TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Children of God,

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School is just about out for the summer. I am sure if you have children in the family, they are probably pretty excited. *Summer is a time for many when the pressures of grades and tests and schedules give way to seeking the deepest joys of the heart.*

For me (Pastor Dave) youthful summers meant baseball all day—and I mean *all day*! I dreamt of the possibility of being a professional one day. I would spend hours not just playing but fielding grounders thrown at me or hit to me, hitting a baseball, or watching the game on TV. I also spent time with those I loved. My parents would take the family on short nearby trips, picnics and hikes, the zoo and a nearby amusement park (*small by comparison to Great America*). I also always spent a week with Grandma Schoob, being spoiled and having as much to eat as I could hold. *In those days it was easy to see the beauty and the joy of life.*

Today it's sometimes harder to see. Adulthood brings many more demands and a much broader awareness of what must be done, paid for, and handled. There are responsibilities and deadlines and, *even when you love your job*, duties that can be difficult, exhausting, and annoying at times. *The world, that seemed so beautiful and carefree when I was young—now seems threatened by so many things.*

As we enter these summer months, I invite and challenge each of us to once more embrace and find joy in the multitude of blessings that surround us. Find something that you love to do and do it—*maybe all day, or maybe all day for a few days.* Be with the people you love; really be with them—*let go of some of the things that weigh you down.* Notice the beauty all around—*watch a sunrise, or a sunset, or maybe both.* Dream!

When we practice noticing, seeing, enjoying, and dreaming, we can find new perspective, relief and joy. We begin to see the beauty even amidst the flurry of things that demand our attention. As we work, out of the corner or our eye we see the sunrise and we rejoice. We see a butterfly flit by as we mow the yard and know there is new life.

The Psalmist reminds us: *This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Or Garrison Keillor has an interesting way of putting it:

What keeps faith cheerful is the extreme persistence of gentleness and humor. Gentleness is everywhere in daily life, a sign that faith rules through ordinary things: through cooking and small talk, through storytelling, making love, fishing, tending animals and sweet corn and flowers, through sports, music, and books, raising kids-all the places where the gravy soaks in and grace shines through. Even in a time of elephantine vanity and greed, one never has to look far to see the campfires of gentle people. Lacking any other purpose in life, it would be good enough to live for their sake.

It might have seemed easier when we were children, but we still are and will always be children of God. *I know we can still do it!*

May your summer be filled with blessings ... that you notice!

Pastor Dave





TRINITY BLESSED TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY, MAY 12



WELCOME Bob & Sue Biesch TRINITY SPONSORS: Denise & John Kenworthy



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The 2024 Greater Milwaukee ELCA Synod Assembly was held May 17-18 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee—the theme was **COURAGE** | *MAY COURAGE BE OUR DAILY BREATH*. Those in attendance from our congregation were: Pastors Dave and Cristy, Amy Kreutzer, Jodi McMahon, John Kenworthy, Patrick Budoff and Anita McClain. Nate Shubat also attended the assembly, representing ProjectRETURN/ Breaking The Chains Church ministry. *Here are some reflections from a few who there:*

The annual Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) Assembly is an important opportunity for representatives from all 115 congregations to work together using our core values of curiosity, courage, compassion, and collaboration. There were many Holy Spirit moments found through devotion, prayers, singing hymns, and worship. We passed 5 important resolutions for our Synod and the wider church. *More information can be found at* **milwaukeesynod.org** —Jodi McMahon

I constantly come back to thoughts of mission and outreach. Although we have been called through the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20) to reach out to all children of the Great Spirit, it is to share as equal witnesses along the journey not as patriarchs bestowing unto others our self-anointed largesse. To paraphrase keynote speaker Vance Blackfox: Indigenous people do not need us to bring them our privileged version of Jesus - Christ is already there at the center of their faith no less so than he is in ours. The Great Commission when seen in this light can therefore become about walking arm and arm with all children of the Great Spirit in mutually-effectual support and love. Aho.... —John Kenworthy

The highlight of the synod assembly this year was the presence of Pastor Vance Blackfox, head of the ELCA indigenous ministries. He invited us to see the face of Jesus as the face of an indigenous person. He called us all to open ourselves to true partnership with all God's people- celebrating the diversity of all God's beautiful children.

