



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**NEWSLETTER** 

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Dear Family in Christ,

August is here and summer is winding down. Soon the seasons and the world will change again as we move from the sunny days of summer and vacations, to fall and Labor Day and the flow of work and school—and life!

The seasons of 'our' lives have changed as well. Nick is now established in their call in Alaska. Their life is focused on new realities and new possibilities, and it is exciting. Curt and Emily are married. It was an incredible wedding. They are now building their life with their daughter Sydney, and they have such wonders ahead.

We are now fully 'empty nesters.' Our lives are changing too. Additionally, age brings new challenges and perspective and yes, opportunity! We are feeling new aches and pains and having to do more around self-care. We get tired faster and go to bed earlier. But there is a new intensity to life as well. Experience has taught us that each moment is an opportunity—a gift from God! We are more dedicated to trying to make a difference in the world around us. There is a new appreciation of wonder all around and a new joy in the diversity of the people and the world we encounter.

We are often afraid of change, but we do not need to be. Psalm 104:19 reads: You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.

God is at the heart of all change. God may act in new and diverse ways, but one thing does not change, the love God has for us. Again, we find in Psalm 89:2

I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

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Change is coming—we cannot stop it. And why would we want to, because at the heart of all change is God's love. Bring on the change!

Your Loving Pastors,

Pastor Dave and Pastor Cristy



# Trinity Welcornez PASTOR DAVID REBEY

Pastors Dave and Cristy will take a week this month just to breathe and to be with family out of state. While they are away, Trinity will be graced by guest preacher, Pastor David Rebey from Breaking the Chains Church (ELCA Prison Ministry) and Project Return.

Please join us on the weekend of August 19/20 to welcome and hear the the word from Pastor Rebey.



Please join us in giving **THANKS** to those who give of their time and labor (behind the scenes) to tend Trinity's gardens. This year these folks have worked hard to clear out overgrowth and continue to divide, weed, replace and water plants—all with the goal to maintain the integrity and beauty of our gardens.

Suzanne & Jim Barker, Mike Kappler, Denise Kenworthy, Ruth MacDonald, Tammy Nelson, Chris Pamperin, Karen Sparks, Cindy & Mike Tikusis, and Dee Washa

This team shares a rotating schedule of garden care and would LOVE to have YOU join them! Watch for a FALL CLEAN UP DAY INVITATION coming your way soon!!!

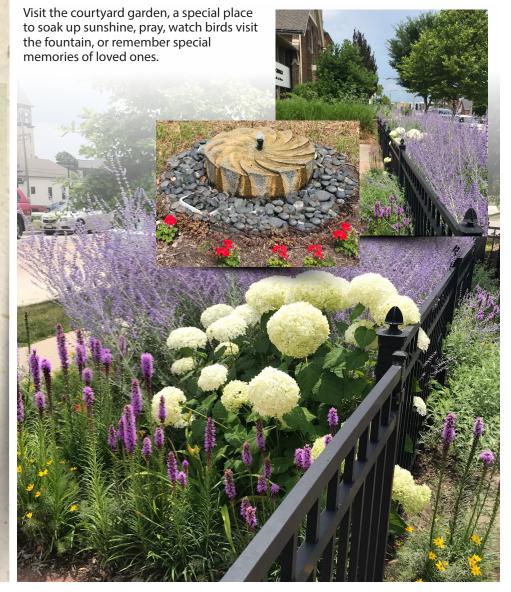
# Special Moments of Trivity Garden History

FACING 7th AVENUE | Trinity is blessed to have special gardens that hold many great memories.

Longtime member, Bonnie Oppermann tells the story of how her sons, Greg and Brad, earned service hours by planting a flowering cherry tree on the southeast corner of Trinity's "front lawn." Planted over forty years ago, this tree now provides welcome shade to the playground area utilized by the YMCA children.

