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| | TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | NEWSLETTER |
| | VOLUME 19, ISSUE 4 | APRIL 2023 |
| \ | Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! | |
| | We cry these words out with hope and joy. We know that the vic that death is defeated. And yet we still experience the pain and I world. If the victory is won, then why is there still hatred and viol things we have come to know as part of death's sway in the world. | loss of a broken lence and all the |
| | Christ resurrection has given us a vision of the end of the story. Be death and resurrection we know the power of a loving God and we power has won and will bring life from death always. <i>We have see</i> | we know that this |
| | But the story is still be written. This last page empowers us to live reality. We trust the author and so we live in a way that is in line we know God is bringing into being-both at a personal and compared to the story of th | with the ending |
| | As individuals we live in a life affirming and life giving way. We lift the midst of struggles. We speak words of hope and life to those hear them. We stand with those who faith death. We stand with homeless, we stand with the sick and the grieving. Though we stand to the promise of new life and refuse to allow that fear touching those in need. | who are need to the hungry and till might fear, |
| | Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! | |
| | And as a community we continue to be a place where all can find welcome all who seek the love of God and help them to live into expression of the life within them. We continue to work in the confering our gifts so that all might experience the power of God's not only at our own needs, but out into the world to all the place needs to happen. | o the fullest ommunity s love. We look |
| | Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! | |
| | The ending is written. Let that ending guide us as we continue to | o write our story. |
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

[ent Intentions

Children's Ministry invited the entire congregation to join our youth in writing down their intentions every week during Lent. This practice made each of us think more about what we do to honor this season of repentance and sacrifice ... and ... each strip of paper containing our intentions combined to help create wall art in our Heritage Room.

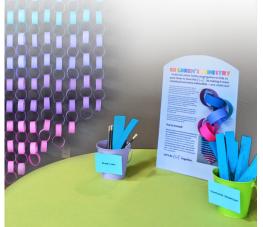


On a very celebratory February 26th morning, the Trinity congregation, together with



Bishop Erickson (Milwaukee), Bishop Wickstrom (Alaska), Pastor Michelle Townsend de Lopez, members of Cross Lutheran Church/Miilwaukee, additional clergy, family and friends witnessed the ordination of Nicholas David Schoob. Nick began their ministry at Epiphany Lutheran-Episcopal Church in Valdez, Alaska on March 12th.

Thank you to all who helped make the day so special!



















THE ART OF SOURDOUGH On February 28th a group of folks connected to Trinity and eager-to-bake-their own Sourdough bread partook in a class taught by Julie Dierks. Julie, a mother of TEN, bakes bread at least a couple times a week and happily shared her tips and tricks with the group. Everyone went home with Sourdough starter (which they were directed to "name") and Julie's directions. Many a loaf have been baked since the class at Trinity from starters named: Rinaldo, Bob, Kevin, Griswold, Lazarus, Matthew ... and more! Sourdough bread is full of nutrients, probiotics and is extremely low in gluten. Rumor has it, we will have some fresh baked sourdough bread to share during a Soup and Bread Supper before the Maundy Thursday evening service on April 6th ... you won't want to miss it!



As we celebrate the Easter Season we, at Trinity Lutheran Church, will join the synod mission appeal **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**.

This bold plan will empower congregations in their mission. We will listen, learn and walk with partners near and far to help shape the church for effective ministry for another generation still to come.

More information about this mission of inspiration will be shared beginning the week after Easter as we join together in **EQUIPPING THE SAINTS**.

PLANTING THE SEEDS OF STEWARDSHIP

LOVE GROW SERVE

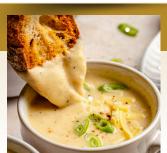


Spring Is Here! Alleluia! As winter finally melts away, we welcome longer days and this wonderful season of rebirth! We will soon celebrate the great feast of Easter when, because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been saved from ourselves and offered the greatest gift of all—*eternal life*. What a blessed time of year we enter now, as new life springs up all around us.

Jesus' walk to the cross and back gives us pause to reflect on the multitude of gifts God has given us in this life. These gifts are meant to bear fruit—to be shared with others in service to God's glory (Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16). Just like turning the spring ground over and planting seeds, the gifts of our time, talents, and treasures also need to be cultivated and nourished.