In many ways the assembly moved in the same spirit. We approved a new plan for inclusion and justice for the Greater Milwaukee Synod. We as a synod uplifted the work of Lutheran World Hunger which is celebrating 50 years this year. We asked the wider ELCA to develop a statement addressing the concerns of vulnerable youth. We passed a resolution asking the leaders of the country to limit the scope of corporations in their influence so the voices of each person might be more easily heard. We asked the larger church to increase the guidelines for clergy continuing education amounts and to create easier access to information about clergy seeking calls to help congregations in their transitions.

We also celebrated the life of the Church of the Great Spirit an ELCA indigenous congregation in Milwaukee. May we continue to celebrate God's wonderful, beautiful and diverse creation in all we do. —Pastor Dave

Reflecting upon the recent Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, the larger church, like the individual congregations and members, is trying to figure out where it needs to go to build God's world here—and how to get there. It has come a long way, but it still has a long way to go. What gives hope is that the over 100 congregations that make up the Greater Milwaukee Synod keep coming together and working together to build that better world. —Nate Shubat

I was honored to be a part of Synod Assembly 2024. The theme of Courage was exemplified throughout the program including the speech given by keynote speaker Vance Blackfox, theologian and citizen of the Cherokee Nation. My eyes were opened once again to the struggles of the indigenous tribes. The Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit of Milwaukee hosted the worship service on Friday night which was moving and beautiful. I was able to participate in a smudging ceremony on Saturday morning in the courtyard. It was a purifying way to begin the day of prayer and church business. I encourage all members to participate; participating in Synod Assembly allows you to see the greater church at work, is inspiring, and educational. —*Anita McClain*







JOHN WILSON proudly poses as he helps his dad unload just one of the many boxes of aluminum pop tabs t he Wilson family delivered to the Ronald McDonald House on

Tab Toss Day, May 11th!

FROM TIFFANY WILSON | This is one of my favorite days of every year - repaying the care and love RMH provided us. Every year, our families, friends, church (Trinity), coworkers, and school district collect pop tabs for us to deliver on Tab Toss Day. We are blessed every year by people who share a handful and groups that share many. Together, we collected

166 pounds of pop tabs

for the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Eastern Wisconsin. It was great to see this day return to its pre-pandemic celebration capacity. Here's to many more years of helping to keep families close.

The 2025 collection has begun, please keep those pop tabs coming!

Thank you, Trinity!



Congratulations 2024 GRADUATES

May God bless your steps and watch over you.





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give you hope

Jeremiah 29:11



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL - JACKSON Reuben graduated on May 25th. He participated in football, track, archery, several choirs and the musical, Sussecal. Reuben has thrived in a faith-based setting. God has a promising and hopeful plan for his future.



LANDON KETTER WEST BEND EAST HIGH SCHOOL Landon will graduate on June 9th and will be attending UW-Whitewater to study Finance. CHRISTIAN KETTER UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON BA ECONOMICS DEGREE Christian is working as a Contract Surety Underwriter for West Bend Mutual Insurance in Madison



KAYLA BRUDER

WEST BEND WEST HIGH SCHOOL. Kayla will graduate on June 9th and

is planning to attend UW-Platteville in fall to study Civil Engineering.

TAYLOR KURER UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LACROSSE MARKETING DEGREE Taylor graduated on May 12th and will remain in LaCrosse, working as the Marketing Coordinator for a company out of Winona, MN.



ARIK LOOMANS SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL Arik will graduate on June 2nd and is already working as a Licensed Realtor at Loomans Real Estate-KW.



MICHAEL LOOMANS SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL Michael will graduate on June 2 and will be attending Berklee College of Music in fall.