It is hard to believe that just over twenty years has passed since the 7th Avenue garden was renovated with a courtyard and fountain. The millstone fountain serves as a focal point of the courtyard garden. Back in 2002/2003 Bob Poenitsch worked on the installation of the fountain that was donated to the church as part of Trinity's renovation project. The original garden beds and plantings were professionally designed. A pink Magnolia tree was planted on the hill above the fountain in 2014 in memory of Sue Mildbrandt's husband, Dennis. Trinity's beautiful gardens have been recognized with the Silver Spade Award, and in 2017 as a finalist for the West Bend Mutual Insurance Company "Business Beautification Award."

For the last several years, Dee Washa has lead a team of volunteer gardeners to manage the gardens, along with planning spring and fall work days. This year the garden team is focusing on the courtyard area. In fall we will again dig, divide, and make Iris plants available to the congregation.





Have you noticed that even with all the tools we have at our disposal, including electronic devices with options to notify us of schedules and changes coming—we still rely on visual symbolism! We use colors and decorations to both mark and celebrate the beginning and the end of each season.

As scripture tells us, the Alpha and the Omega are a sign that the beginning and end of everything **is God**.

SEASONS OF THE CHURCH | In the same way, liturgical colors are a symbolic representation of the seasons of the church year. We are currently in the 'season after Pentecost', also referred to as 'Ordinary Time.' This season is represented by the color GREEN—symbolizing hope, life and our growth in faith. It is during this time our faith is challenged to grow through the preaching and teaching of Jesus Christ during his adult ministry on earth.

**SERVICE AND WORSHIP GO TOGETHER** | St. Paul echoes this in Romans 12. *Humble service is worship of God and love in action*. God created us for this purpose! As stewards and disciples of Christ, we were made for this!

**GO GREEN!** | During the month of August we are inviting everyone to **LOVE**, **GROW** and **SERVE** by reflecting on their role, **specifically in service to the Worship Ministry here at Trinity.** 

You will find **SEASONS OF STEWARDSHIP** cards in the pews that are directly related to ways you can get involved in supporting Trinity's Worship Ministry. We hope you will take time to consider this step forward in love, growth and service by completing the card with your interest.

Visit the Connection Corner in the Heritage Room and help yourself to the brightly colored papers hanging on the wall for descriptions of some of these Ministry Tasks. No prior experience needed, just a heart to serve! We are happy to answer questions and provide additional information about teams. and tasks

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

PETER 4:10-11

#### LITURGICAL COLORS

Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people

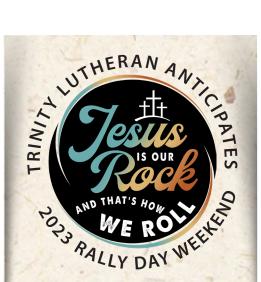
**BLUE** | ADVENT Symbolizes the sky/heaven and hope.

WHITE | EASTER / CHRISTMAS Symbolizes purity, joy, light, glory.

**GREEN** | ORDINARY TIME Symbolizes hope, life, our growth in faith.

**PURPLE** | LENT Symbolizes royalty, preparation, sacrifice.

**RED** | **PENTECOST** *Symbolizes blood, fire, passion.* 



While we might not want to let go of one more summer, we look forward to getting back on a schedule and resuming our Children's Ministry program, beginning

# **RALLY WEEKEND**SEPTEMBER 9/10, 2023

#### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 9 4 PM | TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Stay to celebrate and reconnect after worship with a special coffee hour

#### SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 10 9:30 AM | CTP WORSHIP

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF

We will start off the year celebrating being together again with

#### **GAMES! SNACKS! & FUN!**

Stay and join us after worship and Children's Ministry for fellowship in the Heritage Room over coffee and snacks.

In the afternoon of RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th at 1:30 PM Trinity will host the

## härmene 4GOOD COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONCERT

FEATURING AN ALL MALE ENSEMBLE ranging in age from under 18 to over 80!

