



Trinity Spirit

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Dear Disciples of Christ,

In the season of Lent we hear the call to follow Jesus to the cross. The journey is not easy. On the way we witness all the needs of the world, all the greed of the world, and our place in both. Like Peter, we are reluctant to make the trip. It is easier to bask in the glow of the presence of Christ on the mountain than to follow on this journey.

But to truly find the new life that Christ offers—we must follow. Almost everything around us is a reminder that nothing new can be born without death. It is a hard truth. The death of a plant and its lying in the winter ground brings new life. Letting go of some drains on our time is the only way to make room for new activities. The way to make room for more people at the table is for someone to give up their favored seat. And we believe --- we trust --- that death is the only way to eternal life.

That is why a tradition of Lent is to give up something. Giving up something in Lent is not so that we can be more holy. It is not an exercise in giving up something to lose weight or to get sober—*though that is closer to the spirit of sacrifice*. We sacrifice to grow closer to the God who comes to us in Jesus. We sacrifice so that God can use that sacrifice for the purposes of the Kingdom. We die, so something new can be born. Our sacrifices are about freeing ourselves for new life.

In the eleventh century, King Henry III of Bavaria grew tired of court life and the pressures of being a monarch. He made application to Prior Richard at a local monastery, asking to be accepted as a contemplative and spend the rest of his life in the monastery.

"Your Majesty," said Prior Richard, "do you understand that the pledge here is one of obedience? That will be hard, because you have been a king."

"I understand," said Henry. "The rest of my life I will be obedient to you, as Christ leads you."

"Then I will tell you what to do," said Prior Richard. "Go back to your throne and serve faithfully in the place where God has put you."

When King Henry died, a statement was written: "The king learned to rule by being obedient."

What do you need to 'let go of' to faithfully serve God in your life? This is not just about Lent—but all of life.

Pastor Cristy Pastor Dave
Pastors Cristy and Dave

WAYS TO FAST THIS LENT

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with love. Fast from worries and have trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressure and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges and be reconciled. Fast from words and be silent so that you can listen.

ECUMENICAL MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

WEDNESDAYS at NOON

MARCH SCHEDULE:

MARCH 6 | Holy Angels Catholic
Chaplain Esteve Redolad from Cedar Community

MARCH 13 | Trinity Lutheran
Rev Jim Hearne from Our Savior's Lutheran

MARCH 20 | 5th Avenue UMC
Rev David Schoob from Trinity Lutheran



CONGRATULATIONS

- CHILI KING**
Tom Bergerud
- 2ND PLACE**
Jory Granger
- 3RD PLACE**
Steve Walth



There is just no better way to top off a Trinity Annual Meeting than with a cheerful gathering over 12 pots of delicious CHILI! Thank you to all 12 Chili competitors, to everyone who brought desserts, helped set up and/or clean up and attended, tasted and voted during our **2024 Chili CookOFF!** It was a great event that warmed the hearts of many from the inside out—*one delicious spoonful at a time!*



Jim & Suzanne Barker and Mike Kappler banded together on a Saturday a few weeks back to take care of some much needed tree trimming—followed by a few loaded trips to remove all the branches.

Thank you for your labor and service!



TRINITY'S ENDOWMENT TRUST: A WAY TO EXPAND OUR MINISTRY

Our January Annual Meeting may make you wonder how this title could be possible. *After all, we approved a budget which reduced our pastor's work hours and provided no salary increases to the rest of our staff.* But the **Endowment Trust**, created just nine years ago, now is able to expand our ministry or service in four different areas:

- Leadership Development
- Community Outreach
- Mission of the Larger Church, and
- Capital Trust

Thanks to \$200,000 plus in major gifts from a few Trinity members, the annual earnings can be distributed in those four areas. And the Trust Board, responsible for managing the Endowment Trust, invites your suggestions and help with the first three fund areas.

So how can you help? Complete a **FUND REQUEST FORM** for something you feel would be a worthy recipient from Trinity's Endowment Trust. Forms are available on a clipboard in the Heritage Room along with information provided on the first three Endowment areas.

