

The pace of life changes in summer. Children have more time to play, or at least the activities they are a part of present new opportunities.

People vacation. We may have a chance to travel and experience the world in new ways. There are festivals, fairs, outdoor concerts and farmers markets to experience. We might meet new people.

We also may spend special time with the ones we love. We may go with our family to somewhere special or do some new and special things right at home.

All these are gifts from God and we invite you to cherish each one. Make the most of theses summer days and welcome God into the activities. Thank God for all the moments and look for God's presence in each person that you meet.

God has promised to meet us in all these places and in everyplace. In Psalm 139 the writer reflects on the truth that wherever we go—God is there.

> *If I ascend to heaven, you are there;* if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

God is always with us. Find new life in these summer months —welcome and enjoy the time with God.

To the left I share a story that illustrates the joy we can find when we trust God through all our days.

Blessings on your summer days,

and so, summer comes!

I used to think of God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like a president. I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I didn't really know Him.

But later on, when I met Jesus, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that Jesus was in the back helping me pedal. I didn't know just when it was He suggested we change, but life has not been the same since I took the back-seat to Jesus, my Lord. He makes life exciting. When I had control, I thought I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points.

But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places and at break-through speeds; it was all I could do to hang on! Even though it often looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!" I was worried and anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer—and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared", He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, our journey, my Lord's and mine. And we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life. I thought He'd wreck it, but He knows bike secrets, knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I am learning to shut up and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion, Jesus.

And when I'm sure I just can't do any more, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

Pastors Dave and Cristy



Pastos Cristes



IMPORTANT DATE CHANGES

9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

Rite of Baptism Renewal

Traditionally, the Confirmation of our 9th grade youth would happen on the second Sunday in October. However, because of the Pastor's retirement and the subsequent transition, we are moving the date of Confirmation for our 2025 9th Grade Class up to SUNDAY, AUGUST 24th.

PLEASE NOTE THESE SCHEDULE CHANGES

• 9TH GRADE OVERNIGHT Friday June 27- Saturday, June 28

Exact details of time and place for still to be determined, but this usually runs from 3 pm on Friday to about noon on Saturday

 CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL Wednesday, August 20th

Confirmation Rehearsal and pizza party for 2025 Fall 9th graders.

• CONFIRMATION WORSHIP Sunday, August 24th 9:30 AM







7TH AND 8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION RETREAT

MAY 2-4 | Trinity's 7th and 8th graders enjoyed a beautiful weekend retreat at Crossways Pine Lake Camp in Waupaca. HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- Everyone got to know each other much better.
- We were able to explore and discuss the 10 Commandments —especially the seventh and eighth commandments—much more deeply than we can cover on two Wednesday nights.
- The weather was beautiful, we had lots of fun and we had a visit from and Eagle!



It has been our tradition to have two Confirmation Retreats per year—one in fall and one in spring. Beyond covering confirmation material, these have been amazing opportunities for group building, relationship deepening, and an increased sense of comfort with the group, as well as an increased willingness to be involved in future learning and discussion.

Thank you all for supporting this opportunity that our youth have held up as one of their favorite parts of our Confirmation ministry.

And—thank you to Pastor Cristy and Nate Shubat for their dedication and personal investment in our youth ministry.

to our music coordinator, Heather Peters and **Trinity PopUP Choir** members: Steven Caves, Paul Bauman, Phil Pierce, Howard Vrankin, Cyndee Bruder, Pat Thacker and Marcia Vrankin for their beautiful performance of "How Great Thou Art" during the offertory on Sunday, May 18th





Ambrose Brockman

Reviewed on May 18, 2025 Verified Consumer Best ice cream social, ever! If I could give it 10 stars, I would! Can't wait for the next one!

How do you top off another great year of Children's Ministry? WITH A CHERRY ON TOP. OF COURSE!







EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR MISSION

Our Trinity member gifts are a significant part of mission being accomplished in our Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS) and around the world. The informative Trust Board report in April's Trinity Spirit noted the challenge award that increased our member ETS gifts by fifty (50) percent. All told, the just over \$18,000 of member gifts with the challenge award means over \$28,000 is our gift equipping saints for mission.