#### FREE-WILL OFFERING ADMISSION

In addition to wonderful music, the community event will include SUPER RAFFLES with great prizes and great odds to win!

SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE DETAILS



#### **9TH GRADE OVERNIGHT**

3 PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 to 11 AM SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

#### **9TH GRADE ORIENTATION** PARENTS & YOUTH

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 | 7:00 PM

#### **7TH GRADE ORIENTATION** PARENTS & YOUTH

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 | 7:00 PM

**8TH GRADE PIZZA PARTY** THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 | 6:00 PM **8TH GRADE PARENT ORIENTATION** 

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 | 7:00 PM

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

FOR ALL 7th, 8th, and 9th Graders WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 6:30 PM - 8 PM

#### 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7** 9 AM - 11 AM

#### CONFIRMATION WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8** 9:30 AM



#### SR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

**AUGUST 6 | 6PM-7:30PM** 

HERITAGE ROOM

All 9th-12th Grade folks invited!



HILDREN'S MI SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS

> MakeiT. SeeiT. MoveiT. TelliT. TasteiT.



A new **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** year is upon us at Trinity—we have so many exciting things planned for it and we would love for you to join us! Our theme this year is **Jesus is our Rock!** We are looking forward to **rolling** through this year with you.

**SAVE THE DATE** | Our 2023/2024 Children's Ministry Program will KICK OFF at 9:30 AM on RALLY DAY—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th! Join us for fun and games!

Our faith-filled children's ministry program requires many hands to do both small and large jobs. A total of 35 ADULT VOLUNTEERS are needed to complete the rotations and ensure our program runs smoothly this year. I am asking families to **please volunteer to lead at least 1 rotation this school year** — this is a commitment of only 3 Sundays!

**SHEPHERDS for PreK through 6th grade** | Volunteers to work with the children on a weekly basis. This is a school year long commitment.

**TAG TEAM LEADERS for Pre-K** | Volunteers to team teach our 3 and 4 year old students throughout the year. ALL LESSONS, MATERIALS PROVIDED. 4-5 weeks at a time with 4-5 weeks break between

**ROTATION LEADERS** | Volunteers to lead a rotation *for three weeks* ALL LESSONS, MATERIALS PROVIDED.

MakeiT. SeeiT. MoveiT. TelliT. TasteiT.

Anyone can volunteer, whether you have a child enrolled in the program or not —all you need is a passion and concern for our children. Leading a rotation is not only beneficial to our children and our church, you may find your own faith growing in the process of rediscovering the Bible's stories in a new light—through the eyes and the hearts of Trinity's kids!

#### **ROTATION SIGN UP SHEETS ARE OUT AT CHURCH NOW!**

**2023-2024 REGISTRATION FORMS** for 3 yr old through 6th Graders will be mailed out to Trinity families this month and will also be available on Trinity's website. If you know anyone (family/friend/neighbor) who is not a member but may be interested in our Children's Ministry program, please contact Alyssa.

SHEPHERD / LEADER signUP sheets will be available at church -or- please email Alyssa Brockman at **trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com** with your interest in helping.

Looking forward to being back together soon!



# harmene COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONCERT

The ALL MALE ENSEMBLE of härmenē have come together for a 4th SEASON to help lift up our neighbors—one song at a time! The 2023 **härmenē** group is a collection of talent from our community that range in age from under 18 to over 80! DAY OF CONCERT LICENSE #R0036207-B-98704

- **50/50 RAFFLE**—a chance at HALF the POT!
- WINE PULL—everyone wins!
- \$100 AMAZON GIFT CARD—5 drawings!

SUPER RAFFLES' LICENSE #R0042037-A-58964 1 in 100 CHANCE TO WIN!

