



The Ministry habitat display along with the Monarch butterflies will return in May, where Wisconsin Milkweed feeds and produces several generations.

Monarchs have started their 1,700 Mile Migrations from central Mexico to Wisconsin.

Last year, on May 12, 2022 there were reported sightings of a Monarch in Milwaukee County and Mequon Nature Preserve. In West Bend, Lac Lawrann Conservancy has an abundant source of Milkweed that attracts Monarchs and is a great place to watch for Monarchs arrival during May.

If you are interested in acquiring native Milkweed plants for your garden, check out the Lac Lawrann Conservancy Sale MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, SATURDAY MAY 13 | 9 AM-1 PM





GUEST PASTOR

REV Marilyn Milfer

WELCOMED AT TRINITY IN APRIL

Rev. Marilyn Miller, a lifelong Milwaukeean, has served for over 40 years as an educator. She was the pastor of The Lutheran Church of the Reformation for approximately a dozen years before retiring in 2020. She also served as the President of Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH). Rev. Miller is now a member of Cross Lutheran in Milwaukee. She continues her commitment to dismantling racism as a partner in Leading for Racial Equity, LLC and she is also serving as the General Chair of the synod's EQUIPPING THE SAINTS Mission Appeal.

COMING TOGETHER TO FIND NEW WAYS TO FOLLOW JESUS, FORM COMMUNITIES, AND LOVE ALL.

May brings us a third of the way through the EQUIPPING THE SAINTS Mission Appeal campaign. As shared through the videos and printed materials each week, this is a bold plan to build and strengthen our life and work together in mission. Events surrounding us underline the need to step out with curiosity, courage, and compassion to collaborate in new, creative, and innovative ways to "follow Jesus, form communities, and love all."







The Trinity Council approved a goal of \$20,000 in congregation member gifts (over 3 years). Toward that goal the church will match gifts designated for this appeal up to \$10,000 from our Endowment Fund.

#### Please review the giving chart samples in the brochure you were sent.

Donations can be a one time 'gift of love' or a monthly commitment spread over time. If and how you support this mission is entirely your individual choice. Is a leadership gift of \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$2,000 gift over three years possible for you? Leadership gifts assure a successful response from us at Trinity.

MORE INFORMATION AT equippingthesaintsgms.org | Please direct questions to Pastor Dave or Trinity's ETS Team Leader, David Solberg.



In April, Trinity's Church Council met on retreat to do some long-range planning to help Trinity move into our **NEXT**100 years focusing on our Mission, Vision, and Core Values.

#### For the remainder of 2023 our whole church focus will be on:

- Deepening each member's understanding of everything Trinity is about and doing.
- Making sure each member is given the invitation and information they need to become involved – at least in some small way - in some area of Trinity's ministry.

To that end, over the next few weeks you will be seeing:

 a short questionnaire will be shared in our bulletins, printed materials and electronic communications <u>asking you to identify which area(s) of</u> <u>Trinity's ministry you feel are important enough TO YOU that you would</u> <u>be interested in learning more about and perhaps be willing to do</u> <u>something to help (as you are able).</u>

Trinity Ministry areas include:

- WORSHIP & MUSIC
- STEWARDSHIP
- PROPERTY

- COMMUNITY BUILDING
- OUTREACH
- TECHNOLOGY

- FAITH DEVELOPMENT
- MINISTRY SUPPORT
- FINANCE
- You are invited to attend any Trinity Ministry Team Meeting (or as many) that interest you, just to check out what's going on open house style.
   All the Ministry Teams (except Finance) will meet for 1 hour (6:30 PM to 7:30 PM) on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Stop by, watch, ask questions.

Trinity can only grow toward our vision to the extent that all Trinity members understand, embrace and are willing to do something to make that vision a reality.

Thank you for your faithful and continued commitment to Trinity and our ministries.





The Trinity Comforters gather on Thursday afternoons to create blankets of comfort that are distributed in and outside our community. Each blanket is made by layering three sheets. 316 blankets were made in 2022 and they 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! As you tackle that drawer, closet, attic or basement clutter or stuff in your home, keep the Trinity Comforters in mind.

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.

### Thank You!

Check us out, we meet at 1 PM on Thursdays!

## **God's work.** Our Hands.

#### DAY(S) OF SERVICE

Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center MAY Spring Cleanup



**SATURDAY MAY 6** 

TUESDAY, MAY 16
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

9 AM -12:30ish

#### It's spring and service is in the air!

We have been invited by Blue Lotus Farm and Retreat Center to once again lend our hands to assist in preparing their grounds and gardens for the new season of visitors.

As always, there will be opportunities for all ages and physical ability levels – a great family activity and an opportunity to do God's Work with Our Hands in this beautiful outdoor setting.