Fund requests could be but are not limited to the examples listed below:

- **Leadership Development** | scholarships for students attending ELCA colleges or seminaries, training programs for staff and church leadership, or purchase of materials for startup of new faith development programs in the congregation.
- **Special Outreach Ministries** | service and mission outreach in the community, or support of other unique ministries of Trinity.
- **Mission of the Larger Church** | ELCA mission programs and missionaries, ministry with partnership congregations outside West Bend, and special appeals of the ELC or Greater Milwaukee Synod. *A fund request last year was granted for each of the three years involved with the Greater Milwaukee Synod Equipping the Saints Appeal supplementing the individual response of Trinity members.*

Our 2023 Congregation Annual Report showed almost \$45,000 available for ministry requests with \$13,200 available for requests related to Leadership Development. \$12,400 could cover requests related to Special Outreach Ministries. Finally, \$9,900 was shown as available for Mission of the Larger Church. Give some thought for places where Trinity's ministry can be expanded and complete a request form. The Trust Committee will then consider your request. They meet quarterly, but more frequently if needed.

Pam Bauman, Trust Board Member

TO TRULY KNOW THE
joy AND promise
OF EASTER
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JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



PALM / PASSION WORSHIP MARCH 23/24

From "Hossana" to "Crucify Him"—
*PalmPassion Worship will be led by
Trinity's Confirmation Youth*

- 4:00 PM | Saturday
- 9:30 AM | Sunday



MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP | MARCH 28

*Walking through the Last Supper and
reflecting Jesus' words "I give you a new
commandment."*

- NOON | Holy Communion
- 6:30 PM | Holy Communion



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP MARCH 29

*The ultimate sacrifice—Jesus crucifixion.
al darkness near the end of the service.*

- NOON | Drama Worship
- 7:30 PM | Tenebrae Worship

*Tenebrae is the Latin word meaning
darkness. Gradual extinguishing of
candles takes place and Worshipers leave
in silence to ponder the impact of Christ's
death and await the celebration of the
coming Resurrection.*



Easter BREAKFAST AND EASTER WORSHIP | SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER BREAKFAST | Trinity's Senior High youth invite everyone to enjoy the **Continental EASTER BREAKFAST** served throughout Easter morning in the Heritage Room. **A FREE-WILL OFFERING will be collected and used to help fund the High School summer trip to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans.**



HOLY COMMUNION AT ALL EASTER
WORSHIP SERVICES

- 6:30 AM | Sunrise Service
- 8:00 AM | Traditional Service
- 9:30 AM | Created to Praise

Confirmation

YOUTH PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
6:30-8:00 PM

MARCH 6 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
SNACKS: Jayden Hanvey

MARCH 13 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
Jesus' Passion/ Holy Week
SNACKS: Manny Jones

MARCH 20 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
Jesus' Passion/ Holy Week
SNACKS: Carter Sobush

Palm/Passion Worship
PRACTICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
10 AM - 11:30 AM

Confirmation Lead
Palm/Passion
WEEKEND WORSHIP

SATURDAY, MARCH 23 | 4:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24 | 9:30 AM

MARCH 27 | HOLY WEEK
NO CONFIRMATION

APRIL 3 | Apostles' Creed ARTICLE 2
Teachings
SNACKS: Colin Weber



Trinity's 5th graders will receive their First Communion during Worship on:

• **Sunday, MARCH 3 | 9:30 AM**

As part of their "Keeping the Promise Rotation" they will also be leading this worship service.



ALL ABOUT YOUth

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 —SHAREit!

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 10:45AM

Your children are always welcome to join Children's Ministry!

We will be finishing up our 'KEEPING THE PROMISE' rotation on March 3rd and celebrating the First Communion of our 5th & 6th Graders that day!

MARCH 3

5th Graders receive 1st COMMUNION

MARCH 10

BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY!

Easter Rotation BEGINS!



MARCH 31—EASTER SUNDAY

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY—Happy Easter!

GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM—it's FUN!!

Alyssa Brodeman trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com



F.I.S.H.<< St. Patrick's Party

FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

4TH - 6TH Grade Youth Group

SUNDAY | MARCH 10th

11 AM - NOON

All 4th - 6th graders are invited to join us for a St. Patrick's Day Party in Fellowship Hall —we'll have fun, food, games, and prizes!

THERE IS NO COST FOR THIS ACTIVITY

Upcoming F.I.S.H.<< Youth Group Event

• **APRIL 14 | ReBirthday Party**

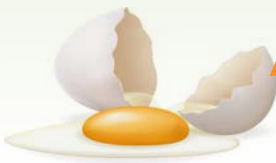




SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY
SUNDAY | MARCH 3
6 PM - 7:30 PM | Heritage Room

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE** folks to gather together for: Senior High 1st Sunday throughout the year. This 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



PREPARING AND SERVING EASTER BREAKFAST

Once again Trinity's Senior High Youth will prepare and serve Easter Breakfast. All Senior High Youth (but especially travelers) please join us for:

1. Preparation Saturday, MARCH 30th | 9:30 am—Noon
2. Serving on Easter Sunday, MARCH 31st | Shifts between 6 AM -11 AM

SENIOR HIGH FUNDRAISERS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE HIGH SCHOOL JULY 2024 SUMMER TRIP TO THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS

1. **SEROOGY'S CANDY BAR SALE \$2.00 EACH** | Now and throughout the Spring, our High School youth are selling delicious Seroogy's candy bars
2. **RAFFLE & SILENT AUCTION APRIL 6-MAY 12**

Our Senior High RAFFLE & AUCTION fundraiser will run from April 6 through May 12. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 ea, 6 for \$5 and arms-length for \$20. The more you buy the greater odds you have to win! Plus, your generosity will help offset the cost of the summer trip to National Youth Gathering.

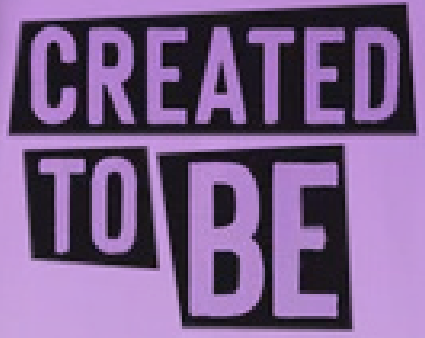


ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL TRAVELERS

Each traveler is expected to contribute at least one themed basket and also help gather donations from others of themed gift baskets and/or new items. Also, think of services you could provide, coupons you could pick up, or art/hobbies you could **Make, Create and Donate!**

ATTENTION TRINITY MEMBERS!

DONATIONS of themed Raffle Baskets, Gift Certificates and/or NEW and hand-crafted items for the High School Raffle and Auction will be accepted beginning MARCH 20th. *Thank you for your support!*



SENIOR HIGH SUMMER TRIP 2024 ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

NEW ORLEANS JULY 16-20, 2024

The Gathering brings together thousands of high-school age Lutherans from across the country and overseas for faith formation, worship, fellowship and service. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

"The ELCA Youth Gathering at its core is about faith formation. Jesus calls us to love God, our neighbor and ourselves," said Deacon Tammy Jones West, interim program director for the Gathering. "The Gathering is a place to broaden our understanding of God's love; to pay attention to, advocate for, and care for our neighbors; and to know that as both saint and sinner, we are loved."

ALL ABOUT YOU *the*

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to every one of my February Children's Ministry volunteers!