Here at Trinity, as we endeavor to reach our community with the Gospel and the message of God's inclusive love, your involvement makes a difference. We invite you to take a minute to visit the Connection Corner in the Heritage Room for information you can take with you about volunteer service opportunities at Trinity. It takes all of us to plant a GARDEN of MINISTRY.

Thank you for taking advantage of this time of renewal by answering the invitation to discover new stewardship opportunities at Trinity this Spring. **Spring Is Here! Alleluia!**



MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Join us for a Soup and (Sourdough!) Bread Supper before the Maundy Thursday 6:30 evening service on April 6th. The supper will begin at 5:15 PM.

Sign up through SignUP Genius on our website, or on sheets in the Heritage Room to bring a soup or bread to share.



Led by Trinity's Confirmation Youth

- 4:00 PM | Saturday
- 9:30 AM | Sunday



- NOON | Holy Communion
- 5:15 PM | Soup Supper
- 6:30 PM | Holy Communion



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP | APRIL 7

- NOON | Drama Worship
- 7:30 PM | Tenebrae Worship



WORSHIP | APRIL 9

HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL SERVICES

- 6:30 AM | Sunrise Service
- 8:00 AM | Traditional Service
- 9:30 AM | Created to Praise

EASTER BREAKFAST

Trinity's Senior High youth invite everyone to enjoy the Continental Breakfast served throughout Easter morning in the Heritage Room. A FREE-WILL OFFERING will be collected and used to help fund our summer servant trip to New York, New York.



POP TAB collection makes a difference for families!

Supporting the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Ronald McDonald House, Trinity collects POP tabs all year round, but the 2023 TAB TOSS DAY is coming up in May!

Last year, Trinity's Wilson family collected and donated a total of **324.4 POUNDS** of Pop Tabs! Let's help them top that this year!

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

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HARING 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

April 16 is the first day of the **PENTECOST ROTATION**. *This will be our final rotation for the year!*

APRIL 9

APRIL 16

MAY 21

Happy EASTER! NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY!
PENTECOST ROTATION BEGINS

LAST DAY OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Don't miss out on a day of FUN and Fellowship! Can't wait to see you there!

Teaching rotations through the end of the year are full!

THANK YOU to everyone who stepped up to help nurture the faith of Trinity's kids!!!!

Alyssa Brockman trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com



F.I.S.H. << REbirth Party

FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

4TH - 6TH Grade Youth Group SUNDAY | APRIL 16

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

All 4th - 6th graders are invited to join us for a REbirth Party Celebration in Fellowship Hall —we'll have fun, food, games, and prizes!

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY

Upcoming F.I.S.H.<< Youth Group Events MAY 7 | Spring Fling



SATURDAY, APRIL 1 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Palm/Passion Worship Practice

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 | 4:00 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | 9:30 AM

| Confirmation Classes will be | leading Palm/Passion Worship

APRIL 5 | NO CONFIRMATION CLASS
APRIL 12 | NO CONFIRMATION CLASS

APRIL 19 | 8th Commandment | SNACKS: Gracyn Schneider

FRIDAY, APRIL 28—SUNDAY, APRIL 30
CONFIRMATION SPRING RETREAT | Pine Lake Lutheran Camp

MAY 3 | 9th Commandment | SNACKS: Delia Gunnare





SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY | APRIL 2

6 PM - 7:30 PM | Heritage Room All 9th-12th Grade folks invited!

Senior High 1st Sunday is a monthly opportunity to get together (sometimes at church, sometimes elsewhere), 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

We will be preparing and serving Easter Breakfast!

Once again Trinity's Senior High Youth will prepare and serve Easter Breakfast. All Senior High Youth (but especially summer trip travelers) please join us for:

- 1. Preparation; Saturday, April 8th 9:30 am—Noon
- 2. Serving: Shifts on Easter Sunday, April 9th between 6 am 11 am

April 2023 – Spring Fundraising

Seroogy's Candy Bar Sale: Throughout Spring we'll be selling candy bars. Please pick up candy bars at church to sell at school and all around.

ATTENTION SR HIGH FAMLIES: Going Once, Going Twice ... GONE!