**SEPTEMBER 10 | 1:30 PM ADMISSION | FREE-WILL OFFERING** TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 140 N 7th Ave | West Bend, WI 53095 trinitywestbend.com **FOUR Club/Box TICKETS** with all the perks! to the **PACKERS vs Buccaneers GAME** Dec 17, 2023 | VALUE \$12

**#2** Street Strider Elliptical Bike w/stationary accessory V

All winning tickets drawn and winners announced at the of the concert | DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



ALL BENEFIT PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT mental-wellness in our community through the work of **NAMI** in Washington County





Take a moment to write Kaori a quick note letting her know that you are thinking of her and her family, share photos, and share some encouragement with her. Please email notes to Kaori to Sue in the church office. They will be forwarded (electronically) to Kaori. Your words matter, and we know Kaori would love to hear from her Trinity family.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support!

You can drop a donation specified for Kaori at Trinity or scan this QR code (look for the Kaori box) to give right now!



A Trinity OUTREACH PROJECT FOR OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Let's help our local school kids create pictures that truly reflect themselves and families with crayons sets of the multicultural skin tones. We will be collecting Colors of the World Crayons though the month of August and will distribute them to local schools as the school year starts.

As Fair Park kindergarten teacher, Renee Wilberg, stated, "Having crayon colors that reflect various skin colors, gives a child an opportunity to create and illustrate more accurate portraits of themselves and their friends. We want all children to be able to welcome and accepting to the diversity of our world; and although a box of crayons may not change our world, it just may help some students in our community begin to recognize and learn about others in a more authentic and meaningful way. "

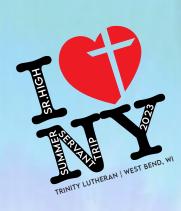


## FAMILY COLORS

YOU CAN HELP THIS rinity OUTREACH EFFORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

**Your donation of Multicultural Crayons** or funds to purchase to them will help us with this community outreach effort. Crayola Colors of the World Crayons are available at WalMart, Meijer, Target – and of course, Amazon

Drop off donations of crayons or specified funds to purchase them in the Heritage Room at Trinity.



#### SENIOR HIGH 2023 SUMMER SERVANT TRIP

NEW YORK CITY | JULY 21-29

As this newsletter was being pulled together, Trinity's travelers had just spent their first weekend and first service day in New York City! After a long train ride that began on Friday, July 21st, they safely reached their destination on the following evening. On Sunday the group had time to explore which included visiting the Statue of Liberty and partaking in a Broadway show. When Monday came the service party of their journey officially began ... and they worked hard! We are thankful for the prayers that go with them and will be excited to share more about their full experiences after their return on Saturday, July 29th!

#### Trinity's Travelers include:

Alex Bergerud, Garrett Clark,
Deacon Falconer, Lexi George,
Audrey Kelnhofer, Victoria
Kenworthy, Emerson Ketter,
Landon Ketter, Matthew Krawzik,
Aidan Marlett, Drake Omernick,
Ava Schiller, CJ Schiller,
Bethani Schweiger, Kaitlin Sparks

#### Thank you Trinity Chaperones: Pastor Cristy, Nate Shubat,

Pastor Cristy, Nate Shubat, Haley Kordosky, Aaron Pierce.

> Goodbye Chicago! NEXT STOP NEW YORK!











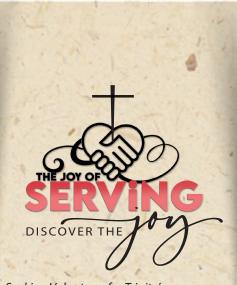












Seeking Volunteers for Trinity's Ministry Support Team

Do people describe you as a compassionate listener? Do you enjoy conversations with a purpose? Are you interested in assuring the work place culture for Trinity employees and volunteers stays positive and focused on the vision, mission, and values of Trinity Lutheran West Bend? Would you like to have an impact to shape the future of Trinity as an even better place to serve and work? The Ministry Support team may be the place to bring your gifts to share!