- Lisa Clark
- Nancy Hanvey
- Charlotte Butzler
- Sue Pawlowski
- Cheryl Scaffidi
- Rob Brockman
- Kelly Granger
- Nicole Beier
- Tiffany Wilson
- Susie Kelnhofer
- Melissa Parchim
- Ashley Bungert
- Maureen O'Connell
- Garrett Clark
- Victoria Kenworthy
- Manny Jones
- Jayden Hanvey
- Kennedy Butzler

**You make a differenc!
Can't do it without you!**

Alyssa

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

PROVERBS 22:6

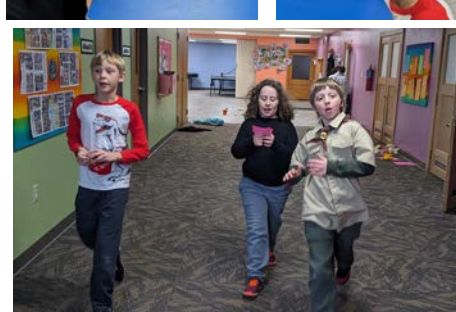


CHILDREN'S MINISTRY KEEPING THE PROMISE





F.I.S.H. << Valentine Party



ALL ABOUT YOU ^{the}

ATTENTION TRINITY FAMILIES

Summer CAMP is back!!!

We are excited to resurrect our summer camping program and invite all kids exiting 1st through 12th grades to join other Trinity youth at **PINE LAKE CROSSWAYS CAMP, July 28-August 2, 2024**

Early Bird registration closed on March 1st, but there is still room and there is still time to join.

Check for more info in the Heritage Room or contact Alyssa Brockman. Camperships are available.



PINE LAKE

CROSSWAYS CAMPING MINISTRIES

July 28-Aug 2, 2024





Bible Study

6:30 PM | MARCH TUESDAYS

MARCH 5 | Introduction to the Gospels, led by Jackie Granger

MARCH 12, 19, 26 | The Heart of Christianity by *Marcus Borg*
Participants are asked to purchase the book.

Full Shelf  Food Pantry
WEST BEND



MARCH FOOD PANTRY ITEMS OF THE MONTH
CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



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—working toward the **2024 TAB TOSS DAY in May!**

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



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.

Project RETURN is looking for warm clothing. All ADULT SIZES (from Small to 5x) of the following are needed:

- Coats | *New and gently used*
- Hats. Scarfs. Gloves.
- Boots | *most needed are larger size boots—up to a size 13.*
- Sweatshirts. Sweatpants. Hoodies.
- Warm Socks.
- Warm blankets. Pillows.
- Sleepwear.
- House Shoes.
- Gift Cards | any stores. Gas cards. Bus cards.

Cash and checks made out to **Project RETURN** also welcome to help support this ministry. No donation is too small and we appreciate all your support.

Nate Shubat | nateshubat@gmail.com



Citizen Advocates
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LUCKY BINGO!

JOIN US FOR A LUCKY, FREE & FUN-FILLED TIME OF BINGO WITH PRIZES!

Sponsored by Citizen Advocates and hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, this event is open to the public —all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend!

MONDAY MARCH 11
3:30 - 4:30pm

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

7	26	40	58
14	22	34	55
4	24	FREE	46
9	20	36	
6	28	3	

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.

Kaiden Naumann	3 01	Ayla Abraham	3 08	John Kenworthy	3 14	Charlie Ziegler	3 24
Cheryl Page	3 01	Linda George	3 08	Ian Kenworthy	3 14	Ellie Carlson	3 25
Gavin Schauble	3 01	Keith Kirchner	3 09	Cheryl Scaffidi	3 14	Ashley Granger	3 25
Sydney Chlupp	3 02	Michael Marlett	3 09	Christopher Schmoldt	3 14	Bella Hanson	3 25
Denise Riederer	3 02	Bryan Schlosser	3 09	Phyllis Naumann	3 15	Kevin Brehmer	3 26
William Dayton	3 03	Diana Schlosser	3 09	Shannon Kreutzer	3 16	Dominick Davis	3 26
Landon Ketter	3 03	Ann Zube	3 09	Gary Draeger	3 17	Drake Omernick	3 26
Gordon Reitz III	3 03	Kenneth Brehmer	3 10	Martha VandeBoom	3 18	Dennis Polinski	3 26
Kelly DeLuka	3 04	Elizabeth Gruber	3 10	Jeffrey Schramm	3 19	Gabe Markgraf	3 27
Nicole Foyse	3 04	Amanda Hull	3 10	Mary Wilson	3 19	Tammy Nelson	3 27
Lisa Cranney	3 05	Sonya Sobush	3 10	Daniel Harter	3 20	Kerima Davis	3 29
Jonathan DeLuka	3 05	Christopher Naumann	3 11	Grace Myrhum	3 20	Rae Bauman	3 30
Susan Pawlowski	3 05	Deacon Falconer	3 12	Maribeth Nielsen	3 20	Daniel Pawlowski	3 30
Annette Ziegler	3 06	James Gruber	3 12	Clayton Kappler	3 21	Darci Ketter	3 31
Alec Pitzen	3 07	Amy Kreutzer	3 13	JJ Ziegler	3 21		
Evan Pitzen	3 07			Rylie Dwyer	3 23		
CJ Schiller	3 07			Gerald Faber	3 23		

