

Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

In all honesty, we have mixed feelings about the idea of NEW.

Sometimes NEW is welcome; a new car, a new set of clothes, new life that comes with Spring, butterflies, babies, relationships and reconciliations—**these things** are often sources of excitement, anticipation and joy.

Other times NEW might be the last thing we want; a new diagnosis of illness, a new wrinkle line, a new due date for monthly bills, an annual license plate renewal or property taxes that cost us an enormous amount—these things are often sources of worry, stress and frustration.

NEW can go either way. A new boss, a new job, a new worship service, a new political administration, new rules, new expectations, new relationships, a new year. The truth is our reaction to either way of what is NEW is often based on our own inner state.

In the left column are the words Paul wrote when he was in jail—PHILIPPIANS 4. He talked about and used his time in jail as a time to share the witness of God's love to those who were his jailers. Paul's reaction to the undesireable circumstances he was in, was to focus and rejoice in the knowledge and trust that Jesus' love surrounded him in every moment—through all the good and all the bad.

As we enter this **NEW** year, may we do it with the knowledge, trust and mindset that, no matter what comes, it will be intertwined amidst the always present love of God. Keeping God in the center of our hearts and minds may change how we see and react to the **NEW** things—good or bad—that are yet to come.

Whatever challenges the **NEW** year may hold, know that it will also be blessed by God's love in Jesus Christ. *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.*May your hearts and minds be filled with the peace of God in every circumstance of the NEW year.

Blessed New Year,

Pactor La Lastol Custy
Pastors Dave and Cristy



This quick exit (captured in the moment by our valued Trinity volunteer photographer, Peter Nelson!) is in no way a reflection of the beautiful sounds coming from the chancel area at the time, but instead, happening (we suspect) for one of two very important reasons to this sweet pre-schooler:

Theo must have realized he still needed to help his Grandpa with Usher duties

he knew there was still time to ask for Grandpa's help to pick out one special sweet treat from the Coffee Hour table before the service and Children's Ministry actually started!

We love our littlest members!



Further Prince Trimity's December 8th worship began with beautiful music selections performed by the **EcuMen** group. This group of men from several different area churches and denominations gather together to share the gift of their voices. After singing at Trinity, they went on to do the same a several other churches that morning and also shared their harmonious chords during two Christmas concerts they hosted in December.





Decome New Members: Trinity was happy to officially welcome new members to the congregation on Sunday, December 8th. LEFT: Howard & Marcia Vrankin are pictured with their Trinity sponsors: Pat, Renee & Lucy Thacker. RIGHT: Dustin & Katie Flunker and their son, Chase pictured with their Trinity sponsors: Rob, Alyssa, Augustus, Elouise & Ambrose Brockman!



ANNUAL MEETING | JAN 26

Our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26th after the 9:30 worship service**. Important decisions regarding the budget, council members, and representatives to attend the Synod Assembly will be part of the agenda. *We hope you will be able to join us.*

PRE-ANNUAL MEETING FORUMS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

All who are interested in reviewing and discussing Trinity's proposed 2025 budget PRIOR to the Annual Meeting are invited to attend a PRE-ANNUAL MEETING FORUM

SATURDAYS
January 11th & January 18th
SUNDAYS
January 12th & January 19th

A season of giving and a time to give thanks!

TRINITY GIVING TREES | From Organizer, Denise Kenworthy

We were given 30 names for which **OVER 90 GIFTS** were given to families being served through the **Gingerbread House**. The last of the presents were delivered to them on December 11th.

25 GIFTS were delivered to the **Samaritan Home** where they were very appreciated and well received!

And MULTIPLE PAIRS OF FLEECE PAJAMA BOTTOMS & SOCKS were given to support the Holiday Hope Gift Bag project for the High School.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated by purchasing and donating gifts. Thanks also to Sandy Poenitsch for making the tags, Denise Riederer for all her help sorting and packing up the gifts for delivery, the Trinity Comforters for the donation of blankets, and Diane Ferstadt for the hand-knit scarves and hats. and to Sue Walker and Phil Wagner for all their help.