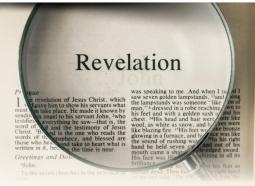
The Ministry Support team is seeking several volunteers to join the team. We meet once per month on the third Tuesday to review the tasks on our master calendar. Team members spend only a few hours per month supporting the work of the team. This team focuses its efforts on administrative tasks that (1) make sure employees have the support they need to succeed in their roles, and (2) to help assure the policies and procedures of the Trinity Employee Handbook are met by Trinity employees and volunteers.

It's meaningful work and we invite you to join us. The next meeting is August 22, 2023 at 6 PM.

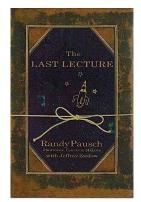
Please let the church office know of your interest. Thanks much for considering!

# BIBLE STUDY Images in Revelation THURSDAY | AUG 10 | 7 PM

We continue experimenting with different types of Bible Study this summer—trying different formats and times to get a feel of whether this is helpful for people.



That continues on Thursday, August 10 at 7 PM with "Images in Revelation."
The book of Revelation is a series of word pictures meant to bring hope to struggling people. We will not analyze the book word for word—but instead step back and look at these pictures and ask what they mean for us. We welcome you to this unique look at an often-confusing book.



# **BOOK STUDY** | The LAST LECTURE THURSDAY | AUGUST 31 | 7 PM

What would you say if you knew these would be the last words you could offer to those who would follow?

The LAST LECTURE is an expanded version of the lecture given by Randy Pausch, a professor at Carnegie Mellon after his diagnosis of terminal pancreatic cancer. The last lecture series at Carnegie Mellon was a tradition in which professors presented their philosophy of life as if it were their last chance to share what was important for them. This truly was the last chance for Pausch.

The book is both an invitation for us to live our dreams and a call to ask what is central to our lives. You are invited to join in a discussion of this powerful book on Thursday, August 31 at 7 PM.



# BOOKS OFUZZLES AMES& RECORDS/CDS

### TRINITY COMFORTERS THURSDAYS | 1:00 PM

You are invited to come and help cut and put together blankets that are donated to organizations that serve folks in need in our community, in the Milwaukee area and around the world, through Lutheran World Relief. We happily accept donations of clean, gently used cotton flat sheets, cotton fabric and cash too!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS | The Trinity Comforters group are planning their annual fundraising SALE of pre-owned JEWELRY, BOOKS, PUZZLES, GAMES & RECORDS/CDs!

OCTOBER 14/15 | TRINITY PRE-SALE

OCTOBER 19/20/21 | PUBLIC SALE

Please keep them in mind for book, puzzle and jewelry donations—they will be gratefully accepted anytime. *Thank you!* 



#### ITEMS OF THE MONTH

# Pancake Mixes and Syrup

Thank you Trinity





## POP TAB COLLECTION MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR FAMILIES!

Trinity collects aluminum POP TABS year round in support of the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Ronald McDonald House!

A collection "house" is located in the Heritage Room.

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



**Project RETURN** is once again accepting donations, HOWEVER, due to space limitations they request the **following seasonal items only**:

- SUMMER CLOTHING
- PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS
- SMALL APPLIANCES (microwaves, coffee makers, toasters, and the like) NO winter clothing or coats at this time. NO children's items, please.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Please direct any questions to Nate Shubat | nateshubat@gmail.com

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

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.