This year they have planned only 1 weekend workday but 2 midweek days, so we are offering all as options for you. The workdays are on Saturday, May 6; Tuesday, May 16 and planting day is Wednesday, May 24 – all from 9 AM to 12:30ish.

Please sign up either on SignUp Genius (accessed through Trinity's website: trinitywestbend.com) or the sheet in the Heritage Room for one day, or as many of the days as you would like!

Your sign up in advance helps Blue Lotus with their planning for each day's projects.

More details about specifics of what will be done each day will be provided closer to the service days.



### ICE CREAM SOCIAL COFFEE HOUR AFTER WORSHIP/CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY, MAY 21

WATCH FOR SIGN UP TO BRING TOPPINGS!



FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

**4TH - 6TH Grade Youth Group SUNDAY | MAY 7** 

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY

# ALL ABOUT YOU'VOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNIT

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 7 - 21** 

#### **WE WILL TIE DYE SHIRTS TODA**

**PARENTS**—please send kiddos in clothes that could possibly get stained during the tie dying process / or paint smocks. SHIRTS TO BE TIE DYED WILL BE PROVIDED | WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL WEAR THEIR SHIRTS ON MAY 21, OUR LAST DAY OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY!

MAY 14 BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY!

You and the friend you bring will receive a special gift.

#### LAST DAY OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

#### ICE CREAM SOCIAL (ELEBRATION!

We will wear our tie dyed shirts and have a lot of fun and games planned during Children's Ministry time downstairs, then after church, there will be an ICE CREAM SOCIAL up in the Heritage Room during coffee hour!!! Don't miss this day of FUN and Fellowship! Can't wait to see you there!

| hank you Everyone who stepped up to help nurture the faith of Trinity's kids is invited to an Appreciation Dinner | Saturday, May 20 | 6-8 PM | SEE PAGE 7

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

MAY 3 | 9th Commandment | SNACKS: Delia Gunnare MAY 10 | 10th Commandment | SNACKS: Amanda Hull

MAY 17 | REVIEW | SNACKS: Kaylin Kozlowski



MAY 24 | REVIEW | SNACKS: CJ Schiller

MAY 31 | End of Year Celebration | Confirmation Resumes September 13

#### - IMPORTANT DATE TO NOTE -

The date for Confirmation 2023 is October 8th at 11:30 AM (for those finishing eighth grade this spring)





## SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY | MAY 7

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

#### **ATTENTION ALL SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP TRAVELERS**



IMPORTANT NEW YORK TRIP MEETING FOR YOUTH TRAVELERS AND PARENTS



SUNDAY | MAY 21 11:00 - 11:30 AM | Youth Room

Pick up a Sundae from the Ice Cream Social and join us downstairs in the Youth Room



## ATTENTION ALL 2023

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 15: swalker@trinitywestbend.com

FUNDRAISER | SUMMER SERVANT TRIP TO NEW YORK

## **RAFFLE/AUCTION ENDS MAY 21**

GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE ... GONE!

Our high school youth are selling Raffle tickets for baskets/items as follows:

### \$1 EACH | 6 FOR \$5 | 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 21. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!





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

























































ABOVE | During the Easter rotation Little Lambs made Jesus coming out of the tomb. Our Pentecost rotation began April 16 and will continue through the end of the year.



























For all those who have helped with Children's Ministry this year.

SATURDAY 20

6:00 -8:00 PM

If you helped, you're

-invited

## THANK YOU

## to every one of my April Children's Ministry volunteers!

Lisa Clark
Sonya Sobush
Melissa Parchim
Susie Kelnhofer
Pat Thacker
Nate Kenworthy
Charlotte Butzler
Abby Nelson
Mitchel Doede
Suse Pawlowski
Audrey Kelnhofer
Audrey Kelnhofer
Renee Thacker
April Brodzeller
Penny Bergerud
Garrett Clark





## 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 THIS MONTH!

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

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



ProjectRETURN is grateful for our response to this ministry, but because they are currently over-loaded and backed-up sorting and distributing an abundance of donations, they have implemented a temporary

## HOLD ON ACCEPTING DONATIONS.

We will let you know as soon as the need for items opens again.

for your support and understanding.



#### ITEMS OF THE MONTH

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thank you Trinity



## Travel the road with Kilk

In May we travel the road with RUTH and learn about the power of faith and love. The short book of Ruth will be part of in preparation for our own summer journeys.

Come and join our study group on Tuesdays at 1:00

## MAY BOOK STUDY DISCUSSION TUESDAY, MAY 30 | 7 PM

It's Not Easy Being Green And Other Things to Consider by Jim Henson

As the world greens around us, our book study book will be **It's Not Easy Being Green** | And Other Things to Consider by Jim Henson. Here is a part of Amazon's review:



There are few things that evoke such a universal feeling of warmth and humor as the work of Jim Henson. In his own words, as well as those of some of his best-known characters like Kermit the Frog and Ernie, we get a glimpse of the philosophy and humor that was so essential to Jim's creations. We also get a behind-the-scenes glimpse of the collaborative spirit of this gentle artistic genius from the people Jim knew, loved, and inspired.