Special note of thanks

Trinity extends a special thank you to **DENISE KENWORTHY**, who single-handedly organized this effort and to both Denise and John Kenworthy for their combined efforts in delivering each and every donation. *Trinity is blessed for the dedication each of you share with the congregation and community.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



SUNDAY JANUARY 26TH

Trinity's ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 26th, 2025 immediately following the 9:30 worship service. And, immediately following the meeting, everyone is invited to stay for the ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF! This is a great time to visit with other members and sample some of the finest chili in the county.

Our past Chili Cookoff champions are looking for challengers!!! If you are interested in entering the cook off just fill out the entry form to the right, drop it off at church in the next week or so, or contact Sue in the church office. There will be a free-will offering taken for the meal.

Come, be part of the ANNUAL MEETING and then give your taste buds a treat at the CHILI COOKOFF! Who will be the champion this year?



I'm pretty sure my recipe will be the winner!

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Participants should bring their chili in a crockpot so it can be kept at the right temperature and ready to serve after the annual meeting. Chilis will be numbered and samples will be served in small cups for tasting. Members vote for their top 3 favorites. *GOOD LUCK!*



KAORI WILL BE 12 YEARS OLD **NEXT MONTH**

Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito is the Trinity congregation's Compassion International sponsored child. Kaori was born on February 10, 2013, she is about to turn 12 years old and lives in a very poor coastal community of Pueblo Joven Huascar-B (PERU) with her parents and 3 brothers.

Our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY offerings go toward Kaori's sponsorship, but your donations help us keep things on track. An extra monetary gift was sent for Kaori's birthday, which she gratefully used to buy a pair of jeans, a pair of sneakers and underwear.

Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support!



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



SHARING THE LOVE AND PROMISE OF GOD WITH KIDS FROM AGE 3 UP TO 6TH GRADE! SEEIT. MAKEIT. TASTEIT. MOVEIT. TELLIT.

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM - 10:45AM

The Children's Ministry Christmas program was such a JOY! Our kiddos did an outstanding job sharing the story of Jesus' birth! CHECK OUT THE PICTURES ON PAGES 6 & 7!

JANUARY 5 | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESUMES

The Parables ROTATION Begins BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Sixth Grade Bridge Resumes on January 5th as well. John Kenworthy walks with our 6th graders during this important transition and exploratory year between our modular Children's Ministry and middle and high school Confirmation activities.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE! BE PART OF THE VILLAGE IN 2025!



YOU ARE NEEDED

WE ALWAYS NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!

Interested in teaching a rotation? WE ABSOLUTELY NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS—There are many available spaces in our upcoming "Keeping the Promise" rotation. Check out the schedule in Fellowship Hall or contact Alyssa.

IT'S CAMP TIME!

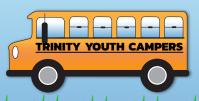
It's chilly outside and we are dreaming of summer and warm weather ... AND PINE LAKE CAMP!

Last year Alyssa traveled to Pine Lake with 17 Tririnity campers (1st grade through 12th) for a week of fun and growing in faith. This experience is one that lasts a lifetime—Pine Lake Camp registration is OPEN and EARLY BIRD pricing is NOW!

You can register your camper TODAY at crosswayscamps.org to get in on EARLY BIRD pricing and insure their spot.

Camperships are available to anyone who needs assistance covering the cost for their camper. Please contact Alyssa with questions about camperships.









SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

SUNDAY | JANUARY 5

6 PM - 7:30 PM

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites ALL 9TH–12TH GRADE folks to gather together for: Senior High 1st Sunday. This is a monthly opportunity to get together, 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, THE NEXT 1ST SUNDAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025



JAN 01 | NO CONFIRMATION Happy New Year!