The just completed GMS Assembly noted ETS is bearing mission fruit nearby and around the world. HERE'S JUST A FEW SAMPLES:

- Hepatha and Cross Lutheran congregations in inner-city Milwaukee are strengthened in their mission;
- Innovation and Collaboration grants in other congregations for stronger mission;
- Pastor and Evangelist leadership development grants in the Tanzania, Meru Diocese;
- A needed boost in salaries for pastors in our companion church in El Salvador;
- Much needed space for furniture storage for Breaking the Chains Ministry;
- And grants for continuing education, seminary debt relief and more.

A few members just fulfilled their three-year promise to ETS. A couple members gave additional gifts beyond their initial commitment. And gifts are still being received. Check milwaukeesynod.org/equipping-the-saints for more news and adding a gift as possible.

Thank you Trivity members—together we're doing God's Work!

TRANSITION IS A PROCESS

AND, WE WILL WALK THROUGH IT TOGETHER

Our Pastors have announced their well-deserved retirement . . . SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

Right now, and for the next few months we are in a period of reflection and thanksgiving as we walk with Pastors Dave and Cristy toward their retirement. We will have a Sending Celebration in honor of their ministry and service to our congregation on their final day at Trinity—Sunday, August 31.

After their retirement begins, the congregation and the synod will begin the first steps in our work together through a structured process.

Here is a synopsis of what the process involves:

- completing administrative tasks
- an interim pastor is appointed (through the Synod) who will, potentially, be with us until we call a new Pastor —we may have a guest Pastor or Pastors conducting worship for a few weeks between retirement day and when an interim Pastor is assigned.
- a Trinity (MET) Ministry Evaluation Team is formed. The entire congregation will be surveyed as the team works to complete a thorough report that will help us assess our congregation/ministry profile and needs
- synod works with congregation council to begin search for a new pastor
- a Trinity Call Team is formed
- potential candidates are considered and interviews may be conducted

It is a process and there are no short cuts or specific time lines—but every step has a purpose and we will walk through each step together.



PENTECOST will be celebrated on the weekend of June 7th and 8th

Pentecost has been called the birthday of the Church, but it is so much more. It is not only the celebration of the Holy Spirit's creation of the Church, but the POWER of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church today—within, among, and through each of us.

We are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

This Pentecost and throughout the coming year may this body of Christ find new life as we live together in the promise of a God that turns dead ends into new beginnings.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

ACTS 2:4

Save the Date

Sending Celebration Worship and Reception

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Pastors—() ave & (risty's-MINISTRY AT TRINITY

Sunday | August 31

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



JULY 27- AUGUST 1

It is destination PINE LAKE CAMP for Alyssa and 18 of Trinity kids! We are so looking forward to the week together! It is sure to be filled with fun, faith, activities, new friends, new experiences and memories that will be with each of us for a lifetime!

FIRST EVER CAMP FUNDRAISER!

We hosted our first ever Camp Fundraiser with great success! Our PIZZA & MOVIE night served about 70 people and we reached our fundraising goal!

Many you to everyone who helped, contributed and came out to support us while enjoying some pizza and THE WILD ROBOT movie!

FUND THE BUS! We set out our change bucket collection to help fund our bus ride to Pine Lake Camp and collected **\$457!**

Thank you for dropping your change!

ALL ABOUT YOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHARING THE LOVE & PROMISE OF GOD WITH OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS & FRIENDS

We had a fantastic Children's Ministry year, but even though the school year may have come to a close for the summer, the fact that our kids are always an important part of our life and ministry never ends!

ALL KIDS 3 YEARS UP TO 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED Open to all Trinity families, their friends and neighbors too!

VBS-SCUBA Diving into friendship with God!

JUNE 9-13 | 9 AM-NOON

Once again we will welcome kids from Our Saviors Church in West Bend to join us for an unforgettable week of singing, games, snacks, a lot of fun and learning what its like to be in a relationship with God!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Don't let your kids miss SCUBA WEEK—its going to be a SPLASH!





