

us joy and comfort.

IF YOU

WITH ALL YOUR HEART

YOU WILL

JEREMIAH 29:13

We were blessed to see the wedding of our son and new daughter, Curt and Emily. The wedding and everything leading up to it was a true expression of both their individuality and their love for one another. It was also a special time for us to spend with Nick who was home for the wedding. *Only God* 

could create such a special time in our lives. The love shared over those weeks truly reminded us of what love is meant to be and reminded us of the love God has for us. We were truly blessed.

Early in August we supported and represented Trinity by participating in the second annual Pride celebration in Allenton. What a great event for all who attended. There was such support, encouragement, respect and great care for everyone in that place. The organizers did a great job of creating an event that was very family friendly. It was so fun watching the children enjoy the day. It was a sign of how we could and should live together. And, it was a glimpse of the beloved community that Christ came to show us.

It is the experience of Christ among us (in the every day) that continues to strengthen us and call us to live as God's people. These moments remind us that the world is filled with possibility and that God is not done with us yet.

Did you see Christ among us this summer?

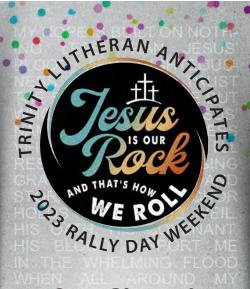
Don't be afraid to share it with one another.

Soon it will be Rally Day and the return to the normal schedules of life in the church—continue to look for Christ in the moments. In our lives may these experiences remind us that we are always founded on Christ, the rock of our salvation, whose strength always lifts us up.

Dal Pastol Cristy

With Joy and Thanksgiving,

Pastor Dave and Pastor Cristy



On Christ, the Solid Rock I stand all other ground is, sinking, Sand

## Jesus Rocks!

#### HE IS THE FIRM FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH

We begin this September with joy and thanksgiving that God is a God of new beginnings. *We are an Easter people!* 

We are in a world and church that are very different from what they were even 5 years ago. It has never been more important for us to live out our mission to "share the love and promise of God".

Every new day, every new season, every new year is a new invitation and a new opportunity to grow into our identity as children of God and followers of Christ. It is a new chance to let Christ's message of love, forgiveness, and grace take a deeper hold of our lives and change the way we see our lives, the way we see each other, the way we see our world....the way we see everything!

This particular Rally Weekend, we will begin to grow and shine again in a world filled with challenges. It is time to rediscover how to live and love as the Children of God—in community together.

Each of you are invited to begin a journey that will strengthen your faith "roots" – your foundation in the faith. It is a new opportunity to reconnect with one another, renew your faith, re-center your life and rededicate yourself to letting God's love shine into the world through your life.

#### **RALLY SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 9TH**

- 4:00 PM | Join us for Liturgical worship
- Stay and celebrate with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL following worship

#### RALLY SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 10TH

- 9:30 AM | Join us for Created to Praise Worship
- 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICKOFF
  We will start off the year celebrating being together again with
  GAMESI SNACKS! & FUN!
- Stay and celebrate with an ICE CREAM SOCIAL following worship
- 1:00 PM | Return to enjoy the harmone 4GOOD

  COMMUNITY BENEFIT CONCERT

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

  MORE DETAILS ABOUT THIS BENEFIT CONCERT ON NEXT PAGE

THANK YOU to Jim & Suzanne Barker for answering a request from Children's Ministry coordinator, Alyssa Brockman for ROCK!

After the successful **ROCK HUNTERS** washed off the their bounty in a bucket of water and dumped them out onto their driveway to dry off, they stepped back and saw their harvest in the **shape of a heart!** 

Stay tuned to see how these rocks are used to touch many other hearts through the hands of Trinity's kids—and more!



ALL MALE ENSEMBLE gathered from our community ranging in age from under 18 to over 80!

Together for a 4th SEASON to help lift up our neighbors—one song at a time!

Now that's what we call harmone 4GOOD!

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT **NAMI of Washington County**Designated to their work and programs supporting
mental-wellness for **TEENS** in our community.

#### 1:00 PM - DAY OF CONCERT

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

PLUS 2 'SUPER RAFFLES'

1 in 100 CHANCE TO WIN!