This uplifting collection of quotes, stories, anecdotes, songs, and insights gives new life to Jim's magical world. With chapters titled Dynamite Determination; Listen to Your Heart; Together We Can Do It; It Starts When We're Kids; and A Part of Everything and Everyone, It's Not Easy Being Green is by turns entertaining, inspiring, and laugh-outloud funny, reminding us that every day counts. Readers young and old will cherish this collection.



**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 13 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

Volunteers also welcome to work independently in an area ahead of that date—please contact Dee Washa | dwasha@charter.net

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.



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.

Donna Crass	5	01	Jade Kenworthy	5	09	Chaz Dreher III	5	16	Bryan Johnson	5	23
Christian Ketter	5	01	Jade Schwieso	5	09	Reuben Holcomb	5	16	Jody Kappler	5	23
Rose Peters	5	01	Lucy Thacker	5	10	Taylor Loomans	5	16	Austin Lemler	5	24
Samuel Retzlaff	5	02	Jacob Pollnow	5	10	Thomas Oelhafen	5	17	David Putnam	5	24
Beverly Boerger	5	05	Connor Yapp	5	10	Christine York	5	17	Virginia Meier		24
Douglas Crass	5	05	Barbara Lemler	5	11	Ellis Martin	5	18	Jodi McMahon		25
Cary Gunnare	5	05	Oscar Martin	5	11	Marcia Maule		18	Colin Williams		26
Sue Walker	5	06	Reid Parchim	5	11	Ava Schiller	5	18	Julie Schaller		27
Sadie Rick	5	06	Aaron Pierce	5	11	Makenzie Averill	5	19			
Kyle Kershaw	5	07	Russell Lange	5	11	Jodie Schibline	5	19	Chuck Wilfer		27
John Abel	5	08	Ruthann Dorn	5	12	Jodi Appel	5	20	Jared Schmitt	5	29
Chuck Dreher Jr	5	08	Collin Bergerud	5	13	Joe O'Connell	5	20	Connor Robinson	5	30
Jessica Gieryn	5	08	Katie Martin	5	13	Brady Feltz	5	21	Zachary Lemler	5	31
Morgan Kappler	5	08	Ivy Disterhaft	5	14	Gene Sass	5	21	Marilyn Wilberg	5	31
Emily Nelson	5	08	Nick Laatsch	5	14	Henry Anderson	5	22			
Owen Reitz	5	08	Jacqueline Schramm	5	15	ŕ					

# REDS, YELLOWS, ORANGES & FLAMES THE COLORS OF PENTECOST MAY 27 | MAY 28

WAI 27 | WAI 20

Pentecost has been called the birthday of the Church, but it is so much more. It is not only the celebration of the Holy Spirit's creation of the Church, but the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church today —within, among and through each of us.

As part of our celebration, together we will invite the Holy Spirit into our midst to move in new and exciting ways. We will ask you to consider how you can offer your very life to the work we share together as the risen Lord's Church in the world. As you prepare for our Pentecost celebration there are some questions we want you to consider:

- 1. What are the gifts that God has given me? Don't compare yourself to anyone else. Just look within and see the ways that the Holy Spirit has blessed you as a member of the Church. Don't be modest- be honest.
- 2. How can I use the gifts that God has given me for the sake of our life together as the Church and for the sake of Christ's mission in the world? Gifts are not meant to be hidden away but used and shared with others.
- 3. Where are the growing edges in my life that I need the Spirit to help me with in the coming year. The Spirit of God calls us to grow in faith and life and this is your opportunity to respond to the calling of the Spirit.
- 4. How can I affirm others in their life in the community? We all need encouragement as we live the life of the Spirit together.
- 5. At Pentecost we will once more consider what it means to be a member of the Church. We are not just attendees or consumers- but disciples called into life together as the body of Christ. The Spirit did not just move thousands of years ago the Spirit is alive among us today, calling forth a living breathing Church of many members.

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it. This Pentecost and throughout the coming year may this body of Christ find new life as we live together in the promise of a God that turns dead ends into new beginnings.



## Trinity DINERS GROUP

Interested in a night out with good food and great conversation? **Then the Trinity Diners the group is for you!** 

Each month, beginning in MAY (exact date TBD), we will meet at a different area restaurant to share dinner, conversation and, of course, a few laughs! A SignUP Genius invitation will be sent out for each month's reservation.

FOR NOW, PLEASE RESPOND! Let us know if you are interested and/or if you have questions. Contact Marcia Maule: marciamaule@yahoo.com PHONE: 815-353-6682.



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. PRIZES!

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



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