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This month we will be confirming young people in a special service. They will be asked: Do you intend...to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word deed?

So if someone would ask you, "What is the good news," what would you say? Cris and Nate ask the young people that question and often they are at a loss for words. Our guess is that many of us would struggle with an answer. We know it has something to do with Jesus.

But how would each of us unpack it.

Let us offer you our answer. The good news of Jesus is that God claims us in love at our best and at our worst. The good news is that God promises that God will never let us go. God invites us into a loving relationship that will never end, and in that relationship we will find what it really means to live. We know that this loving relationship will always be there, and there is a power in this reality in a world where we are often abandoned, forgotten, abused, and alone. In that relationship we will be set free from fear of failure so that we can truly strive to become the best us we can become. When we fail we are free to rise anew and begin again. We trust this and stake our lives on this reality.

And so what does it mean to proclaim this good news in word and deed?

Again let us offer our answer. It means that we, with God's help, live in such a way that we let everyone around us know that they are loved, welcomed and accepted for themselves, warts and all. It means that we work to create a church, a community, and a world where each person is valued and has a place and is encouraged and supported in their effort to grow into their best self. It means that we live courageously in the face of forces that try to silence us and shape us into people we were never

meant to be. It means serving one another, striving for justice and peace in all we are and do. *It means widening the circle of love so that all are included.*

We know that we don't live up to this and our guess is that you don't either. We fail in the promise we made daily. Yet God does not fail in God's promise. God forgives, renews enlivens and call us to go out again. God rebuilds and renews the relationship always and is always waiting for us to come home. Because ultimately in love God entrusts us with this good news.

We offer this story we have offered before for you to consider:

Jesus ascending to the heavens after the resurrection is met by the archangel Gabriel who speaks of the glory of his mission on earth and then asks Jesus, "how is all this going to continue?".

Jesus says, "well, I left the Good News with my disciples and they will carry out to everyone who hasn't heard". Gabriel looks doubtful and reminds Jesus that they have not always been that trustworthy—"what if they get scared or tired or they just plain fail—what is plan B?" Jesus replies, "there is no plan B".

So let us consider our answer and renew our promise along with those being confirmed.

Pastol Crista

Pastor Dave and Pastor Cristy

härmənē 4GOOD

The men of härmenē indeed returned and lifted up a full house with their amazing voices at the benefit concert for



WASHINGTON COUNTY

with all proceeds dedicated to support their programs for teens in our community.

Total proceeds from the event reached \$3,927.60

to all who attended and worked behind the scenes to make this a successful benefit. The men received our applause, but those involved in the planning, making the event as appealing to the eyes as it was to the ears, run smoothly and who donated raffle prizes and delicious cookies, too, were all a vital part in its success—it truly does take a village!

A CD recording of the concert at Trinity will be available for a FREE-WILL DONATION.

Donations for the CDs go to purchase new music for future harmone concerts!



ABOVE | Pastor Cristy and Hazel Griffin presented Lisa Krenke and Sue Milken, NAMI Executive Director and Board President with a check with the proceeds from the harmone benefit.



VISIT THE CONNECTION CORNER IN THE HERITAGE ROOM FOR MORE härmene 4GOOD PICTURES!



Trinity's High School travelers helped lead the worship services on the weekend of September 16/17 when they also shared reflections from their summer servant trip 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.



We've dedicated 6 WEEKS to answer the question—

WHERE DO YOU SEE JESUS?

For six consecutive weeks, beginning in September and continuing through this month, we are sharing examples of how we see Jesus in our lives and ministries here at Trinity.

WEEK 1	Seeing Jesus in our High School Youth
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WEEK 2 | Seeing Jesus at work in our Children's Ministry program

Seeing Jesus in our Outreach Ministries

WEEK 4 | Seeing Jesus in our Worship and Fellowship

WEEK 5 | Seeing Jesus as we work to Care for Creation WEEK 6 | Seeing Jesus as we strive to be a welcoming, inclusive community

As these messages are shared we ask each of us to reflect on how we see Jesus at work in our own lives. And, once we open our eyes to seeing Jesus at work, the next question is, HOW DO WE RESPOND TO JESUS' PRESENCE? As stewards of all that God entrusts us with, and in response to all the ways we see Jesus at work in our lives, it is up to each of us to seek ways to pass it on ... sharing Jesus with others! Making a commitment to support Trinity's ministries through the gifts of our time, talents and finances is one way to share God's love and promise.

