

# Trinity Spirit

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ever-Changing Times

**SAME GOD.**



When you  
go through  
deep waters  
I'll be with you

ISAIAH 43:2

According to singer-songwriter Bob Dylan:  
*Come gather 'round people, wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters around you have grown  
And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone  
If your time to you is worth saving  
Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times, they are a-changin' \**

The times they are changing. They are changing at Trinity as well. The question is, *will we change with those times?*

At a recent workshop held by the synod's RIC (*Reconciling in Christ*) team, Rev. Clara Christopher talked about the fact that many of us are traumatized. We are traumatized by re-entering the world after being closed away—a world that demands just as much or even more from us than it did before Covid—and many of us are having a tough time catching up and living in this new reality. *We are traumatized.*

Many are traumatized daily by the cruelty of a world that will not accept them for who they are, whether it be because of political stance or color or language or gender identity or sexual identity or age or whatever. Every day is a struggle. In a way this is not a big change—but what is changed is that we are more aware of the pain and struggle others face.

We are traumatized by economic difficulties and the world situation. Every day is filled with new and sometimes frightening realities.

**And so the Church needs to change.** It needs to be a place that meets people in the midst of the trauma and offers hope and life. Pastor Cris has often used the image that the Church needs to become less like a shiny bright hospital where people come to be fixed, and much more like a **M\*A\*S\*H** unit where everyone pitches in with whatever gifts they have to care for the needs of the hurting within and outside of its walls. In the midst of a wounded world we are called to *trauma* ministry.

**These times call the Church to embrace new tools and new ways of being.** But strangely enough, we are called to a mission that has **always been our mission—to share the love and promise and hope of Christ by loving the world in the name of the Lord.**

We invite you to join us in this mission, because everyone is needed. The joy is that in entering the work we find healing for our own traumas in the love of Christ.

*Pastor Cristy*     *Pastor Dave*

Pastors Cristy and Dave

*\*Lyrics from The Times They Are a-Changin' written by Bob Dylan in 1963*

Thank You  
God's Work. Our Hands.



God's Work. Our Hands. **FLEECE BLANKET TYING  
DAY OF SERVICE** **FLEECE BLANKET TYING  
FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION  
BLUE LOTUS FARM & RETREAT CENTER**

To everyone who helped tie fleece blankets, work doing fall clean up at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center, provided baked goods, arranged them on trays and delivered them to local first responders—**THANK YOU!**



Hot dogs, beverages, footballs, penalty flag toss game, Team Trinity coloring sheets and information about carving out time for Trinity's Ministries were all part of the Fall Ministry Fair Tailgate Party! **Go, Team Trinity, Go!**

BELOW | The Trinity Comforters annual **BOOK & PUZZLE SALE** fundraiser got a boost with the addition of **JEWELRY** this year and was a great success!



# NEXT100 STEWARDSHIP.

Most people who have been around Trinity for a while know that we are at the time of year when we hold our annual commitment process. You should have received a letter and Estimate of Giving card for 2023. *There have been some questions however that we want to take some time to answer here.*

- **Why are pledges for the coming year important?** They are most important on a personal level for each of us who makes a commitment. If we do not have a vision for our commitment to the congregation it can easily get lost in the midst of all the other things that call for our resources. When we believe in this ministry and make it a priority—our commitment reminds ourselves of the significance and importance of this part of our life.

It also aids the congregation as the leadership plans for the coming year. It helps give us an idea of the commitment of the people who are a part of Trinity's life. It is not all we use to plan for the future, but it helps us think about the resources we may have.

- **How confidential is this information?** No one knows what is on these cards other than the pastors and the one who enters the figures in the computer. These individuals understand the importance of confidentiality and protect it.
- **What if I can't keep my commitment?** All of us run into changes in our life. Things get in the way of our hopes and dreams. We as the people of God understand this reality. If you need to change the commitment you make—we understand. Just let one of the pastors know and they will make the adjustment in our files.
- **Can I give electronically?** Yes. The information is on the back of the Estimate of Giving cards and on our website, or you can contact the office for instructions.
- **How do I return my commitment card?** You are invited to bring your card forward during worship on Consecration Weekend, November 19 and 20, to be blessed for the work of Christ. If you cannot attend that week, you may mail or bring your card to the church office.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not be afraid to ask one of the pastors or the members of the Stewardship Team: Suzanne Barker or Peter Nelson. Each of us has our place in the **NEXT100** years of Trinity's ministry.