CONGRATULATIONS: GRADUATES



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future JEREMIAH 29:11



JULIA BRUDER UW OSHKOSH | BS NURSING JULIAN WILL BE NURSING AT THE ACCARE Regional Medical Center in Appleton, Wisconsin.



JOSCELYNNE CLARK CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, SC BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS Jos hopes to share her gifts teaching high school art.



CHAZ DREHER
MORAINE PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
Chaz earned a Technical
Diploma in CNC/Tool & Die
Technologies.



TRAYNOR GIERYN
WEST BEND WEST HIGH SCHOOL
Traynor will be attending the
University of Minnesota in fall.



DAKOTA GUNNARE
WEST BEND EAST HIGH SCHOOL
VALEDICTORIAN
In the fall, Dakota will
be attending Georgetown
University.



ADAM HASENSTEIN
WEST BEND WEST HIGH SCHOOL
Adam has been accepted into
MSOE for chemical engineering
and into the Navy ROTC
scholarship program



WEST BEND WEST HIGH SCHOOL Peyton is open to whatever comes in the future as he explores his options!



VICTORIA KENWORTHY KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL Victoria will be attending UW La Crosse in fall to study Elementary and Special Education.



CONNOR SCAFFIDI KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL Connor plans to continue working as a technician at Farmers Implement in Allenton.

UMM

JACOB POLLNOW
UWM-THE PECK SCHOOL OF
THE ARTS | BA FILM
Jacob will maintain his
internship position while
he looks for a job in his
field. He is planning on
getting married in the
near future.

We want to thank the Trinity congregation for supporting our family through Jacob's long and difficult journey to healing. It truly feels like a miracle! Your love, prayers, and support made all of the difference.
God bless you all—Val Pollnow



AVA SCHILLER
KEWASKUM HIGH SCHOOL
Ava will be attending
Moraine Park in the fall
to study Radiography.



JENNIFER WALTH
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
MBA CONSORTIUM
MASTERS IN BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION



COLIN WILLIAMS
UW MILWAUKEE | EDUCATION
DEGREE
Colin plans to teach high

Colin plans to teach high school social studies.



Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center

PARENT & YOUTH INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 22 | 10:45 AM In the Youth Room after worship

2025 SUMMER TRIP PINE RIDGE TRAVELERS:

Lexi George
Amanda Hull
Victoria Kenworthy,
Matthew Krawzik
Oscar Martin
Sophia Reno
CJ Schiller
Ava Schiller
Haley Kordosky
Pastor Cristy Schoob
Nate Shubat

Total raised from the raffle/silent auction - \$1,211.00

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to all who supported this summer trip fundraising effort!

JULY 18–25 | SR HIGH SUMMER IMMERSION TRIP | Some of Trinity's High School Youth will be traveling to Pine Ridge, SD where they'll spend the week at the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center on the Pine Ridge Reservation. There we will be with our indigenous brothers and sisters. This cultural immersion will allow our youth to learn about Lakota history and culture from the Lakota people themselves. The goal is to foster mutual conversations and a greater understanding of each other.

Why a Cultural Immersion experience? It is so much more than a mission trip. The Youth are not going to fix anything. They are not bringing Jesus to Pine Ridge; Jesus is already there. The Youth are going to listen, learn, grow, and to see the work being done there.

The focus is on creating healthy, respectful relationships. Trinity youth will hear of the history of the reservation and the historical trauma that affects the people even today.

The aim is to help break down negative stereotypes and develop a deeper appreciation for the people we meet and see how history impacts contemporary life.



It is truly such a joy walking with these kiddos on their faith journeys and watching them grow up! I am already looking forward to our summer events and next year!

Alyssa

THANKFUL BECAUSE WE KNOW OUR SHEPHERDS ROCK!

A huge shout out of thanks to the middle school and high school helpers that are here every week to work with our Children's Ministry kiddos. They are such an important part of our program and they make a BIG difference—not only lending a hand to rotation leaders, but becoming mentors and forming relationships with our younger kids!

Thank you, Shepherds!