And, on the **7th WEEK** ... **WE WILL CELEBRATE!**

WEEK 7 | We will come together as a congregation, bringing forth our estimate-of-giving commitments to continue our support for Trinity's ministries in 2024 ... and then, we will CELEBRATE!

join us as we worship and celebrate

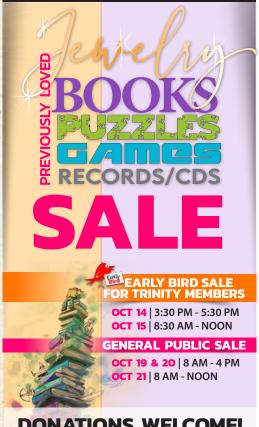
- seeing Jesus in our lives, and
- our commitment to sharing him with others through Trinity's ministries!

Reformation Weekend CELEBRATION SATURDAY & SUNDAY | OCTOBER 28/29

We will celebrate after each worship service over the breaking of bread as we share fellowship and a light meal together in the Heritage Room!

Once upon a time

there were folks who really loved books, puzzles, games, records/cds & jewelry too!



DONATIONS WELCOME!

The Trinity Comforters are seeking donations of books, puzzles, games, records/cds and jewelry!



So, they came to this SALE! The End.

Trinity Lutheran Church Financial Update

As we come to the end of summer the council wanted to give the congregation an update on the church finances. As you may remember, the congregation approved a deficit budget for this year by about \$63,000. Here are the numbers through the end of August.

TOTAL REVENUE\$306,849.10 TOTAL EXPENSE.....\$338,441.29 NET REVENUE \$41,592.19

Trinity does a great job providing services for our congregation and the community and wants to continue doing so. So, what does this mean having a negative number in net revenue? It simply means that our expenses are greater than the money we currently have coming in.

The council wanted to give you this update on finance now because we still have time to correct this issue. We ask that you review what you have committed to giving the church and, if possible, make up for any missed offerings. Another thing to think about is to sign up for automatic electronic giving. It is an easy way to support the church whether you are able to attend or not. You can do this through our website, or call the church office for assistance.



2023-24 OFFERING DEDICATION

We plan to continue to dedicate our Children's Ministry offerings to help support Trinity's sponsorship of our Compassion International child, Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito.

Kaori is now 10 years old, her birthday is February 10, 2013. She lives in the a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers. Before COVID, her father is sometimes employed as work is available. Her mother is not employed. Kaori helps her family by cleaning around the home.

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.

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



ALL ABOUT YOU'VE YOUTH 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.

WELCOME BACK!

It has been such a wonderful month seeing all of our kiddos down in Children's Ministry again for the school year. We kiccked off the year with some fun and games, and then dove right in to MOSES and the 10 PLAGUES!



It's never too late to register your children they are ALWAYS WELCOME!

MOSES & THE EXODUS ROTATION CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER 15

OCT 22 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Elijah ROTATION BEGINS

• OCT 22

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.

SEE PAGES 6 - 7 FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS!!!

We still have some opportunities for you to volunteer to help with the Elijah rotation! Please signUP in Fellowship Hall (downstairs)! 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!



We are excited to report that over 200 Monarch Butterflies were raised and released by Trinity this year!

We will again have milkweed seeds available for planting before winter. Watch for more information in the weekly communications.



Monthly F.I.S.H<< events are designed to grow both faith and friendships among Trinity's 4th-6th graders - many of whom attend different schools. In grades 4 - 6 children's friendships become more and more vital to their opinions, behavior, and self-image. 4th - 6th Grade Youth Ministry provides a vehicle for deepening and expanding the connections between children made on Sunday mornings. In this way, we seek to help our younger youth develop friendships with those who will be their fellow travelers in the faith through their confirmation, Senior High, and adult years.

F.I.S.H<<

4TH - 6TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP Following Immanuel, Serving Happily



ATTENTION ALL
4th - 6th Grade Youth
F.I.S.H<<
HALLOWEEN PARTY!

OCTOBER 29 11 AM - 12:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR

NOVEMBER 12 | NOON - 1:30 PM

F.I.S.H<< FAMILY BOWLING PARTY





YOUTH PROGRAM WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-8:00 PM

OCT 4 | Confirmation—WHAT IS THE POINT? 9th Grade Confirmation Rehearsal SNACKS: Mitchell Doede

OCT 8 | Service of CONFIRMATION Worship | 9:30 AM

OCT 11 What do we believe? *CREEDS*. SNACKS: Oscar Martin

OCT 18 | Apostles' Creed - GENERAL BACKGROUND SNACKS: John Omernick

FRIDAY, OCT 20 - | Confirmation Fall Retreat **SUNDAY, OCT 22** | Pine Lake Camp

The Trinity, Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 1

OCT 25 | Apostles' Creed - Review ARTICLE 1 SNACKS: Claire Brehmer

NOV 1 | Apostles' Creed - ARTICLE 2 SNACKS: Kennedy Butzler



SR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

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OCTOBER 1 6PM-7:30PM

HERITAGE ROOM

9TH-12TH GRADE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

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

Join us on October 1st for a time to reconnect and share dinner, discussion and communion. Then, mark your calendars for the next First Sunday -November 5th



The Family Colors crayon collection was a big success!!! Trinity collected **271** boxes of multicultural crayons that were distributed to the FIVE West Bend Elementary Schools!





to everyone who donated crayons and to Jay and Denise Riederer for dividing and delivering them just in time for the new school year!