Our Senior High Silent Auction this year will include both a Basket Raffle and some traditional Silent Auction items. *Each traveler is expected to contribute at least 1 themed basket to the raffle.* Round up gift baskets and new items and donors. Think of services you could provide, coupons you could pick up, or art/hobbies you could Make, Create, and Donate. Raffle/Auction begins APRIL 16th.

SR HIGH FUNDRAISER

RAFFLE/AUCTION

APRIL 16 - MAY

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE ... GONE!

Our high school youth will be selling Raffle tickets for baskets/items as follows: \$1 each, 6 for \$5, or arms-length for \$20.

You will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, then place your tickets in the bag for the baskets/item(s) you'd like to win! **THE MORE YOU BUY, THE GREATER YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING!!!**

Your generosity not only gives you a chance at winning something special for yourself, it will have an impact to offset the expense of this year's Urban Senior High Servant trip to New York City.

Winning tickets will be drawn during the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 14th. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

THE DESTINATION FOR OUR 2023 SENIOR HIGH URBAN SUMMER SERVANT TRIP IS NEW YORK, NEW YORK JULY 21-29

A word to the congregation about Funding the Senior High Summer Trips

In light of some of Trinity's struggles to meet the budget, we have had some inquiries as to whether or not the high per person cost of the Senior High summer trips are justified.

We feel it is vital that everyone know THE TRINITY GENERAL BUDGET DOES NOT PAY ANYTHING TOWARD THE SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP!!

All the money for the trips comes from the following sources:

- 1) Money paid toward the trip by the families of the travelers.
- 2) Money from fundraising. Such as: currently selling Seroogy Candy Bars, free-will offering at Easter Breakfast and upcoming Raffle/Auction.
- 3) Generous donations made to subsidize and offer financial aid specifically to be sure this ministry continues. No money for the summer trip uses church funds available for anything else!!



First Corhohnnion

Congratulation to the following 5th/6th graders and their families for completing the First Communion Workshops and receiving Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, March 12th during the 9:30 AM Worship service.

Lucas Richard Doede
Vayda Anne Falconer
Mia Marie Hanvey
Colton Kyle Kocinski
Andrew Lee Hull
Manual Curtis Jones
Ellis Kathrine Martin
Nathan Charles O'Shea
Siena Rose Scaffidi
Carter Jeffrey Sobush
Amelia Patrice Walth













While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

MATTHEW 26:26-28















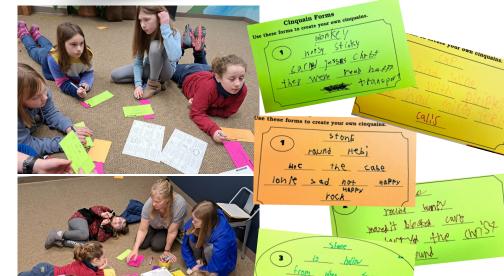




Trinity's Little Lambs experienced the good news

that **JESUS IS ALIVE** in a fun and memorable way ... just like the bubbles that multiply, so it is with God's love.

In the **TELLiT!** room, Trinity's kids learned about and created their own Cinquain poems—each based off an EASTER SYMBOL.

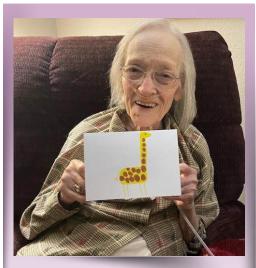


In the **MAKEIT!** room, Trinity's kids learned about and made their own communion cups, decorated with EASTER SYMBOLS.









SHAREIT! Our Little Lambs reached out to some of Trinity's shut-ins by making them cards with special art. Marilyn Wilberg happily received hers and sent us a beautiful smile back.

THANK YOU

to every one of my March **Children's Ministry volunteers!**

Lisa Clark Julie Brown Jennifer Walth Garrett Clark Mitchel Doede Nicole Bier Sonya Sobush Melissa Parchim Abby Nelson

Nancy Hanvey Kelly Granger Ashley Granger Victoria Kenworthy Kelly Doede Maureen O'Connell Sue Palowski

SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT



This fine looking group of young adults have made themselves available to help with Children's Ministry EVERY SUNDAY! Garrett Clark, Abby Nielson, Victoria Kenworthy, and Mitchel Doede are, what we like to call, our Shepherds. They are role models to our Children Ministry kiddos and help guide them through their faith journey. These shepherds also help our teacher volunteers as needed. They are truly a joy to have around!