*Thank you for your place and all you do*

## And About the Carpet

An appeal letter went out at the end of August asking people to contribute toward the cost of replacing some of the carpeting throughout the church that has reached the end of its life. The work has been more complicated to pull together than originally expected.

The Council has been struggling with specifics and expectations over the last few months. It has been decided that the project will be done in two phases. The lower level carpeting and flooring in the Fellowship Hall and hallway is being replaced now and the upstairs (Heritage Room) will be done sometime after the first of the year.

**The cost of the whole project is estimated at \$52,000.** We hope that our building is important to many of you and that you would be willing to help defray the cost. If you can make a contribution to this improvement project in addition to your normal offering, please place your gift in an envelope marked **"CARPETING."** Any gift toward this effort would be greatly appreciated.

*We will keep you up to date on the progress of the work and the amount we have received toward its completion.*



THE LIGHT SHINES  
IN THE DARKNESS,  
AND THE DARKNESS  
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:5

Please join us to  
remember those who  
have gone before us  
during our annual

*All Saints  
Worship*

the weekend of

**NOVEMBER 5 - 6**

As a part of this celebration,  
we will light candles  
in a darkened church to  
remember friends and family  
who have died in the past year —  
*since our last All Saints Worship in  
November in 2021.*

**Let us take this time to  
honor the saints in our lives.**



**SENIOR HIGH  
FIRST SUNDAY**  
SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 6th  
6 PM - 7:30 PM

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** folks to gather for Senior High 1st Sunday meetings.

Worship and Service opportunities; Retreats, Lock-ins and activities; fundraising and preparing for our 2023 Summer Servant Trip.

This is our opportunity to get together, share a light meal and take a few hours to renew yourself as a child of God.

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
DECEMBER 4th, 2022  
6 PM - 7:30 PM  
Senior High 1st Sunday

*Confirmation*  
**YOUTH PROGRAM**  
WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00 PM

- NOV 02 | 2nd Commandment  
SNACKS: Amanda Hull
- NOV 09 | 3rd Commandment  
SNACKS: Grace Myrhum
- NOV 16 | Commandments 1-3 Review  
SNACKS: C.J. Schiller
- NOV 23 | NO CONFIRMATION  
*Thanksgiving Break*
- NOV 30 | 4th Commandment  
SNACKS: T.J. Abraham
- DEC 07 | 4th Commandment  
SNACKS: Mitchell Doede

**ALL ABOUT YOU**  
YOUTH PROGRAM SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

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

**SEEIT. MAKEIT. TASTEIT. MOVEIT. TELLIT.**

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

*If you haven't registered your child yet—it is never too late, they are always welcome!*

**NOVEMBER 20** | Our Christmas 'Messengers of the Light' rotation begins! During this rotation we will be learning parts for the Christmas Program

**NOVEMBER 27** | No Children's Ministry - *Wishing you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving!*



**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | SAVE THE DATES.**

**DECEMBER 10** | 9 AM PRACTICE for Christmas Program!

**DECEMBER 11** | 11:30 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM! **NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR!!!**

*Be sure to watch for information coming home about this!*

**HELP WANTED!** If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Program; props, costumes, set, parts practice, *ANYTHING* . . . please contact Alyssa!

*Thank You* **TO MY OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS!**

Lisa Clark  
Nancy Hanvey  
Suzie Pawlowski  
Kelly Doede  
Seth Bergerud

Penny Bergerud  
Jennifer Walth  
Keri Davis  
Mary Schweiger  
Nicole Beier

*Sharing God's love with Trinity's kids will positively impact your own life!* If you would be interested in teaching a 3 week rotation, please sign up outside of Fellowship hall downstairs or contact **Alyssa Brockman** | 262-343-5557 (call or text) or email: [trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com)



**4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP**  
**F.I.S.H.<<** | FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

**F.I.S.H.<< FAMILY BOWLING PARTY**  
**NOVEMBER 13** | NOON - 1:30 PM  
KING PIN BOWL | COST \$8 PER PERSON

Attention all 4th-6th Graders *AND* their families are invited to join us for our annual **F.I.S.H.<< BOWLING PARTY!** We'll meet at King Pin Bowl at NOON. Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda.

**PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH**

text 262-483-0792, email [cschoob@trinitywestbend.com](mailto:cschoob@trinitywestbend.com), use Facebook —or sign up on the "Youth Board" downstairs in Fellowship Hall (between the first 2 doors to the Youth Room).

**SAVE-THE-DATE:** Sunday, December 18th – **F.I.S.H.<< Christmas Party!**

YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**HARVEST OF THANKS**  
 SOUP SUPPER / LUNCHEON  
 NOVEMBER 12 & 13

Please join us in fellowship and thanksgiving following the worship services on the weekend of **NOVEMBER 12 & 13** to celebrate our blessings, large and small.

- **SOUP SUPPER** | following the Saturday afternoon worship, November 12
- **SOUP LUNCHEON** | following the Sunday morning worship, November 13

Sign up to contribute soup, sides and/or desserts in the Heritage Room and/or through SignUP Genius on Trinity's website.

Also, you are invited to bring food items to help fill Thanksgiving Baskets to share and support those in need in our community — PLEASE SEE LIST OF SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS BELOW.



CULTIVATING  
*Gratitude*  
 HELPS YOU  
 AND OTHERS!

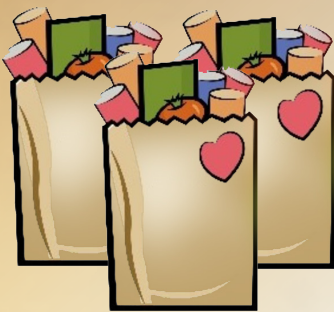
Gratitude is shown to be a dramatic shaper of happiness and well being. It lessens the symptoms of depression and anxiety. Grateful people tend to have more energy and engage in healthier activities. Living gratefully helps us be more resilient, grow from trauma and protect ourselves against burnout. It also boosts motivation and performance and helps build character—making us more likely to offer help others, to be more trusting and trustworthy.

With all of these benefits to practicing gratitude, your next question is probably "How do I do it?"

There are infinite ways to show our gratitude to others, to ourselves and to God. However, it can be tough to get started without practical ideas. **To help grow your gratitude muscle to truly become more grateful, try by starting with this effective gratitude challenge:**

*Each day, name three new things that you're grateful for. No repeats and no skipped days. On days when you can't think of three things, dig deep. That's the best time to truly flex that muscle and to teach your brain to find the small stuff.*

**Let November be the excuse to cultivate and practice abundant gratitude.**



THANKSGIVING BASKET  
**FOOD**  
 COLLECTION

We invite you to help us collect items to put together **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** that will be shared to support those in our community who may be struggling with food insecurity during these times of rising prices.

*If you are aware of a family or individual who could use a hand up, please call the church office (in confidence). You can even deliver the food if you would like.*

**NOTE:** If we do not get requests for individual families, we will donate the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to support the local Food Pantry.

**SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS:**

**NOW:** Grocery Gift Cards or cash donations which go to fill out the baskets, Potatoes (instant), stuffing mix, sweet potatoes (canned), vegetables (canned), applesauce, canned fruit, canned cranberries, canned or dried soups, boxed mixes for desserts (brownies, cakes, puddings, jell-o), tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni and cheese or other boxed pasta/rice dinners, cereal, cookies

**MID-NOVEMBER:** bag of fresh apples or oranges, fresh Potatoes.

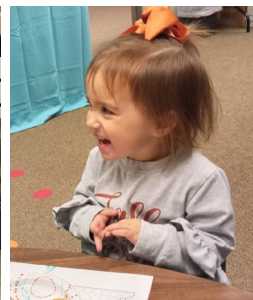


Trinity's High School youth conducted worship in October where they shared their accounts of their Summer Servant Trip to Sky Ranch Camp in Colorado with the congregation.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SEEit MAKEit TELLit MOVEit TASTEit





*Confirmation* | Congratulations to these young adults who affirmed their baptisms during a Celebration of Confirmation worship service on October 9th.

