



Trinity Spirit

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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Come, you thankful people, come!

Over the next two months our minds and hearts will be focused on the abundance of God's love shown in the gifts we are offered as the people of God.

The Church begins the month of November celebrating All Saints. We take time to stop and remember all those who have gone before—who have showed us what it means to live with love, faith, and perseverance. We remember what a gift these people have been in our lives and take comfort knowing they are now safe in the kingdom of God. They are the saints triumphant.

At the same time we remember that in thanksgiving we are called to continue their legacy. We are called to be people of faith who touch the world with love and hope in all we do.

Later this month we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation. We take time, as the proclamation of thanksgiving says, to: *unite in rendering unto God our sincere and humble thanks—for God's kind care and protection.* We stop and thank God for all that makes our lives worth living and especially for God's continuing presence with us in all things. But the original proclamation also says: *we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually...*

In December we celebrate what we Christians consider the greatest gift of all—the birth of Jesus Christ, God's own son.

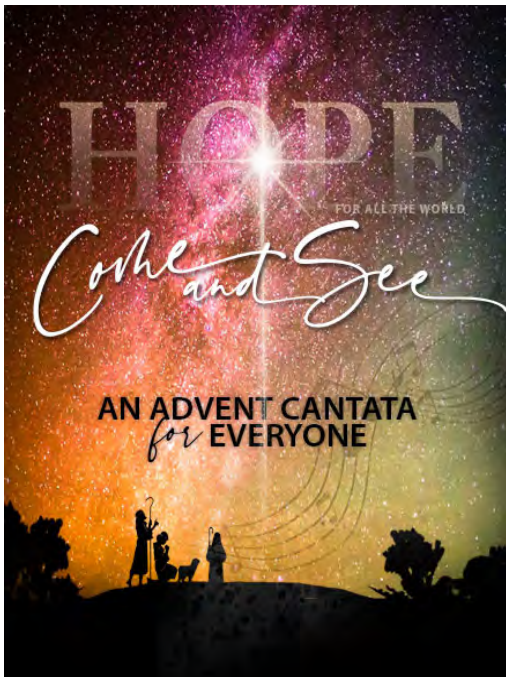
We celebrate the birth of Jesus always with an eye to the truth that this gift comes to fullness in the death of Jesus on the cross. The observation of Christmas calls forth in all people in some ways a new gentleness, generosity, and peace. It calls us as Christians to offer gifts, not just to friends and family but to our Lord.

A child's song says: *What can I give him as poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give a lamb; If I were a wise one, I would do my part; Yet what can I give him: . . . I give my heart.*

In all these cases, this month and next, **let us remember that true thanksgiving is in thanks-living.** May all that we are in our everyday lives be a reflection of our thankfulness to the one who never stops giving us the gifts of love and grace.

The purest
expression of our
Thanksgiving
is clearly seen in our
Thanks-living

Pastor Cristy *Pastor Dave*
Pastors Cristy and Dave



For more than 10 years, Trinity's Advent Cantata provided a time to step back from our busy lives and prepare our hearts for the season of Advent, for God's greatest gift, and to reflect on how we can share that gift through our lives. It was a tradition loved by both the Trinity family and our friends in the community; but unfortunately it was another tradition that was interrupted by the pandemic.

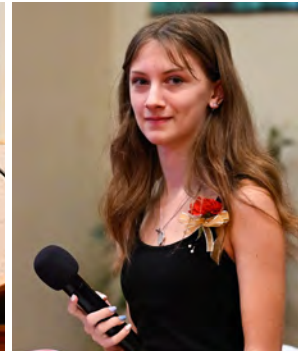
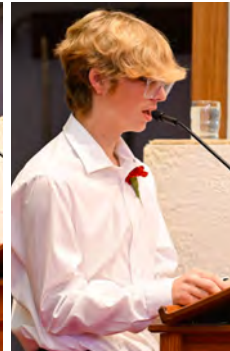
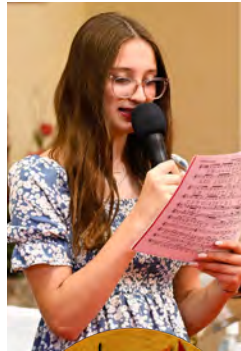
At last, after a 3-year hiatus, the cantata is returning under the direction of Karen Wysocky, former WBHS choir director.

