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Then Jesus said to his disciples,

If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me.

For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it.

Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life?

Of course not!

There is nothing you can give to regain your life.

MATTHEW 16:24-26

Lent has arrived again.

In this season we take time to renew our commitment to the path that Jesus offers us. The path is best described by Jesus in his words, "Anyone who would be my disciple must take up their cross and follow me."

During the 40 days of the Lenten season we renew our commitment to the path of sacrificial love. We renew our relationship with Christ and with others as we confess our sins and repent. We turn around and set a new course. We sacrifice our pride, and we admit we need a new start. We cannot be the disciples Jesus calls us to be unless we allow the grace of God to make us new.

We sacrifice our time and our resources to serve God in love through worship and to the world through acts of kindness, service and charity. **Observing the season of Lent allows us to renew our connection with the needs of the world as we simplify our lives and re-prioritize our indulgences—not just for the sake of discipline, but so there is more for those who are in need.** In our fasting we accompany, as best we can, those who go hungry every night. We pray for them as well as offer gifts to fill their hunger.

This is not to make us more worthy or righteous, it is to reconnect us to the path that Jesus trod. In the end, it is the path he promises that provide us blessings we cannot imagine—both here and in the life to come.

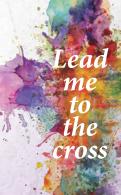
The early Christians were called followers of "the way." Luther often talked of "the way of the cross," as the true calling of a Christian.

Let us all follow the way of the cross as we make our Lenten journey together practicing the sacrificial love that has saved us all.

Pastor Custy Partor Wal

Yours in Christ,

Pastors Cristy and Dave





In February, the 5th grade youth listed below AND their parents took part in a special workshop to prepare them to receive their First Communion—that will take place at the 9:30am Worship Service on Sunday, March 2nd.

Morgan Lynne Beier Sadie Hope Brodzeller Bradley Logan Hanson Harper Jensen Kenworthy Finnegan Alistair Liles Gabriella Rose Liles Elias Galileo del Campo O'Connell Finn William Pawlowski

As part of their Children's Ministry **Keeping the Promise Rotation** immersion, they will also participate in leading this worship service. Thank you to all who participated in this chance to grow together on our journey of faith.

The 40 day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday | March 5th



Lent is a time when we are invited to be intentional about seeking deeper faith, stronger community, and a closer connection to God.

This preparation happens through an emphasis on a few basic faith practices: worship, prayer, generosity, self-denial, and service to others.

Ash Wednesday WORSHIP

NOON and 6:30 PM

The imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday remind us of our mortality. Ash Wednesday is not a cheerful celebration. But it can be the beginning of a changed life.

Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread!

Come, worship and share some soup & bread

Lunch will start immediately after the NOON service and supper will start an hour before the evening service.

- 12:30 PM | AFTER the NOON service
- 5:30 PM | BEFORE the 6:30 PM service



LENT SEASON | Weekend Worship theme

During the Saturday and Sunday worship services throughout Lent we will focus on our need to "turn away" or repent from those things, actions and attitudes the block us in our desire to follow Jesus. Inspired by a Lenten series by Audrey Surma, entitled "Am I Guilty", each worship opportunity will offer the reflection of a different character from the Easter story designed to make us reflect on our own lives.

Thank you

All the cards, prayers, expressions of sympathy and support you have given me as I mourn the loss of my father is appreciated beyond words. Thank you.

God bless you as you have blessed me,

Pastos Crista

WAYS_TO FAST THIS LENT

Fast from hurting words —choose kind words instead. Fast from sadnesscount your blessings instead. Fast **from anger**—take a time out to calm yourself instead. Fast from pessimism—lean on your faith instead. Fast from worriestrust in God instead. **Fast from** complaints—look for the good instead. Fast from pressure—be prayerful instead. Fast from **bitterness**—seek joy instead. **Fast from selfishness**— *practice* cempathy and ompassion instead. Fast from grudges—be reconciled instead. Fast from noise—be silent so that you can listen instead.

West Bend Ecumenical Midday Lent Worship

WEDNESDAYS | at NOON

The West Bend area ecumenical community invites everyone to attend midday Lenten Worship services at NOON on the dates and locations listed below. There will be varied guest preachers each week.

DATE	LOCATION
March 12	Cedar Ridge Community
March 19	Holy Angels Catholic Church
March 26	Trinity Lutheran Church
March 26 April 2	Trinity Lutheran Church Our Saviors Lutheran Church







There is just no better way to top off an Trinity Annual Meeting than with a cheerful gathering over 11 pots of delicious CHILI!