FOUR Club/Box PACKER TICKETS

with all the perks! to the Dec 17, 2023
PACKERS vs Buccaneers NOON GAME



#2 STREETSTRIDER Elliptical BIKE

w/stationary accessory for use inside or out!



Winning tickets drawn and winners announced at the end of the concert on SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN! | SUPERRAFFLE LICENSE #R0042037-A-S8964

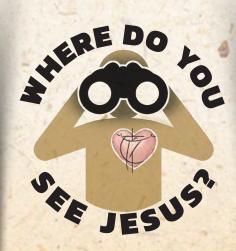


#### YOU ONLY NEED A HEART TO SERVE

The harmone 4GOOD planning team is seeking volunteers to help during the event and also help baking cookies for the complimentary

härmenē 4GOOD COOKIE BAR!

Watch for a SignUP Genius invitation!



The question, WHERE DO YOU SEE JESUS? can be challenging to answer. But it is actually an invitation for each of us to open our eyes and hearts, so that we might recognize and be present in God's presence—and respond.

## stew-ard-ship is to care for something

Starting this month, your stewardship ministry team will be sharing a number of examples of how we see Jesus in our lives here at Trinity. As these messages are shared, we hope it will help each of us look within and grow deeper in our faith and commitment to the mission of our church; Sharing the Love and Promise of God.

### stew-ards

As stewards and disciples of Christ, answering the question, WHERE DO YOU SEE JESUS? is an opportunity for each of us to take pause from all the distractions of our lives so we can SEE JESUS at work in the every day. And then, as caretakers of Christ's love, respond to what we see with our hearts.

True stewardship doesn't come from guilt, or obligation, or expectations. True stewardship is personal. It is our RESPONSE to our faith, our trust, and to blessings received. Genuine stewardship comes from our hearts.

Trinity's Stewardship Team



Following Immanuel, Serving Happily

**SEPTEMBER 24** | 11 AM - 12:30 PM **F.I.S.H<< KICK-OFF PARTY!** 

You are invited to join us for some F.I.S.Hy games, fun, prizes and treats.

All 4th-6th Graders are invited!

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF 4TH-6TH GRADERS

This youth ministry is designed to enhance the community-building element of faith development. In order to grow spiritually, it is vital that young peope see themselves as part of a faith community-place where family and friends gather to learn, celebrate and grow.

The **F.I.S.H.** group meets once a month with activities designed to grow both faith and friendships among Trinity's 4th-6th graders—many of whom attend different schools. Most of our events are held "in house" here at Trinity at no cost to families and involves a light meal, games, prizes and an activity or craft. Each event has a theme based on the church year or a faith concept. We hope lots of families take advantage of this important faith development opportunity!

Please plan to join us for the 2023/2024 F.I.S.H. Kick-Off on September 24th from 11 AM to 12:30 PM. And then, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these upcoming F.I.S.H. events:

OCTOBER 29 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM

**NOVEMBER 12** NOON - 1:30 PM FAMILY BOWLING PARTY



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

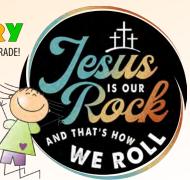
SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH GRADE!

SEEIT. MAKEIT. TASTEIT. MOVEIT. TELLIT.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Please register your child(ren) even if they attended Children's Ministry last year!

A link to a fillable pdf REGISTRATION FORM is on the home page of our website (under the three boxes) trinitywestbend.com



#### **REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 3rd**

Our theme this year is **Jesus is our Rock!** We are looking forward to *rolling* through this year with all of you—we have so many exciting things planned!

#### RALLY DAY | SEPTEMBER 10 | 9:30 AM

- SEPT 10 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KICK OFF! Ice Cream Social in the Heritage Room after Children's Ministry!
- SEPT 17 Moses and the Exodus Rotation begins
  BRING-A-FRIEND Sunday!

Share the love and promise of God with others—*bring a Friend to*Children's Ministry! Both you and your friend will receive a special treat.

• SEPT 24 | Moses and the Exodus Rotation

Anyone can volunteer, whether you have a child enrolled in the program or not! All you need is a passion, concern and love 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!

LOOK FOR ROTATION SIGN UP SHEETS or talk to Alyssa TODAY!

## SEEKING SPECIFIC DONATIONS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Capri-Sun JUICE POUCHES
  PLEASE—ONLY Capri-Sun POUCH BRAND!
- 100% APPLE JUICE BOXES
  PLEASE—ABSOLUTELY NO SUGAR ADDED!