Alexander James Bergerud | Garrett Darwin Clark | Deacon Joseph Falconer  
 Alexis Desiree George | Emerson Elaine Marie Ketter | Jacob Michael Kozlowski  
 Matthew Connor Krawzik | Kristen Elizabeth Nelson | Drake Anthony Omernick  
 Gavin St. John Schauble | Zachary Thomas Schneider | Kaitlin Amber Sparks  
 Riley Kathleen Weber | Vann Matthew Wiedmeyer



From traveling challenges to getting lost, camping in tents and more—the group ROSE ABOVE at every turn. The ups, downs, challenges and joys combined to create lasting memories during this spiritual journey.





### BIBLE STUDY TUESDAYS

Join us as we study the word of God together Tuesday's at 1 PM

We will continue our study of Genesis in November, but we will be moving from the pre-history of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, to the story of Abraham and descendants and the way God works through God's chosen people. We will experience the deep truth that God does not choose those who are ready, but makes ready those who are chosen. All are welcome.

# DECEMBER BOOK STUDY

7:00 PM | THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8



There will not be a book study during November, however, looking ahead to December and in preparation for Christmas, we invite you to read the book:  
**The 13th Gift** by Joanne Huist Smith

*This true story about the power of random acts of kindness will warm your heart. It is a beautiful reminder of the miracles of Christmas and the gift of family during the holiday season. After the unexpected death of her husband, Joanne Huist Smith had no idea how she would keep herself together and be strong for her three children—especially with the holiday season approaching. But 12 days before Christmas, presents begin appearing on her doorstep with notes from their "True Friends." As the Smiths came together to solve the mystery of who the gifts were from, they began to thaw out from their grief and come together again as a family.*

As a holiday treat those attending are asked to bring a holiday treat to share. We will get together on December 8th at 7:00 PM. Come and join us for a holiday treat—on a number of levels. Ho Ho Ho!

## TRINITY IS SEEKING A MUSIC COORDINATOR

Trinity Lutheran Church, a congregation that has declared its commitment to respect, care for, and include all people, has a part-time job opening for a Music Coordinator.

The Music Coordinator is vital and essential to Trinity's commitment to carry out our mission to Share the love and promise of God. The incumbent is responsible to build and nurture both spiritually and musically teams of musicians, instrumentalists and vocalist to lead music for worship. For a full job description, visit Trinity's website [trinitywestbend.com](http://trinitywestbend.com) and click on **TRINITY JOB OPPORTUNITIES** on the home page, in the second column under the three boxes.

We encourage all those who are interested in applying for this position to send your resume to the the attention of:

Ministry Support Team  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
140 N 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
West Bend, WI 53095  
[trinity@trinitywestbend.com](mailto:trinity@trinitywestbend.com)

TRINITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



## HELP CONTINUE OUR SPONSORSHIP OF 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.

We ask for your continued prayers and support for Kaori and her family and will keep you informed as we receive updates about them. More information about the coastal community where Kaori lives and the ministries of Compassion International can be found on the slide show presentation in Trinity's Heritage Room at the top of the center staircase.



Trinity's coin donations during October to help support the Albrecht Free Clinic added up to \$200.95

*Thank You*  
for helping support the this very important community outreach and service organization.



## DETAILS COMING SOON

**Poinsettias** purchased and dedicated by members always help make our church festive during the holidays. This year the deadline for poinsettia orders is **November 28th**—watch the bulletins for order forms soon.

**The Mitten and Giving Trees** are also coming soon—this is one way we can brighten the hearts of folks who may be struggling during the holiday season.



# 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.

Brentley Hanson 11 | 01  
Kathy Kershaw 11 | 02  
Elizabeth Odness 11 | 03  
Glendon Clark 11 | 04  
Linda Dymond 11 | 04  
Pauline Lentz 11 | 04  
Elise Marlett 11 | 04  
Keana Retzlaff 11 | 04  
Shirley Walters 11 | 04  
Kim Downer 11 | 05  
Tyler Esselmann 11 | 05  
Sabrina Gruber 11 | 05  
Macy Pawlowski 11 | 05  
Lynn Guerndt 11 | 06  
Alice Walter 11 | 09  
Anna Rick 11 | 11  
Barbara Sass 11 | 11  
T. J. Abraham 11 | 12