THANK YOU

Garrett, Abby, Victoria & Mitchell!



Spring Cleaning Wish List

As you tackle that drawer, closet, attic or basement clutter or stuff in your home, keep the Trinity Comforters "Wish List" in mind.

This group gathers on Thursday afternoons to create blankets of comfort that are distributed in and outside our community. Each blanket is made by layering three sheets. We made 316 blankets in 2022 and expect to surpass that number this year. To do that, we'll need close to a 1,000 sheets!

Flat cotton sheets -any size- work best!

The Trinity Comforters also support the Prayer Shawl Ministry by purchasing yarn. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, we'd love for you to join our team. You do not need to sew in order to help make the blankets! We are a fun group, sharing stories, prayers, and humor all while creating a blanket that will make a difference in someone's life.

At our an annual fundraiser in fall we sell used books, magazines, puzzles, CD's, movies, games and jewelry. Though we have limited space to store these items throughout the year, we truly appreciate if you'd set these types of items aside for us. We are able to accept jewelry donations at any time and appreciate your support!

Thank You!

Questions? Contact Suzanne Barker 847-212-8558, Grambarker20@gmail.com

Prayers for an Important Ministry

We have been asked to keep in our prayers the Black String Triage Ensemble. This group's ministry is to bring calm to areas in the city where violent shootings have taken place. The group plays music at the site of the shooting out of respect for people in the community, and to promote peace and healing in the neighborhood.

If you are interested in the work of this group, contact the office and we will help you get information.

In April we will study together the book of Daniel. Daniel like the book of Revelation looks at the last page of history to guide life in the midst of oppression and death. Daniel calls its readers to faithfulness in a unique way using images that can be difficult to understand. All are invited to come and hear the call of Daniel to live a life based on trust in God's future.



Tuesdays at 1:00 PM

PILGRIMAGE

HAROLD

RACHEL JOYCE

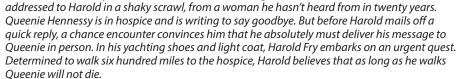
Everyone is invited to join the discussions

Sessions will be recorded and available through Trinity's website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

April Book Study The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION TUESDAY, MARCH 25 | 6:30 PM

In this month of Easter I looked for a life affirming book and was attracted to this suggestion and short teaser I found online:

Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning a letter arrives,



Want to find out what happens? Read the book and then come and join us for discussion on Tuesday, March 25th!



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 is looking for warm clothing. All ADULT SIZES (*from Small to 5x*) of the following are needed:

- Summer Clothes | New or gently used
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Sweatshirts. Sweatpants. Hoodies.
- Blankets, Pillows
- Sleepwear
- House Shoes
- Gift Cards | any stores. Gas cards.
 Bus cards.

NO CHILDREN'S ITEMS, PLEASE.

Cash and checks made out to **Project RETURN** also welcome to help support this ministry. **No donation is too small and we appreciate all your support.**

Nate Shubat | nateshubat@gmail.com

God's work. Our Hands. DAY OF SERVICE

Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center Spring Cleanup

SAVE THE DATE | SATURDAY, MAY 6

Join your Trinity family in service at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center on Saturday May 6th as they 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! More details about specific tasks and sign up opportunities will come as the date draws nearer.



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.