TAYLOR LOOMANS IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY KINESIOLOGY DEGREE Taylor graduated on May 11th and plans to work full time at Woodward Academy in Iowa, serving the juvenile population

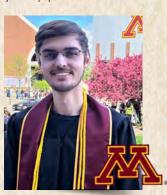


CONNOR MICHELS SLINGER HIGH SCHOOL Connor will graduate on June 2nd and will be attending MSOE in the fall.



EMILY NELSON UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - STEVENS POINT Emily graduated as a junior with a HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE and a minor in Business Administration. She will continue her studies abroad next fall—in Limerick, Ireland!

Her sister, Kristen presented a bouquet of flowers she made in honor of Emily's graduation.



SAM YOUNGLOVE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TWIN CITIES Sam graduated in May with honors and a BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE in Computer Engineering. Sam plans to return to UMN this fall to complete a Master's dergree in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH G

ALL ABOARD!

Kids from Our Saviors Church, West Bend will be joining us for our VBX Rocky Railway adventure! It will be 4 MORNINGS FILLED WITH FUN as they learn about the power of Jesus' love pulling us through!

Get a SNEAK-PEEK at Trinity's Rocky Railway TRAIN on page 7







RAFFLE/AUCTION FUNDRAISER HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who donated raffle baskets and auction items and to all who bought raffle tickets and bid on Auction items — your support will help offset the cost of the Sr. High Summer Trip to the ELCA National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

THE GRAND TOTAL RAISED WAS OVER \$3000.00!

Thank you Trinity!



Each and every donation toward this fundraiser is greatly appreciated

Special Thanks

for very generous donations from: Greg & Jodi McMahon Candy Sarauer Christie & Larry Boden



JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROOD

SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY SUNDAY | JUNE 9 6 PM - 7:30 PM | Heritage Room All 9th-12th Grade folks invited!

Senior High 1st Sunday is a time to gather, share a light meal, and renew yourself as a child of God. COME AS YOU ARE! IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL NEW ORLEANS TRAVELERS & PARENTS following the 9:30 worship service SUNDAY, JUNE 2

10:45 AM in the Youth Room

HUGE & HEARTFELT HANK YO

to Children's Ministry Coordinator, Alyssa Brockman

for her passion and dedication to sharing God's love and promise with our children! Thank you for being our Children's Ministry Rock, Alyssa—what a blessing!!

God bless you.

THANKFUL for all our 2023-2024 Children's Ministry

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Audrey Kelnhofer Victoria Kenworthy **Darci Ketter** Haley Kordosky Maureen O'Connell Melissa Parchim Kennedy Butzler Sandy Poenitsch **Kristin Robinson Cheryl Scaffidi CarlEda Skinkis** Pat Thacker **Renee Thacker Phil Wagner** Sue Walker **Brooke Walsh Richard Walsh** Jennifer Walth Susie Kelnhofer Tiffany Wilson



Peter Nelson for sharing his excellent and very appreciated love for photography as he captured and recorded in pictures Children's Ministry moments that would otherwise be lost.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

PREVIOUS PAGE AND ABOVE | The theme for the 2023-2024 Children's Ministry year was **Jesus is our Rock**—*and that's the way we roll!*. And on that note, we ended the year on Sunday, May 19th with a whole lot of *ROLLING* while teaming up to play some KICK BALL at Regner Park! The fun continued after we returned to church to finished up the morning enjoying an ice cream social complete with a cherry on top!



ALL ABOARD! VBX- ROCKY RAILWAY JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH! JUNE 10-14 9 AM-NOON

Below is a **SNEAK-PEEK** at Trinity's Rocky Railway TRAIN! It's going to be four mornings of FUN as our kids learn how Jesus' Power pulls us through!

DON'T LET YOUR KIDDOS MISS THE TRAIN!

HUGE SHOUT OUT

of **THANKS** to **Susie Kelnhofer** all of her work and attention to d

for all of her work and attention to detail in building us a **HUGE** train for VBX! She truly took my idea and ran with it!