We very much appreciate your help in stocking up these items to have on hand for our kiddos. We also appreciate your understanding in making sure we provide for them the very best we can.

Thank you.





#### Senior High Summer Servant Trip 2023 New York, New York - Everything is NEW

Thank You for your prayers and Support!!

Traveling to the "Big Apple" to experience the life, the sights and the issues and solutions of a large city - our trip was an amazing adventure in expanding the way we see our world and God at work around us. It offered new sights and new ways of seeing.

- Friendships were deepened
- Amazing, powerful, and beautiful sights were experienced.
- Physical and emotional comfort zones were challenged and stretched.
- Significant work was done to learn about and participate in the ministries of several non-profit organizations devoted to helping address some issues of need.

#### AN INVITATION FOR THE ENTIRE CONGREGATION

Plan to join us for Worship on the weekend of SEPTEMBER 16/17 when Trinity's 2023 Summer Servant Trip Travelers will lead Worship and share reflections from their experiences in New York City!

TRINITY'S TRAVELERS: Alex Bergerud, Garrett Clark, Deacon Falconer, Alexis George, Audrey Kelnhofer, Victoria Kenworthy, Emerson Ketter, Landon Ketter, Matthew Krawzik, Aidan Marlett, Kristen Nelson, Drake Omernick, CJ Schiller, Ava Schiller, Bethani Schweiger, Kaitlin Sparks, Haley Kordosky, Aaron Pierce, Nate Shubat and Pastor Cristy Schoob.



## **WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-8:00 PM**

**SEPT 13** | What IS the "gospel" of Jesus? SNACKS: Pastor Cristy/Nate

**SEPT 20** | Faith changes how we see ourselves, God and others SNACKS: Gracyn Schneider

**SEPT 27** | What IS the Bible? SNACKS: TJ Abraham

**OCT 4** Follow Jesus? Other choices? SNACKS: Mitchell Doede

**OCT 8 | CONFIRMATION WORSHIP** 9:30 AM

#### **NOTE IMPORTANT UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENT**

**Confirmation Fall Retreat** Pine Lake Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, Oct 20—Sunday, Oct 22



#### SR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1 | 6PM-7:30PM HERITAGE ROOM

9TH-12TH GRADE **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP** 

First Sunday get-togethers start Sunday, October 1st. Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites all folks in 9th-12th Grade to join us for:

- First Sunday get-togethers.
- Lock-ins and activities.
- planning, fundraising, and preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering – "Created to BE" in New Orleans | July 12-22, 2024



**Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito** is the Trinity congregation's Compassion International sponsored child. Kaori was born on February 10, 2013, she is now TEN 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 familyphysically, spiritually and with cognitive and emotional development too.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support! You can drop a donation specified for Kaori at Trinity or scan this QR cod (look for the Kaori box) to give right now!





A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have love you, you also are to love one another.







a gathering of male voices from several different denominations and congregations, who started Trinity's Sunday morning service on August 13th with "Christ is the Rock!" followed by "He Never Failed Me Yet".

After sharing the gift of their songs at Trinity, the group went on to grace 5 MORE congregations with their music ministry on Sunday morning.



ladies who joined forces to volunteer at the Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center on Monday August 21st:

Denise Kenworthy
Chris Pamperin
Suzanne Barker
Bonnie Oppermann



Youth and Family Project

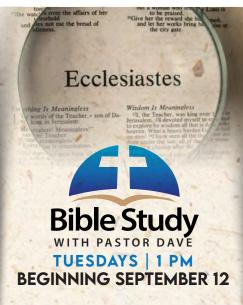
In 2022 The Youth and Family Project hosted its first Pride Celebration to honor the diverse identities of the LGBTQ+ youth and families who live, work, and thrive in Washington County. youthandfamilyproject.org

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** | This year, on August 6th Trinity participated in the **2nd Annual Pride Celebration** sponsored by the **Youth and Family Project of Washington County** and held on the beautiful grounds of The Gardens Wedding Center in Allenton. It was a very well organized, family-friendly community event on a perfect summer day. **But the best part**—it was an afternoon filled with fun, joy, support, encouragement, respect and care for all who attended. It represented how things **could be** if we truly loved one another like Christ loves us. We received many positive comments about Trinity's presence and message of welcome.