Remember Kaori



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

Our Children's Ministry offerings are dedicated to help with this sponsorship, **but your help is needed as well.**

Born on February 10, 2013 Kaori lives in a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers. Trinity's sponsorship makes a big difference for Kaori and her family. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you for your support, please keep Kaori and her family in your prayers.

EASTER GARDEN

You are invited to buy a plant for Trinity's Easter Garden of Spring Flowers—these flowers always enhance the chancel area of our beautiful sanctuary each Easter morning!

Plants can be purchased "just because," for blessings received, or dedicated in honor or memory of someone special (*names provided will be printed in the Easter Bulletin*). Plants can be picked up anytime after the final worship service at Trinity on Easter morning.

The Easter Garden plants will come in an assortment of Tulips, Hyacinth, Daffodils and Easter Lilies.

ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 17TH

TO ORDER, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW

_____ Easter Garden Plant(s) @ \$13.50 EA = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Trinity Lutheran Church
Kindly note "Easter Garden" in the memo section

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please write the dedication as you wish to have printed. Please keep dedications brief, but specific: In honor of..., in memory of..., etc.



March 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 LENT 3 Worship 4 PM
3 LENT 3 CTP Worship 9:30 AM- FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FIRST SUNDAY 6 PM	4	5 Bible Study TUESDAYS 6:30 PM 7 PM NA	6 Ecumenical Worship NOON Our Saviors Lutheran CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	7 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	8	9 LENT 4 Worship 4 PM Clocks AHEAD before bed!
10 LENT 4 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY F.I.S.H. PARTY Daylight Savings	11 BINGO! 3:30 PM	12 Bible Study TUESDAYS 6:30 PM 7 PM NA	13 Ecumenical Worship NOON Holy Angels Catholic CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	14 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	15	16 LENT 5 Worship 4 PM
17 LENT 5 CTP Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	18	19 Bible Study TUESDAYS 6:30 PM First day of SPRING! 7 PM NA	20 Ecumenical Worship NOON Trinity Lutheran CONFIRMATION 6:30-8 PM	21 TLC COMFORTERS 1 PM 7 PM NA	22	23 PALM PASSION Worship 4 PM
24 PALM PASSION Worship 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S MINISTRY	25	26 Bible Study TUESDAYS 6:30 PM 7 PM NA	27 HOLY WEEK NO CONFIRMATION	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship NOON 6:30 PM 7 PM NA	29 GOOD FRIDAY Worship NOON 7:30 PM OFFICE CLOSED	30 HOLY SATURDAY NO WORSHIP
31 Easter Worship 6:30 AM 8 AM 9:30 AM Easter Breakfast between services						

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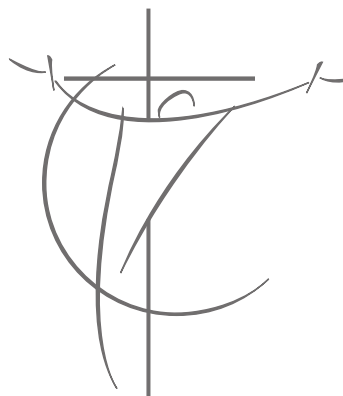
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