This year's cantata "*Come and See*" will be presented the weekend of **DECEMBER 2-3, 2023**

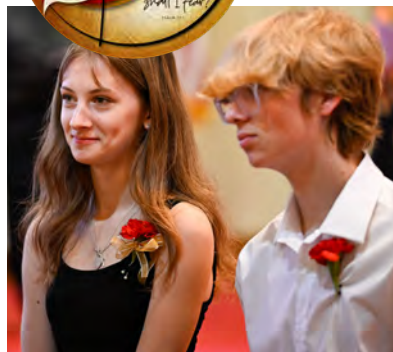
TWO PERFORMANCES
Saturday Evening
DECEMBER 2 | 6:30 PM
Sunday Morning
DECEMBER 3 | 9:30 AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and invite your family and friends to share in this meaningful musical worship service!

There will be no 4 PM Saturday service on that weekend.



Congratulations to these young adults who affirmed their baptisms during a Celebration of Confirmation worship service on October 8th.
 Eleanor Jolouise Carlson, Alexander Thomas Davis, Delia Lucille Gunnare, Amanda Rose Hull, Kaylin Lea Kozlowski, Conrad William James Schiller



BELOW | The Trinity Comforters annual fundraiser filled the Heritage Room with multitude of books, many, many beautiful puzzles, an awesome collection of vinyl records, a wonderful selection of jewelry ... and a whole lot of happy shoppers! Thank you to all who donated and shopped—*your generosity in support of the TrinityComforters ministry is so very much appreciated!*



Deloris found a cookbook at the sale - published by a church in Florida that her mother had recipes in!



WHERE DO YOU SEE JESUS?

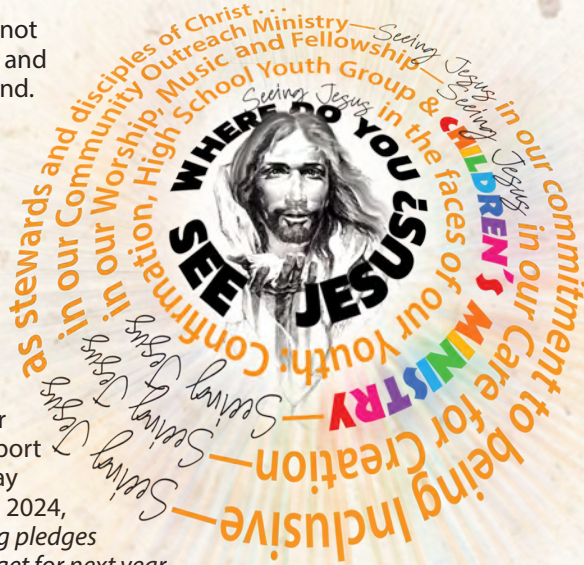
"Where do you see Jesus?" did not end with our celebration Worship and luncheon on Reformation weekend. In fact, it has no end.

When we are aware of Jesus' presence in our lives we must respond. And, when we practice year-round stewardship, we are better able to live out Jesus' commandment to love God and one another with our whole self.

If you have not yet turned in your estimate of giving pledge in support of Trinity's ministries and everyday utility and operating expenses in 2024, it is not too late. *Estimate of giving pledges help us plan as we look at the budget for next year.*

*Go and do as God has done for you . . .
Go and do as stewards of God's abundant love and grace.*

Thanks be to God!



THE LIGHT SHINES
IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS
HAS NOT OVERCOME IT.

JOHN 1:5

Please join us to
remember those who
have gone before us
during our annual

*All Saints
Worship*

the weekend of

NOVEMBER 4 - 5

As a part of this celebration,
we will light candles
in a darkened church to
remember friends and family
who have died in the past year.

*Let us take this time to
honor the saints in our lives.*

THANKSGIVING BASKET

FOOD COLLECTION



We invite you to help us collect items to put together **Thanksgiving Food Baskets** that will be shared to support those in our community who may be struggling with food insecurity during these times of rising prices.