| Peter Nelson       | 8 | 01 |  |
|--------------------|---|----|--|
| Joey Schneider     | 8 | 01 |  |
| Elouise Brockman   | 8 | 02 |  |
| Isaiah Hanvey      | 8 | 02 |  |
| Hazel Griffin      | 8 | 03 |  |
| Anniken Brandt     | 8 | 05 |  |
| Leon Krueger       | 8 | 05 |  |
| Tanner Schmoldt    | 8 | 10 |  |
| Alexander Bergerud | 8 | 12 |  |
| Benjamin Schiller  | 8 | 12 |  |
| Kelly Anderson     | 8 | 13 |  |
| Mike Kurer         | 8 | 13 |  |
| Sheila Sauer       | 8 | 13 |  |
| Lauren Hull        | 8 | 16 |  |
| Victoria Kenworthy | 8 | 16 |  |
| Michael Tikusis    | 8 | 16 |  |
| Adeline Peters     | 8 | 17 |  |
| John Wagner        | 8 | 17 |  |
| Sophia Neumann     | 8 |    |  |
| Ricky Gilbertson   | 8 |    |  |
| Libby Markgraf     | 8 |    |  |
| Rhonda Retzlaff    | 8 | 20 |  |
| Eileen Davis       | 8 |    |  |
| Eric Hanson        | 8 | 21 |  |
| Jay Riederer       | 8 | 23 |  |
| Maxwell Schickert  | 8 | 23 |  |
| Pamela Neumann     | 8 | 24 |  |
| Chet Nielsen       | 8 |    |  |
| Kristine Dreher    | 8 | 26 |  |
| Kyle Gunnare       | 8 | 26 |  |
| Taylor Oksiuta     | 8 | 26 |  |
| Nancy Bower        | 8 |    |  |
| Kerri O'Shea       | 8 | 27 |  |
| David Sparks       | 8 | 27 |  |
| John Wilson        | 8 | 27 |  |
| Lily Myrhum        | 8 | 28 |  |
| Diane Nielsen      | 8 | 28 |  |
| Carlyle Kirchner   | 8 | 29 |  |
| Shelby Omernick    | 8 |    |  |
| Sally Behn         | 8 | 30 |  |
| Thomas Davis       | 8 | 30 |  |
| Jenae Haldemann    | 8 | 30 |  |
| Greg McMahon       | 8 |    |  |
| Rob Brockman       | 8 |    |  |
| Kaylin Kozlowski   | 8 | 31 |  |
| John Schauble      |   | 31 |  |

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                        | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |  |  |
|  |  | 1                              | 2  | COMFORTERS 1 PM   | 4   | 5<br>Liturgical Worship<br>4:00 PM                           |  |  |
|  | _  | 7 PM   NA                      |  | 7 PM   NA   |   | 10   |  |  |
| CTP Worship   9:30 AM                                | 7  | 8                              | 9  | COMFORTERS 1 PM   | 3 PM  9th Grade<br>CONFIRMATION —<br>OVERNIGHT BEGINS | 12  11 AM   9th Grade CONFIRMATION OVERNIGHT ENDS            |  |  |
| SR HIGH<br>FIRST<br>SUNDAY<br>6PM                    |  | 7 PM   NA                      |  | BIBLE STUDY   7 PM  |   | Liturgical Worship<br>4:00 PM                                |  |  |
| 13<br>CTP Worship   9:30 AM                          | 14   | TRINITY COUNCIL MEETING   7 PM | 16   | COMFORTERS 1 PM   | 18  | GUEST<br>Pastor David Rebey<br>Liturgical Worship<br>4:00 PM |  |  |
| 20   | 21   | 7 PM   NA 22                   | 23   | 7 PM   NA 24  | 25  | 24   |  |  |
| GUEST<br>Pastor David Rebey<br>CTP Worship   9:30 AM | 21   | 22                             | 23   | COMFORTERS 1 PM   | 25  | 26<br>Liturgical Worship<br>4:00 PM                          |  |  |
|  |  | 7 PM   NA                      |  | 7 PM   NA   |   |  |  |  |
| 27<br>CTP Worship   9:30 AM                          | 7 PM 28 9th Grade CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION Parents & Youth | 29                             | 7 PM 30 7th Grade CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION Parents & Youth | 6 PM   8th Grade CONFIRMATION PIZZA PARTY 7 PM   8th Grade Parents ORIENTATION COMPORTERS |   |  |  |  |
|  |  | 7 PM   NA                      |  | 1 PM<br>BOOK STUDY   7 PM   |   |  |  |  |

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