S. Payton McClain 11 | 12  
Tom Kieckhafer 11 | 13  
Kassie Starr 11 | 13  
Brayden Ambroziak 11 | 14  
Nancy Pusch 11 | 14  
Teagan Rands 11 | 14  
Danielle Ellis 11 | 15  
Robert Poenitsch (Sr) 11 | 15  
Jesse Retzlaff 11 | 15  
Mathew Retzlaff 11 | 15  
Kathleen Roecker 11 | 15  
Paul Bauman 11 | 17  
Kenneth Juedes 11 | 17  
Liza Cranney 11 | 18  
Melanie Iverson 11 | 18  
Rannveig Polinski 11 | 18  
Nola Wenzel 11 | 18  
Shelby Bever 11 | 19

Jordan Boyles 11 | 19  
Brenda Gorr 11 | 19  
Colleen (Pinky) Kirchner 11 | 19  
Connor Scaffidi 11 | 20  
Robin Bonlender 11 | 21  
Joshua Lang 11 | 21  
Jesse Pietschmann 11 | 21  
Siena Scaffidi 11 | 21  
Zoey Weber-Chavez 11 | 21  
James Frank 11 | 23  
Justin Anderson 11 | 24  
Barbara Gunnare 11 | 24  
Ray MacDonald 11 | 25  
June Stracka 11 | 25  
Paula Baldwin 11 | 26  
Morgan Beier 11 | 27  
Kay Laatsch 11 | 27  
Mike Kozlowski 11 | 30  
Suzanne Mildbrandt 11 | 30

## TRINITY CENTENNIAL DIRECTORY

**SCHEDULE YOUR PHOTO SESSION NOW!**

*Your family photos will be here in time for Christmas!*

Trinity has partnered with Harmann Studios to create our Centennial Directory and **photo sessions are being scheduled now!**

### PHOTOGRAPHY DATES ARE:

**November 21 and 22 -AND- November 29 through December 3**

*Photography sessions are scheduled on a first-come, first serve basis—so, don't delay, sign up today!* Members will get one FREE (5X7 or 8X10) copy of the picture they choose to go in the directory and will also receive a FREE Trinity Centennial Directory when they are completed (*early next year*). You can reserve time(s) for individuals, couples and families to be photographed together and/or separately and the option to include pets is also available.


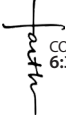




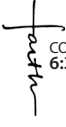



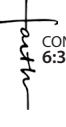







**Scan the QR code on the left to sign up now.**

*NOTE: You do not need to accept the 'cookies' on the site to schedule your photo session, just ignore and continue . . . it is an easy step-by-step process to sign up! If you have any trouble, or do not have access to sign up on line, please contact the church office | 262-334-2125.*



There is a display in the Heritage Room with more information, samples and brochures that include Harmann Studios package options and pricing — that same information is also available to download online in pdf format when you sign up to reserve your photography session time.



# November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 1 BIBLE STUDY   1 PM  7 PM   NA	 2 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	 3 1 PM   TLC COMFORTERS  7 PM   NA		 5 Liturgical Worship 4 PM
 6 CTP Worship   9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FIRST SUNDAY   6 PM		 8 BIBLE STUDY   1 PM  7 PM   NA	 9 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	 10 1 PM   TLC COMFORTERS  7 PM   NA		Liturgical Worship 4 PM Harvest Soup Supper
CTP Worship   9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Harvest Soup Lunch  F.I.S.H. BOWLING NOON		 15 BIBLE STUDY   1 PM  TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING   7 PM 7 PM   NA	 16 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	 17 1 PM   TLC COMFORTERS  7 PM   NA		Liturgical Worship 4 PM
CTP Worship   9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY		 22 BIBLE STUDY   1 PM  7 PM   NA	NO CONFIRMATION	 24 THANKSGIVING	TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	Liturgical Worship 4 PM
 27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CTP Worship   9:30 AM NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	 28 ORDER DEADLINE	 29 BIBLE STUDY   1 PM  7 PM   NA	 30 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM			

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 Pastor David Schoob 262-483-0791 dschoob@trinitywestbend.com

### Trinity Office Hours

MONDAY — THURSDAY..... 8 AM - 3:30 PM  
 FRIDAY..... 8 AM - NOON

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 sandy@strokesofgrace.com | 262-388-1616

Phil Wagner..... Facilities Manager

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