If you are aware of a family or individual who could use a hand up, please call the church office (in confidence). You can even deliver the food if you would like.

NOTE: If we do not get requests for individual families, we will donate the Thanksgiving Food Baskets to support the local Food Pantry.

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS that can be brought now:

Grocery Gift Cards or cash donations which go to fill out the baskets, (instant) potatoes, stuffing mix, (canned) sweet potatoes, (canned) vegetables, applesauce, canned fruit, canned cranberries, canned or dried soups, boxed mixes for desserts (brownies, cakes, puddings, jell-o), tuna, peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni and cheese or other boxed pasta/rice dinners, cereal, cookies

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS that can be brought in MID-NOVEMBER: *Fresh produce such as apples, oranges, potatoes, etc.*





SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 5th
6 PM - 7:30 PM

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE folks to gather for Senior High 1st Sunday meetings.

Worship and Service opportunities; Retreats, Lock-ins and activities; fundraising and preparing for the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. Check out what is planned and join us for any or all of our 2023/2024 activities.

This is our opportunity to get together, share a light meal and take a few hours to renew yourself as a child of God.

- Connect or reconnect with friends.
- Re-center yourself with a short, interactive worship experience
- Recharge your passion for compassion

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

DECEMBER 3rd, 2023
6 PM - 7:30 PM
Senior High 1st Sunday



ALL ABOUT YOU ^{the}

YOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

SEE it. MAKE it. TASTE it. MOVE it. TELL it.

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

If you haven't registered your child yet—it is never too late, they are always welcome!

NOVEMBER 12 | Our Children's Ministry kids will be SINGING "My Feet are on the Rock" IN WORSHIP!
They have been practicing on Sunday mornings during Children's Ministry!

NOVEMBER 19 | The Jesse Tree ROTATION BEGINS

NOVEMBER 26 | Thanksgiving Break
NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED!

Although it may be a bit early to start thinking about Christmas, we have already begun the planning for the Christmas Program this year. If you have not already done so, please let Alyssa know if your child will be participating in the program. A Google form was recently sent to you.

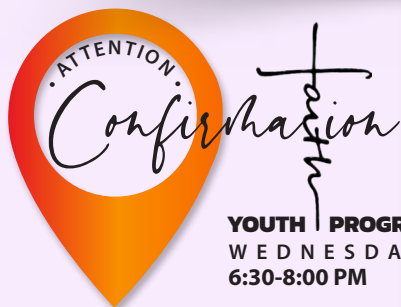
SAVE-THE-DATES

DECEMBER 9 | 9 AM-11 AM PRACTICE for Christmas Program!

DECEMBER 10 | 11:30 AM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!

Be sure to watch for information coming home about this!

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



YOUTH PROGRAM
WEDNESDAYS
6:30-8:00 PM

NOV 01 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: Kennedy Butuzler

NOV 08 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: Morgan Doede

NOV 15 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: TRINITY

NOV 22 | NO CONFIRMATION
Thanksgiving Break

NOV 29 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: Jayden Hanvey

DEC 06 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: Colin Weber

4TH - 6TH GRADE F.I.S.H<<

FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

YOUTH GROUP



FAMILY BOWLING PARTY

NOVEMBER 12 | NOON - 1:30 PM
KING PIN BOWL | COST \$8 PER PERSON

Attention all 4th-6th Graders AND their families are invited to join us for our annual F.I.S.H<< BOWLING PARTY! We'll meet at King Pin Bowl at NOON. Cost is \$8.00 per person and includes bowling, shoes, pizza and soda.

PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

Text Pastor Cristy with your RSVP to 262-483-0792 —or— email RSVP to Pastor Cristy via email at cschoob@trinitywestbend.com —or— sign up on the Youth Board downstairs in Fellowship Hall

SAVE-THE-DATE: Sunday, December 17th - F.I.S.H<< Christmas Party!

End of Season Monarch Ministry News

from Suzanne Barker



I am excited to report that over 200 Monarch Butterflies were raised and released by Trinity this year. At Blue Lotus Center during a Bio Blitz event with staff from Urban Ecology, I learned how to tag a monarch butterfly. Special numbered tiny stickers are applied to the migrating monarchs discal cell of the wing. Each sticker has a tag code, so if the butterfly is found, researchers are able to track its journey. Our final monarch tagging took place on September 28th in Trinity's fountain garden and we invited the YMCA children to join in the FUN!