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Bergerud who, for the SECOND CONSECUTIVE

YEAR, was crowned the CHILI KING!!! He is definitely the man to beat next year!!! Thank you to all the Chili competitors, to everyone who brought desserts, helped set up and/or clean up and attended, tasted and voted during our 2025 Chili CookOFF! It was a great event that warmed the hearts of many from the inside out—one delicious spoonful at a time!











Trinity's Music Coordinator, Heather Peters has started PopUP Singing and Ringing opportunities, where anyone interested is invited to join!

In February two separate PopUP groups came together; one forming a Choir that sang at one of the 9:30 AM Worship services and the other a group of "Ringers"—performing during another Sunday morning service using Trinity's newest instruments, the Choir Chimes.

Watch for more opportunities to join in on PopUP music opportunities throughout the year. Generally they involve just one or two rehearsals the week prior to a Sunday performance. Join in one time or every time... all are welcome!







BREAKING BREAD with BREAKING THE CHAINS

FROM NATE SHUBAT | On February 2nd, men returned from incarceration and members of BtCC got together for BREAKING BREAD, a monthly dinner and worship service. We share a meal, catch-up and re-connect with each other, enjoy some support and community, and have a short worship service with communion.







BREAKING THE CHAINS CHURCH, a ministry of the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA, is located at the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center. It is affiliated with the nationwide network of Prison Congregations of America. This congregation is served by an ordained pastor, along with a group of volunteers from 13 congregations in the synod. Trinity's Nate Shubat is one of those volunteers.



MARCH 05

ASH WEDNESDAY NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation students are encouraged to attend the 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship with their family

MARCH 12

7th COMMANDMENT Palm/Passion Worship Preparation* SNACKS: Morgan Doede

MARCH 19

7th COMMANDMENT Palm/Passion Worship Preparation* SNACKS: Jayden Hanvey

MARCH 26

7th COMMANDMENT Palm/Passion Worship Preparation* **SNACKS:** Manny Jones

*Confirmation youth will conduct the Palm/Passion Worship services on Satruday, April 12 | 4 PM Worship and on Sunday, April 13 | 9:30 AM Worship



DREN'S

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!

MARCH 2

5th Graders receive 1st COMMUNION

'KEEPING THE PROMISE' Rotation 6th Grade Bridge

MARCH 9

'KEEPING THE PROMISE' WrapUP

6th Grade Bridge

MARCH 16

BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY!

Easter Rotation BEGINS! 6th Grade Bridge

MARCH 23-30

Easter Rotation CONTINUES 6th Grade Bridge

We can always use help with Children's Ministry—it takes a village! As we wind down the year with only two more rotations left, please know you still have time to make a difference in the life and faith journies of Trinity's kids.

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

Alyssa Brownaw trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com



FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

4TH - 6TH Grade Youth Group SUNDAY | MARCH 9th 10:45 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!





1st - 12th GRADE YOUTH **JULY 27-AUGUST 1**



Pine Lake Camp registration is OPEN NOW EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS ON MARCH 15!

Last year Alyssa traveled with 17 campers to Pine Lake for a week of fun and growing in faith. We will be going to camp as a group again this summer for WEEK 8 | JULY 27-AUGUST 1—and, as you can see, the bus is filling up fast! The camp experience literally is one that lasts a lifetime. To insure your campers spot and take advantage of the EARLY BIRD pricing, register TODAY at crosswayscamps.org

We will be conducting some fundraising to help families offset costs. Camperships are available to anyone who needs more assistance. Please contact Alyssa with questions about fundraising efforts and camperships.



SUPPORT OUR YOU

FUNDRAISERS FOR TRINITY YOUTH PROGRAMS



SENIOR HIGH FUNDRAISERS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE SR HIGH JULY 2025 SUMMER TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION RECONCILIATION CENTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

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



Our Senior High RAFFLE & AUCTION FUNDRAISER will run from **April 26 through May 11.**

ATTENTION 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!**

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DONATIONS FROM THE CONGREGATION WELCOME

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 APRIL 1st. The your for your support!



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



SR HIGH SUMMER TRIP

Pine Ridge Reservation Reconciliation Center SOUTH DAKOTA | JULY 18-26 2025 pineridgereconciliationcenter.org

This summer we are going on an immersion trip. We will be traveling to Pine Ridge, South Dakota where we will spend a week at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center, learning about the lives of our Indigenous brothers and sisters on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

SPACES ARE LIMITED and travel reservations need to be secured now. If you haven't signed up and want to go on this trip, talk to Pastor Cristy TODAY.

