kevin Pretsch	7 09	Melvin Walters	7 20
Kim Bonlender	7 04	Jennifer Rands	7 09	Finn Pawlowski	7 21
Dorothy Draeger	7 04	James Sulik	7 09	Mary Schweiger	7 22
Michael Frei	7 04	Cynthia Bruder	7 10	Renee York	7 22
Bill Dymond	7 05	Darwin Dorn	7 10	Cameron Anderson	7 24
Darlene Hall	7 05	Curt Schoob	7 10	Sheila Foyse	7 24
Margaret Hoepner	7 05	A.J. Brandt	7 11	Jane Schmitt	7 24
Peter Hupfer	7 05	Jarod Ethier	7 11	Mike Retzlaff	7 25
Dorothy Barnes	7 06	Sandy Moore	7 11	Samantha Archer	7 26
Edward Bauer	7 06	Ruby Disterhaft	7 12	Sherry Oleniczak	7 26
Alexander Davis	7 06	Cynthia Vore	7 12	Kayli Mildbrandt	7 27
Dakota Gunnare	7 06	Joyan Pagel	7 13	Bob Moore	7 29
Sandy Poenitsch	7 06	Brian Thelen	7 13	Michael Walters	7 29
Ingrid Polinski	7 06	Brenda Deuberry	7 15	Lisa Wicke	7 29
Lincoln Butzler	7 07	Mark Lang	7 15	Jerome Zaborowski	7 30
Arik Loomans	7 07	Michael York Jr	7 15	Marilyn Zwick	7 30
Michael Loomans	7 07	Jakob Starr	7 16	Carey Jacobsen	7 31
Ethan Omernick	7 07				



P R O J E C T
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.



Centennial Directory

We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create a new Trinity pictorial directory.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Photography Dates:

NOVEMBER 21 and 22

NOVEMBER 29 — DECEMBER 3





Harmann Studios promises families will have their pictures by Christmas!

MORE INFO COMING IN SEPTEMBER

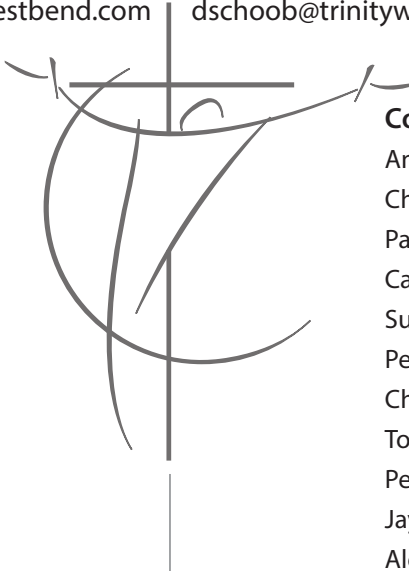
July 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	2 Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
3 CTP Worship 9:30 AM	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	5 7 PM NA	6	7  COMFORTERS 1 PM GATHER AT THE fountain 6:30 PM WEATHER DEPENDENT 7 PM NA	8 TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	9 Liturgical Worship 4:00 PM
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