JAN 08 | 5th Commandment | SNACKS: Charley Harshbarger

JAN 15 | 5th Commandment | SNACKS: Finn Koch

JAN 22 | 6th Commandment | SNACKS: Dane McIntyre

JAN 29 | 6th Commandment | SNACKS: Makiyah Rouse

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO RESERVE PALM/PASSION WEEKEND

Palm/Passion Weekend is April 12th and 13th, please plan now to keep this weekend free!! The confirmation students lead BOTH worship services this weekend (4 PM Saturday and 9:30 Sunday morning).



F.I.S.H. 2025 SNOW TUBING

4TH-6TH GRADE YOUTH FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

JANUARY 12th NOON - 2:15 PM SNOW TUBING at Sunburst Ski Hill* in Kewaskum

On Sunday, January 12th, Trinity's 4th - 6th graders are invited to join us at Sunburst in Kewaskum for Snow-Tubing and fun from NOON to 2:15 PM.

The cost will be \$15.00 and includes the snow tubing ticket, hot chocolate and a small snack!

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please plan on dropping off and picking up your child at Sunburst.

RSVP REQUIRED BY JAN 6th

Reply to Pastor Cristy by Phone/text 262-483-0792 -or- email cschoob@trinitywestbend.com

PERMISSION SLIPS REQUIRED

PERMISSION SLIPS ARE REQUIRED BY THE SKI HILL FOR SNOW TUBING AND SHOULD BE FILLED OUT ONLINE

*IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, we

will replace the snow tubing on January 12th with an *EPIPHANY 'GLOW' PARTY* in the Fellowship Hall from 10:45 AM - NOON (NO COST) and we will try again for SNOW TUBING in February.

SAVE-THE-DATE | FEBRUARY 9th

10:45 AM - NOON
Valentine's Day Celeb

Valentine's Day Celebration-OR- alternative date for SNOW TUBING }

NOON to 2:15 PM



SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT

HUGE SHOUT OUT to Sue Pawlowski
Suue has been coordinating the costumes
for the Christmas program for 12 years!
She takes a lot of care in making sure
everyone is outfitted perfectly and has
even made quite a few cosutmes herself!

We are so blessed to have you!

Thank you!

We are equally blessed for all of our

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

for our Christmas ROTATION and the Christmas Program!

John Kenworthy
Susie Kelnhofer
Ashley Bungert
Charlotte Butzler
Kennedy Butzler
Amy Kreutzer
Nate Kenworthy
Victoria Kenworthy
Kristin Robinson
Maureen O'Connell
Dane Mcintyre
Jennifer Walth

Mia Hanvey Sienna Scaffidi Makiyah Rouse Amelia Walth Lucas Doede Morgan Doede Peter Nelson Phil Wagner Bryan Schlosser April Brodzeller Heather Peters

Can't do it without you—!



ABOVE: Our 5th Graders improved a puppet show (on their own!) about the Christmas story! The Little Lambs hand prints were made into Angels! Everyone gathered to practice the songs for the Christmas Program and 5th & 6th Graders practiced using Trinity's new Choirchimes that they played in the program! **BELOW AND NEXT PAGE:** The Children's Ministry Christmas program was such a JOY! Our kiddos did an outstanding job sharing the story of Jesus' birth.































Trinity Comforters make blankets of warmth for people in need in and outside our community. Our blankets are made from (barely used and new) flat cotton sheets. No sewing skills needed!

Join us on Thursdays afternoons to create comfort for others and share joy with each other in the process.



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.

The winter months have arrived and **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.
- Sweatshirts. Sweatpants. Hoodies.
- Warm Socks.
- · Warm blankets. Pillows.
- Sleepwear.
- · House Shoes.
- Gift Cards | any stores. Gas cards. Bus cards.

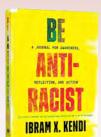
Any questions, please contact Nate Shubat: nateshubat@gmail.com



ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY MONDAY | JANUARY 27

You are invited to join us as we share our experience with **Be Anti-Racist** by Ibram X. Kendi. It is actually a journal that invites us to consider our own experience and understanding around issues of race and diversity. It is not to late to start your own journey.