Thank you, Susie!





Older members have asked for help with yard work | This could be a great summer job opportunity for a teen and/or the recently retired. Please contact Sue in the office for more information.



MKE PRIDE PARADE

All Greater Milwaukee ELCA Reconciling in Christ congregations have been invited to represent their church in the Milwaukee Pride Parade SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024 | 2 PM

Please contact Haley Kordosky if you'd like to participate in the RIC team and/or just attend the event—carpooling can be arranged! hdspaeth17@gmail.com | 262-384-1037



GRANOLA BARS AND/OR **APPLESAUCE SNACK CUPS**



Exciting NEWS! | Monarchs have been sighted, and eggs have been found! If you are interested in reserving a RAISING A MONARCH **BUTTERFLY KIT**, watch for sign up sheets in the Heritage Room soon!



Comforters

THE TRINITY COMFORTERS gather on Thursday afternoons at 1 PM to create blankets of comfort that are distributed in and outside our community. Each blanket is made by layering three sheets.

DONATIONS of Flat cotton sheets -any size- are appreciated! ALSO, accepting donations of JEWELRY for our OCTOBER Jewelry, Book & Puzzle fundraiser.

You do not need to sew in order to help make the blankets! We are a fun group, sharing stories, prayers, and humor all while creating a blanket that will make a difference in someone's life. Come, check us out!



Project RETURN (Returning Ex-incarcerated People To Urban Realities and Neighborhoods) exists to help individuals who have experienced incarceration make a positive, permanent return to community, family and friends.

Our ongoing collection of donations for **ProjectRETURN** has shifted into its SUMMERTIME NEEDS:

- Gently used (laundered) SUMMER (clothing especially t-shirts and shorts)
- Under-garments
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Laundry Detergent, Bleach
- Food Cards / Bus Passes / Gas Cards

Also, small kitchen items such as:

• coffeemakers, toasters, pots/pans, microwaves are needed.

Project RETURN donations can be dropped off in the boxes in the Heritage Room or in the office.



Thank you to this mulch spreading trio of Trinity gardeners: Ruth MacDonald, Denise Kenworthy and Cindy Tikusis! Thanks also to Mike Tikusis for picking up and delivering multiple bags of mulch. We are always looking for more helpers to help us keep the church grounds looking beautiful through the growing season! Look for sign up sheets in the Heritage Room.



Our 7th Avenue patio area offers a place for us to gather outdoors for casual conversation -*and*- take advantage of the sounds from Music on Main at the same time. This is not a hosted event, *there is no agenda, no one in charge.* **6:30 PM TO ?** *Invite a friend and spend some time out on the patio!*

BYO BEVERAGES, SNACKS, CHAIRS

There are a couple benches on the patio, and a fire pit too | QUESTIONS: swalker@trinitywestbend.com



CONTINUING THE ANTI-RACISM JOURNEY

Through April and May we had the opportunity to talk together about the book **So You Want to Talk About Race**. I think it was a time of growth for everyone who participated. We engaged with one of the most important and difficult realities that we face as people in America. As a group we decided we needed to continue the journey. And so we will in July.

On **July 15 and 22** we will discuss the book **White Fragility** by Robin DiAngelo. This book delves into the question, "Why is it so hard for white people to talk about race?" The sessions will be held at 6:30 and are about an hour long. We will be partnering with Holy Angels on these discussions. I invite everyone to join us on this journey to become anti-racist in the midst of the racism all around us.

FAITHFUL GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE

A growing number of people are finding that automatic giving is an easy way to give faithfully to the Church. You can set up an automatic withdrawl on a schedule that works for you. No more worries about forgetting your offering at home or forgetting to take care of it while traveling. It is also really helpful to the congregation because we have greater certainty for ministry resources each month. Please consider this as a way to manage your

gifts to Trinity. Scan the QR code to give anytime or call the office for help to set up an automatic giving account.



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If you are interested in placing an ad for your business or service, let us know in the church office.

Thank you to all our advertisers!

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.

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