And in the end the love you take is equal to the love you make.

THE BEATLES





We will return to meeting for Bible Study on Tuesday afternoons at 1 PM, beginning September 12th—with a study of the book of Ecclesiastes.

Many modern readers find the book repetitive and depressing, but it is actually a wise statement about how to live life. You are invited to join us for live discussions on Tuesdays starting September 12th. COME! Consider the words of the teacher and decide for yourself the wisdom of their words.

THE SESSIONS WILL BE RECORDED AND OFFERED ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND WEBSITE AS WELL.

# ADULT FORUMS WITH PASTOR DAVE SUNDAYS

After the 9:30 worship on Sundays starting September 17th, we will hold adult forums to discuss important issues in the church and in the world. The first set of discussion will center around a proposed social statement the ELCA is developing on Civic Life and Faith. We will in the process of our discussion have the opportunity to send thoughts and suggestions to the ELCA as they continue their work. If you have an interest in this topic, please come and join us.

## BOOK STUDY | THE KITE RUNNER THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 28 | 7 PM



Our book for the month of September will be **The Kite Runner** *by Khaled Hossenini*. **This is a powerful story about abuse, betrayal, forgiveness and redemption**.

HERE IS A SYNOPSIS FROM AMAZON: The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, caught in the tragic sweep of history, The Kite Runner transports readers to Afghanistan at a tense and crucial moment of change and destruction. A powerful story of friendship, it is also about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption; and an exploration of the power of fathers over sons—their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

Since its publication in 2003, The Kite Runner has become a beloved, one-of-a-kind classic of contemporary literature—touching millions of readers, and launching the career of one of America's most treasured writers.

This book has been in the West Bend News. The school district was challenged by people to drop the book from their reading list and library. But the school chose to keep it on an optional reading list.

This book is considered by many a modern classic. What do you think? Come and join us for the discussion on Thursday, September 28th at 7 PM.



#### TRINITY'S ADVENT CANTATA RETURNS DECEMBER 2-3, 2023

After a 3-year hiatus, we are excited to resume our 14-year tradition of an Advent Cantata —preparing us for the season of hope!

This year's choir will be under the direction of Karen Wysocky, former WBHS choir director. The choir is open to Trinity members and friends in the community. All voices, high school age and older, are welcome.

Five Cantata Choir Rehearsals | Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM

- October 11 & 18
- November 8, 15 & 29 Rehearsal aids for additional independent part learning at home will be available.

If you would like to sing in the choir, sign up in the Heritage Room or on Signup Genius through Trinity's website or contact Hazel Griffin h\_ggriffin@charter.net for more information! We hope you will consider being a part of this very special musical worship experience.





## 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 your for your support and understanding.

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



#### YOU ONLY NEED A HEART TO SERVE

Trinity's Worship and Hospitality Ministries need and welcome YOUR participation.

SignUP in advance online to:

Set up Communion Serve Communion Read the Scriptures

Coffee Hour | host or provide finger foods NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Contact Sue in the office with any questions.

# 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.

Ethan Schickert	9	01	
Janet Wagner	9	01	
Jessica Gonzalez	9	03	
Abby Nelson	9	03	
Margie Kieckhafer	9	04	
J <mark>effre</mark> y Schicker	9	05	
Raina Oksiuta	9	06	
Kelly Omernick	9	06	
William Dushek	9	08	
Candice Sarauer	9	08	
David Solberg	9	08	
Patrick Budoff	9	08	
Skylar Crass	9	09	
Jay Nelson	9	09	
Susan Sulik	9	09	
Leon Vore	9	09	
Joseph Falconer	9	10	
Nicole Beier	9	12	
Lanae Poupore	9	12	
David Schoob	9	12	
Nicole Hull	9	18	
Lynn Anderson	9	19	
Jordyn Kurer	9	19	
Melissa Pitzen	9	19	
Julie Brown	9	20	
Sue Harter	9	21	
Ryan Schneider	9	22	
Kelly Granger		23	
Phil Pierce	9	23	
Arlene Pierog	9	23	
Amy Oksiuta	9	24	
Lois Haase	9	25	
Brad Abraham		26	
Delores Washa		26	
Michael York	9	29	

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