We invite you to take time and consider the questions Kendi asks and journal your responses and then gather to share as you feel comfortable. All of us must enter into our journey on issues of race, *this is an invitation to encourage each other on the road.* We will begin at 7:00 PM.





pop tabs all year long!





Lately we have heard a number of expressions of the same thought. "I can't say anything about how I feel about things. I am afraid that if I say anything it is sure to lead to an argument. I wish there was a place where I could talk freely about about things."

A number of us were sitting and talking the other day and thought it might be a good idea to have such a place here at Trinity. A member of the congregation has always said, "If we can't talk about things in church, where can we talk about them."

We are still working on the initial date, but beginning this month (January) we plan to offer an opportunity for people to come and share their hopes and dreams, their fears and struggles with the world around us. This will be a safe place for honest and non-judgmental sharing. Also, it can be a place where we can invite each other to act in ways with which we feel comfortable.

If you are looking for A SAFE PLACE, stay tuned and be watching announcements for our first opportunity to gather and share our thoughts and feelings in a safe place.



Our member-lead Wednesday night Bible Study will gather together again soon—watch announcements for start date.

Join us as we look at the Bible in a casual and open format. All are welcome and invited to come with their curiosities and questions.

For more information, talk to Nancy Hanvey or Bill Dushek. A note of thanks

Trinity's staff has been blessed by gifts, prayers and well wishes during this holiday season and we just want to say thank you. We are truly blessed as a staff by all your acts of kindness and grace. God touches us constantly through you. So again, we say from the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

From the center of our hearts,

thank you!

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.

| Heidi Chlupp 1 | 01 | | |
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| Cynthia Stracka 1 | 02 | | |
| Nataleigh Clark 1 | 03 | | |
| Perry Ebersold 1 | 03 | | |
| Anita Bayliff 1 | 04 | | |
| Beverly Ritger 1 | 04 | | |
| Kirsten DeLuka 1 | 05 | | |
| Joann Naumann 1 | 05 | | |
| Jason Bungert 1 | 07 | | |
| Nancy Hanvey 1 | 08 | | |
| Larsen Anderson 1 | 09 | | |
| Lucas Doede 1 | 11 | | |
| Alyssa Brockman 1 | 12 | | |
| Diane Ferstadt 1 | 12 | | |
| Delia Gunnare 1 | 12 | | |
| Robert McClain 1 | 12 | | |
| Tim Neumann 1 | 12 | | |
| Penny Bergerud 1 | 13 | | |
| Jory Granger 1 | 13 | | |
| Chris Pamperin 1 | 14 | | |
| Karen Demmon 1 | 15 | | |
| Nathan Kenworthy 1 | 15 | | |
| Delores Kilby 1 | 15 | | |
| Mitchell Doede 1 | 16 | | |
| Karissa Laatsch 1 | 17 | | |
| Katie Flunker 1 | 18 | | |
| Tom Bulin 1 | 19 | | |
| Samantha George 1 | 21 | | |
| Carol Peters 1 | 21 | | |
| Elena Lohr-Kougl 1 | 23 | | |
| Eadrick Lohr-Kougl 1 | 23 | | |
| Vayda Falconer 1 | 23 | | |
| Cheryl Hay 1 | 24 | | |
| Vern Hasenstein 1 | 25 | | |
| Dennis Lentz 1 | 25 25 | | |
| Bonnie Oppermann 1 | | | |
| Karen Sparks 1 | 26 | | |
| Tiffany Wilson 1 | 28 | | |
| Joel Beier 1 | 29 | | |
| Darrell Blair 1 | 29 | | |
| David Clementi 1 | 29 | | |
| Jeff Ketter 1 | 29 | | |
| Sharon Larson 1 | 29 | | |
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