Thank you to my september volunteers

Lisa Clark
Jennifer Walth
Pastor Dave
Haley Kordosky
Joan Hansen
Paul Bauman
Dick & Brooke Walsh

Garrett Clark Victoria Kenworthy Mitchel Doede Morgan Doede Jayden Hanvey Kennedy Butzler

Interested in teaching a rotation?

Check out the schedule in Fellowship Hall or contact Alyssa.









































TELLIT | All generations positively impact our children's faith-filled experiences.











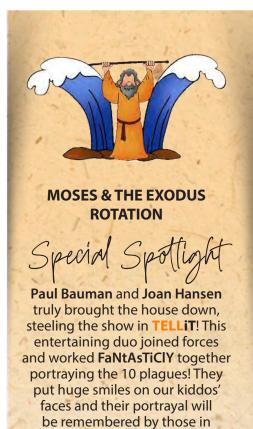


TELLIT | Israelite praying in their houses after they painted blood on their door frames





MAKEIT | We made rock F.R.O.G.s to remind us to Fully Rely On God (and they were one of the plagues)!

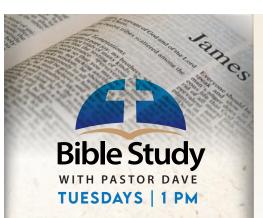




attendance for years to come! BRAVO on a job well done!







Our Bible study for October will be the book of James. Martin Luther was not sure this book should be included in the Bible. "We should throw the epistle of James out of this school, for it doesn't amount to much. It contains not a syllable about Christ. Not once does it mention Christ, except at the beginning. I maintain that some Jew wrote it who probably heard about Christian people but never encountered any. Since he heard that Christians place great weight on faith in Christ, he thought, 'Wait a moment! I'll oppose them and urge works alone.'This he did."

But to others the book of James serves the important purpose of reminding us that true faith in Christ inevitably leads to a change in the way one lives. You are invited to come and consider for yourself the value of this letter on the New Testament.

PLEASE NOTE: The study group meets
Tuesdays at 1pm. Knowing that this is not
a good time for everyone, we will record
the session for internet access. If there are a
group of people who would like to gather in
the evening- please let Pastor Dave know and
we will work to schedule a second session.

WITH PASTOR DAVE SUNDAYS

On Sundays, after the 9:30 worship service we will continue our discussions of Faith and Government and Civic Engagement. We will consider the work of the church wide office on social issues. We will discuss issues such as

- What does the church have to offer in discussions of public policy?
- How are we called as God's people to participate in the public square?
- How should social issues be addressed in public worship?
- How does the government impact our life as the church?
- Who speaks for the church?

This is a safe place to discuss issues that we may come at from very different perspectives. We all bring wisdom and experience to share. All are welcome.

BOOK STUDY | THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY TUESDAY | OCTOBER 24 | 7 PM



The book you are invited to read for the month of October is The Midnight Library.

HERE IS A TEASER FROM THE INTERNET. | Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In The Midnight Library, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

For those who are interested in discussing the book together, we will meet on Tuesday October 24th at 7:00. **All are welcome.**

SOULFIX | TRINITY COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS



Joyful Yoga & Wellness

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Westveer

TUESDAYS | OCTOBER 3, 10, 24, 31 6:30 PM

Plan now to enjoy a one hour yoga class with focus on

- Healthy aging
- Mindfulness techniques to combat everyday stresses
- Mindful eating

No experience needed; modifications will be offered. Waiver form required and will be available at the sessions. **Sign up for one -or- all four sessions!**

COST \$15 PER PERSON/SESSION — OR — \$44 FOR ALL FOUR SESSIONS EACH SESSION LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS

Sign up in the Heritage Room or on SignUP Genius.



Grab a friend and join us for a fun night of learning how to crochet a PUMPKIN!

Supplies provided. FEE TO BE DETERMINED MORE DETAILS COMING SOON watch for Sign up sheets in the Heritage Room or a SignUP Genius invitation coming your way!





ITEM OF THE MONTH

SOUPS





Trinity has been invited to help support this important community ministry by participating in their 3rd Annual coin drive —HELPING PATIENTS GROW HEALTHY FUTURES!