FYITO THE CONGREGATION

The Trinity General Budget (YOUR OFFERINGS) **DOES NOT** cover any of the cost toward the Sr High summer trip.

ALL FUNDS FOR THE TRIP COMES FROM:

- 1. The families of the travelers
- 2. Fundraising efforts
- 3. Generous donations from individuals

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

Thank you!

Thank you to every one of my February volunteers!

> John Kenworthy Susie Kelnhofer **Ashley Bungert** Kristin Robinson Kelly Granger Sue Pawlowski Jennifer Walth Michael York Dane McIntyre Amelia Walth Mia Hanvey Siena Scaffidi Victoria Kenworthy Lucas Doede Morgan Doede Mitchel Doede Jayden Hanvey Kennedy Butzler

You make a difference—and it can't happen without your help!



Sometimes even our helpers have their own sweet little helpers! Children's Ministry has a place for everyone and every age!













Our children have been immersed in the **TELLIT MOVEIT TASTEIT** rotation workshops—learning about the promises made when we were baptized.

































Our Little Lambs (3 yrs-PreK) have been learning that Jesus loves and cares for us and our families. We are his sheep and he is always with us!





















REEDING THE PROMISE

During the **KEEPING THE PROMISE Rotation**, when we concentrate on the promises we make when our children are baptized, our kids were witness to three very special promises received. Our 3rd Graders had Bibles placed in their hand on February 9th, one of our Little Lambs (pre-schooler), Chase Garrison Flunker was baptized on Sunday, February 16th and our 5th Graders will receive their first Communion on March 2nd..









FrojectRETURN—your donations are appreciated and used!

At this time, however, Project RETURN is in the process of moving to a new location and is unable to accept donations so...



PLEASE **HOLD OFF** bringing anything in for them now.

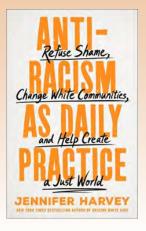
I will let you kow as soon as they are able to accept donations again. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Nate Shubat nateshubat@gmail.com



The 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.

The Trinity Comforters are seeking new or barely used **FLAT COTTON SHEETS** and appreciate your donaions!



ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY MONDAY | MARCH 10 | 7 PM

Our antiracism book study group will continue to study the book **Antiracism As Daily Practice**, by Jennifer Harvey.

The book is available on kindle.

We meet again on Monday, March 10th at 7 PM.

If you have questions please contact Pastor Dave.



WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM

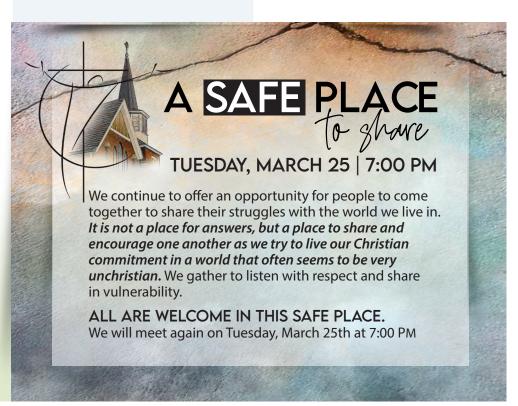
Join us for a member-lead, casual and unassuming time of Bible Study on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. No homework! Come with your curiosity and questions.

For more information talk to Nancy Hanvey or Bill Duschek.



CEREALS & OATMEAL

Cereal is a crucial food pantry donation because it's a nutritious, shelf-stable breakfast option that can provide essential nutrients and energy, especially for families and seniors who may struggle to access regular meals.





As mentioned in the Annual Report, Trinity now has a **SECURITY SYSTEM** installed on our alley door entrance.

During weekday office hours, please push the button located to the left of the doors to let us know you are here—kindly wait for our staff to greet you via the intercom. When prompted, you will be able to enter through the north (left) glass door.

Thank you!

REMEMBER AND SUPPORT KAORI

Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito

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

May you for your prayers, encouragement and continued support to help sponsor Kaori!

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!



year round—working toward the

2025 TAB TOSS DAY in May!

Collection "houses" for

Pop Tabs are located in the

Heritage room!



Our next game night is Saturday, March 8th at

7:00. No knowledge is necessary, just a vivid

imagination and a love for adventure.

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

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