We have MILKWEED SEEDS available for planting before winter. *Pick up a packet while supplies last!*



Lynn Anderson shared the release of Trinity's final Monarch with the children from the YMCA day care.



I am not sure if the tagging process was more stressful to the butterfly or "me" as the tagger, even after doing it 10 times!

About Trinity's Gardens

A dedicated crew of Trinity members have worked tirelessly behind-the-scenes, transforming and rejuvenating the gardens around our building with a goal of reducing maintenance and providing 4 seasons of natural beauty honoring creation.

The YMCA children have joined in the fun, talking about worms and "bubble" bees with our garden volunteers! Our youngest Children's Ministry kids planted bulbs in the courtyard garden and the confirmation class also planted tulip bulbs.

Thank you Cindy & Mike Tikusis, Ruth McDonald, Denise Kenworthy, Jody & Mike Dricken, Chris Pamprin, Bonnie Oppermann, Suzanne & Jim Barker and Phil Wagner for their dedicated service.



SCAM ALERT!!!

EMAIL & PHONE/TEXT SCAM TARGETING CHURCHES AND THEIR MEMBERS

Sadly, many churches and their members, **INCLUDING TRINITY**, are being targeted and are experiencing a number of email and phone/texting SCAM requests.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO ANY REQUESTS TO BUY ANY TYPE OF GIFT CARD OR SHOP FOR ANY REASON!

Your pastors, staff and fellow members would **NEVER EVER** send you an email or text asking you to go out and buy gift cards or to shop for them.

Please make sure anything that comes from Trinity is actually our email and/or phone number — they are not being changed.

Contact the pastors or the office directly with any questions/concerns.



TRINITY-SPONSORED GIVING TREES

Giving trees offer us the opportunity to lighten the load and brighten the hearts of folks who may be struggling during the holidays.

WATCH for DETAILS COMING SOON

POINSETTIAS FOR TRINITY'S CHANCEL

Poinsettias purchased and by members and adorning our chancel (altar) area always help make our church even more beautiful and festive during Christmas.

WATCH for ORDER FORMS SOON



Calling ALL Holiday Bakers and Cookie Lovers!

INCREDIBLE EDIBLES 2023

Back by popular demand, the **Incredible Edibles Holiday Cookie Sale!**—held in conjunction with the Trinity Advent Cantata, **December 2-3**

All proceeds benefit Trinity's **Helping Hands Fund**, which provides assistance for daily necessities such as food and gas to those experiencing financial hardship.

Bakers are asked to sign up on SignUP Genius or the sheet in the Heritage Room—and indicate what *recipe(s) you will be baking.* Cookies will need to be delivered to the Heritage Room by 9 AM Friday, Dec 1 for packaging.

Home-baked cookies only please!

Cookies will be sold in pre-weighed 1-POUND assortments for \$10/box

Don't miss out!

Preorders will be offered—look for preorder forms in the Heritage Room.



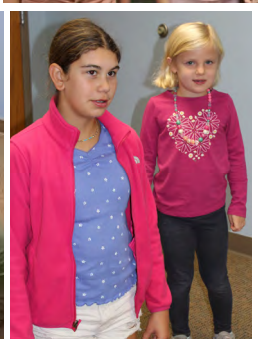
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
SEEit MAKEit TELLit MOVEit TASTEit

**CHILDREN'S
 MINISTRY**

Thank you

TO MY OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

- Lisa Clark
- Nancy Hanvey
- Jennifer Walth
- Haley Kordosky
- Joan Hansen
- Paul Bauman
- Dick & Brooke Walsh
- Pat & Renee Thacker
- Charlotte Butzler
- Jodi Falconer
- Maureen O'Connell
- Suzanne Barker
- Garrett Clark
- Victoria Kenworthy
- Mitchel Doede
- Morgan Doede
- Jayden Hanvey
- Kennedy Butzler



Interested in teaching a rotation?

Check out the schedule posted on the board in Fellowship Hall or contact Alyssa!



SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT

Thank you
to Suzanne Barker

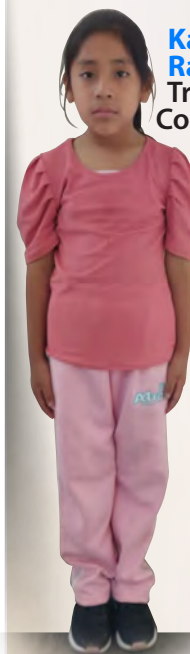
for sharing your love for gardening and spreading joy to our young kiddos! On their last week focusing on the Creation Story, our Little Lambs helped plant 30 Hyacinth bulbs in the church's courtyard! The Grape Hyacinth will bloom in spring—keep your eyes out for them!

HELP SUPPORT TRINITY'S SPONSORSHIP OF KAORI

Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito is the Trinity congregation's Compassion International sponsored child.

Kaori was born on February 10, 2013, she is now 10 years old and lives in a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers.

We ask for your continued prayers and support for Kaori and her family. More information about the coastal community where Kaori lives can be found on the slide show presentation in Trinity's Heritage Room.





The Trinity Congregation is invited to attend a **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification Class**, presented by Captain Robert Monday of the West Bend Fire Department.

WHY LEARN CPR?

1. It's easy-to-learn.
2. CPR prevents brain death,
3. CPR teaches you how to properly handle emergencies.
4. CPR lets you become part of the solution
5. CPR saves lives.

This CPR Certification Training Class is being scheduled just for Trinity members, but is **LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS | COST \$40/person.**

If you are interested in attending, look for sign up sheets in the Heritage Room or fill out the form below and return to Trinity with your payment by NOV 12th.

TRINITY CPR CERTIFICATION TRAINING CLASS

COST: \$40 / PERSON

NOV 15, 2023 | 1:00 PM

WEST BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT

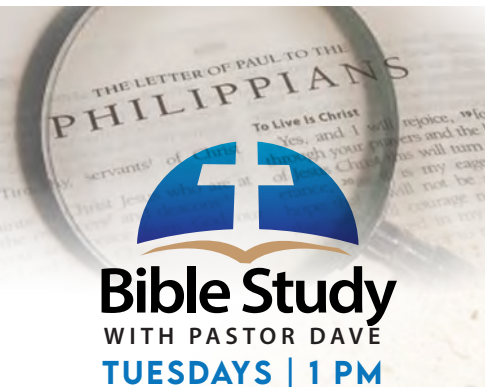
**325 N 8TH AVENUE
WEST BEND, WI 53095**

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

PHONE NUMBER

Any questions about this opportunity or information about setting up future CPR Training Classes, please contact **Tom Bulin, 414-801-0774**



In November we will be studying the book of Philippians.

Philippians is one of Paul's deepest expression of thanksgiving for God's love and the call to offer ourselves in love to the world.

Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 1 PM. It is also recorded and posted on our social media pages.

ADULT FORUM NOVEMBER SUNDAYS

On Sundays, after the 9:30 worship service in November, Trinity member, Jodi McMahon will share with us the process of dwelling in the word. Each week we will begin with the same scripture passage. Using the process we will all enter into considering its meaning for us and slow unravel new levels of the passage over the month.

This is a process that is being used in wider circles as a way for a group to share together a deeper connection with the word of God and an openness to the new possibilities the Spirit offers. *Please join us after the 9:30 service throughout November.*

NOVEMBER BOOK STUDY

WITH PASTOR DAVE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 | 7 PM

During November, you are invited to read the book, **Human (Kind)** by Ashlee Eiland.

HERE IS AMAZON'S BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Long before polls, protests, and political issues divided us, we were joined by a humanness that God considered very good. Created in his image, we reflected the height and depth of God's loving-kindness, but our discord has blinded us to the imago Dei in us all.

In this compelling collection of essays, Ashlee Eiland shares her story of being a black woman living on two sides of the fence: as the token black girl in majority-white spaces and as the "whitewashed" black girl in majority-black spaces. As she discovers her own unique worth through these recollections, Ashlee learns that extending radical kindness toward every person—regardless of social status, political views, or religious beliefs—gives us hope and rekindles our common humanity.