SMALL CHANGE ADDS UP!
DROP YOUR LOOSE CHANGE IN THE CONTAINER
IN THE HERITAGE ROOM DURING OCTOBER!

The Albrecht Free Clinic is a non-profit clinic that strives to meet the medical, dental, and behavioral health needs of the uninsured and under-insured individuals living or working in Washington County.

cleaning out your cars, pockets, and purses today!

Let's BEAT the \$201 total we collected last year!!!



BLUE LOTUS FALL WORK DAYS

Saturday, Oct14 & Wednesday, Oct 25 | 9AM-NOON

You are invited to stay for a lunch provided in gratitude for being a volunteer! Blue Lotus Center provides outdoor recreational and therapeutic opportunities for individuals of any age living with life challenges. Trinity has supported Blue Lotus for the past several years all ages are welcome. This is a great family activity to share in the importance of service volunteering.

Please look for sign up sheets at church, or a SignUp Genesis invitation with more information.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Trinity's week to help provide meals for families being served through the Family Promise program is scheduled for:

OCTOBER 16th - 22nd

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Trank you for your support of this im

for your support of this important community outreach program.

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.

Terry Pietschmann	10 01
Kennedy Chlupp	10 03
Arlyss Speener	10 04
Kennedy Butzler	10 05
Jody Schiller	10 06
Jazlyn Mesich	10 08
Christopher Budoff	10 10
Traynor Gieryn	10 10
Briana Schauble	10 10
Betty Schweiger	10 10
Sharon Sutton	10 10
Bradley Hanson	10 11
Todd Markgraf	10 12
Walter Zube	10 13
Brook Walsh	10 14
Adrienne Schneider	10 15
Pierce Griffin	10 15
James Klatt	10 15
Candace Anderson	10 16
Nanci Crass	10 16
Jodi Falconer	10 16
Joyce Kirchner	10 17
Haley Kordosky	10 17
Jennifer Schauble	10 18
Toni Shubat	10 18
Myra Gunnare	10 19
Richard Hills	10 20
Clair Brehmer	10 23
Jane Abel	10 25
Richard Peters	10 26
Jordan Robinson	10 28
Steven Holcomb	10 29
Patricia Brehmer	10 30
Carl Schweiger	10 30
Glenn Naumann	10 31



Trivity's Gardens

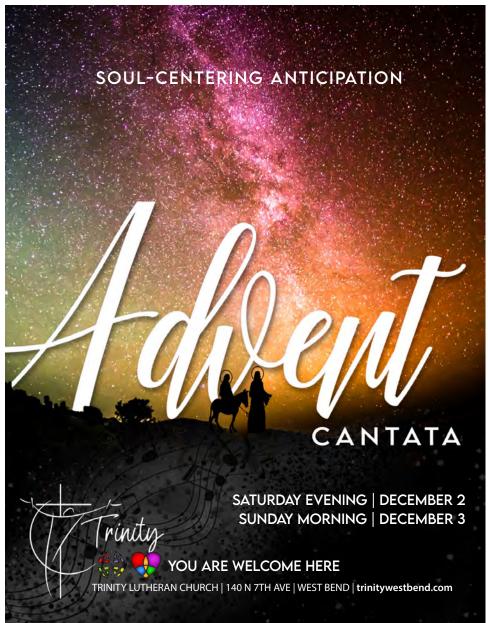
The gardens around Trinity are being transformed and rejuvenated with a goal of reducing maintenance and providing 4 seasons of natural beauty honoring creation.

Sidewalk edges have been uncovered, and patio space cleared from overgrown invasive plants. It is amazing how much room there is in the fountain courtyard area that can be enjoyed.

The YMCA children have joined in the fun talking about worms and 'bubble' bees with our garden volunteers. The magnolia tree in the upper garden has grown in size with long, healthy branches that now reach and cover many plants. We are removing these plants and will make them available to the congregation.

You will find white iris, and Lady's Mantle by the alley door entrance. If you feel so moved, indicate that your donation is to be designated to support our spring planting garden fund.

Thank you!



LAST CALL TO JOIN ADVENT CANTATA CHOIR 2023

Trinity's Advent cantata choir is returning for the 2023 Advent season, ushering in a period of preparation, reflection and hope at a musical worship service weekend December 2-3. The choir, however, begins preparation long before that weekend, and the first rehearsal is just a couple of weeks away.

If you would like to be a part of this year's choir, please sign up on SignUP Genius OR on the signup sheet in the Heritage Room <u>BY SUNDAY OCTOBER 8</u>.

All singers high school age and older are welcome!

Rehearsals are 6:30-8:00 PM on the following Wednesdays:

- October 11 & 18
- November 8, 15 & 29

Final dress rehearsal 4:30 PM December 2 before the evening cantata service.

For more information, see Hazel Griffin



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