| Patrick Thacker Larry Loomans Ashley Janz Mason Schweizer Lisa Farvour Carrie Pierce Debbie Burns Charlotte Lord Adam Geib Robert Rick Janell Ermann-Gries AJ Oleniczak Torie Pietschmann Kristel Vandeboom | 4 01 4 01 4 02 4 03 4 04 4 04 4 05 4 05 4 05 4 06 4 07 4 07 4 07 4 08 | Joan Pomerening-Hason Jordan Ketter Noreta Wiedmeyer Taylor Kurer Francesca Anderson Carl Sauer Mark Sergeant Cindy Tikusis Madison Gieryn Lois Ebersold Kara Ahrens Drew Ziegler Cory Gunnare Stacie Kozlowski Renee Thacker | 4 10 4 10 4 10 4 11 4 11 4 12 4 13 4 13 4 13 4 14 4 14 4 14 4 15 4 15 4 16 | Nathan Brown Marie Dominguez Hailey Granger Bob Poenitsch David Kreutzer Jennifer Spaeth Connie Falk Garrett Cranney Pamela Frank Dan Hoppenjan Cody Cerniglia Greta Polinski Charlotte Butzler Madison Jochims | 4 18 4 18 4 18 4 19 4 19 4 21 4 22 4 22 4 22 4 22 4 24 4 25 4 25 | Lenore Holcomb David Laatsch Valerie Oksiuta Amy Schmoldt Helene Schrankler Nancy Wickert Benjamin Scaffidi Dana Borusky Thomas Frei Elllie Feltz Kenley Yapp Kathryn Schickert Adrianna Schibline | 4 27 4 27 4 27 4 27 4 28 4 28 4 28 4 28 4 28 4 28 4 28 4 29 4 29 |
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PRESENTED BY: Lori Becker Author | Retirement Coach | Financial Coach

TUESDAY | April 25 | 6:30 PM

Spring cleaning is right around the corner—could this also be the time to think about downsizing? Whether its your house or just the STUFF inside it, Lori helps walk through lots of considerations and scenarios. She will share many how-to tips and potential benefits of downsizing and decluttering.

COST \$10 PER PERSON | There will be drawings and a free downloadable book for the group attending.

Sign up through SignUP Genius on Trinity's website or on sheets in the Heritage Room.



TGIF TRINITY TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY | April 14 | 6:30 PM

Just because we all need a night out! Couples, singles welcome!

Plan to join us for a night of fun ... whether you think you are good at trivia or not! We will break up in teams of 3 to 5 people each. Bring an appetizer to share. Beverages will be provided.

And, if just getting out and gathering with a bunch of fun folks from your Trinity family isn't incentive enough, there will be a PRIZE for winning team, too!

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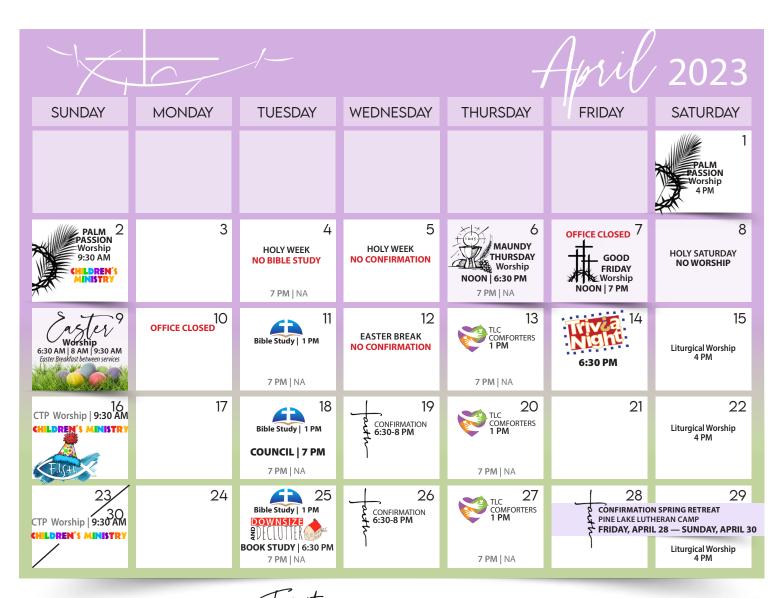
A COMMUNITY CONCERN

Samaritan Health Center has been a part of the West Bend Community for around 100 years. Because of problems concerning the aging building the Washington County Board has put forward three solutions.

- Renovate the existing building.
- Replace the existing building.
- Stop providing the service of the Samaritan through county funds and place the work of providing such nursing care to private organizations.

If you have concerns about how this decision will be made now is the time to make them known. The board will vote to make a decision on April 12th, 2023. There is material in the office from those who are working to keep Samaritan as a community resource. If this is how you feel you may seek those resources on the information board or from the Church office.

We offer this update because each of us is called to be active in the life of the community. May God guide us in this important decision.



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