With grace and humility, Human(Kind) invites us to chart our *own formative journeys and recognize our inherent value, cultivating empathy so we may once again see the image of God shining brightly within one another. You are invited to gather and discuss this book on Tuesday November 28th at 7:00. All are welcome.*



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.

We are currently accepting and appreciate donations of:

- Winter clothing
- Blankets, pillows, bedding
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Kohls, Pick-n-Save, Dollar Tree etc. or just a visa gift card they may use to pay cell phone bill or buy a bus card)

Thank you, Trinity!

QUESTIONS, CONTACT NATE SHUBAT
nateshubat@gmail.com

Birthday 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.

Carly Doede 11 | 01
Brentley Hanson 11 | 01
Kathy Kershaw 11 | 02
Glendon Clark 11 | 04
Pauline Lentz 11 | 04
Elise Marlett 11 | 04
Shirley Walters 11 | 04
Kim Downer 11 | 05
Macy Pawlowski 11 | 05
Lynn Guerndt 11 | 06
Barbara Sass 11 | 11

T. J. Abraham 11 | 12
S. Payton McClain 11 | 12
Tom Kieckhafer 11 | 13
Nancy Pusch 11 | 14
Teagan Rands 11 | 14
Danielle Ellis 11 | 15
Robert Poenitsch (Sr) 11 | 15
Kathleen Roecker 11 | 15
Paul Bauman 11 | 17
Susie Kelnhofer 11 | 17
David Rhoads 11 | 17
Rannveig Polinski 11 | 18
Nola Wenzel 11 | 18

Brenda Gorr 11 | 19
Colleen (Pinky) Kirchner 11 | 19
Connor Scaffidi 11 | 20
Siena Scaffidi 11 | 21
Barbara Gunnare 11 | 24
Audrey Kelnhofer 11 | 25
Ray MacDonald 11 | 25
June Stracka 11 | 25
Paula Baldwin 11 | 26
Morgan Beier 11 | 27
Kay Laatsch 11 | 27
Mike Kozlowski 11 | 30
Suzanne Mildbrandt 11 | 30

Citizen Advocates
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November BINGO!

Join us for a **FREE & FUN-FILLED** afternoon of **BINGO with PRIZES!**
Sponsored by Citizen Advocates, this event is open to the public—all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend!

MONDAY
NOV 13, 2023
3:30 - 4:30pm

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Corner of 7th & Elm St
USE ALLEY ENTRANCE

Sci-Fi BOARD GAME NIGHT

SATURDAY | NOVEMBER 4 | 7PM - 10PM

Like Sci-Fi AND Board Games -or- just want a night out??
You are invited to join Pastor Dave and others for an evening of board game competition in the large conference room at Trinity.

Trivia Night

TGIF TRINITY CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY | Nov 17 | 6:30 PM

Couples, singles welcome!

Plan to join us for a night of fun and sharing of some light-hearted holiday spirit!
Whether you're good at trivia or not, you are welcome! We will break up in teams of 3 to 5 people each.

Bring your favorite Christmas 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!

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

November 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	2 1 PM TLC COMFORTERS	3	4 ALL SAINTS Liturgical Worship 4 PM SOL-GAME NIGHT 7 PM
5 ALL SAINTS CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADULT FORUM FIRST SUNDAY 6 PM	6	7 7 PM NA	8 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	9 1 PM TLC COMFORTERS	10	11 Liturgical Worship 4 PM
12 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SING IN WORSHIP ADULT FORUM F.I.S.H. BOWLING NOON	13 Citizen Advocates BINGO 3:30 PM	14 BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	15 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	16 1 PM TLC COMFORTERS	17 CHRISTMAS Triva Night 6:30 PM	18 Liturgical Worship 4 PM
19 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ADULT FORUM	20	21 BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	22 NO CONFIRMATION	23 THANKSGIVING	24 TRINITY OFFICE CLOSED	25 Liturgical Worship 4 PM
26 CTP Worship 9:30 AM NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	27	28 BIBLE STUDY 1 PM	29 CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	30 1 PM TLC COMFORTERS		

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