Kennedy Butzler Mitchell Doede Morgan Doede Lucas Doede Jayden Hanvey Mia Hanvey

Manny Jones Victoria Kenworthy Dane McIntyre Makiyah Rouse Siena Scaffidi Amelia Walth









We had a fantastic year end celebration for CHLDREN'S MINISTRY on May 18th! In our last rotation during the last month our children focused on *The Greatest Commandment—LOVE!* And, we shared some of that love with the congregation singing the camp song, "Love Round."



And the greatest of these is LOVE! Thomas had to SEE Jesus before he believed he was alive. Would you put your hand in a box without knowing what was inside? The Children's Ministry kids had to TRUST and BELIEVE that what was inside the box would not hurt them—then they had to describe what they were touching without looking at it.











Trinity's 4th-6th Grade F.I.S.H. youth group worked together through games, a hunt for hidden treasure (treats!) and a enjoyed a cookout/picnic.







































A huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to Pastor Cristy for her passion for Youth Ministry and the programs she started at Trinity, including the Children's Ministry Workshop Rotation and F.I.S.H.

Huge and heartfelt also go to Children's Ministry Coordinator, Alyssa Brockman for her passion and dedication to sharing God's love and promise with our children! And for recruiting help for herself and the program by way of the addition of our Little Lamb's Coordinator, Susie Kelnhofer

Trinity's families are truly blessed because of the commitment, aifts, and love these women share with our kids!

THANKFUL

GRATEFUL & BLESSED

for ALL our 2024-2025 Children's Ministry

VOLUNTEERS

Whoever came up with the saying, "it takes a village" knew exactly what they were talking about! Children's Ministry simply doesn't happen without our loving and dedicated volunteers. Whether you are working hands-on with our kids, or making things happen behind-the-scenes, each and everyone of you are a blessing—thank you!

Paul Bauman Stacey Brandt April Brodzeller Patrick Buddof **Ashley Bungert** Charlotte Butzler Kelly Doede Jodi Falconer Lauren Gaszak Kelly Granger Joan Hanson Nicole Hoffman John Kenworthy Nate Kenworthy Audrey Kelnhofer Susie Kelnhofer

Amy Kreutzer Peter Nelson Maureen O'Connell Melissa Parchim Sue Pawlowski **Heather Peters** Sandy Poenitsch Kristen Robinson Jamie Rouse **Bryan Schlosser** Renee Thacker Phil Wagner Sue Walker Jennifer Walth **Tiffany Wilson** Michael York

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Peter Nelson has been our go-to person who has shared his very appreciated love for photography with us on MANY occasions! Peter captures and records in pictures many Trinity and Children's Ministry moments in time that would otherwise be lost. *Thank you, Peter!*







GRANOLA BARS

AND/OR

APPLE SAUCE SNACK CUPS



John Wilson gets help from his dad to dump one of SEVERAL boxes of pop tabs into a huge steel container at Children's Hospital on TAB TOSS DAY!

Thanks to a community effort between Trinity, the Kewaskum School District, family, friends, and strangers too—the Wilson family collected a whopping

241 POUNDS

of pop tabs! They will go to help Keep Families Close while their children are receiving medical care! An important community outreach ministry the Wilsons experienced themselves when John was born prematurely.



to all who helped with this effort!



NEXT YEAR'S COLLECTION STARTS NOW!



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!

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 and share some comfort and joy!

CURISTMAS IN JULY HOLIDAY HOPE FLEECE

HOLIDAY HOPE FLEECE BLANKET PROJECT

Our no-sew fleece blanket project for **the** Christmas Holiday Hope outreach **pro**gram is back for 2025!

We are moving the work
(for our volunteer elves!)
to July when, hopefully, we
all have lighter schedules
and more time than during
the hectic holiday season!
This is a great project for
families to do together!

Thanks to the Trinity Comforters, there will be about 60 sets of fleece ready for the fringe to be cut and tied. Instructions will be available and can also be easily found online.

ELF ALERT! | Watch for a SignUP Genius invitation later in June and sign up to reserve your fleece!



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.

The Wall 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!

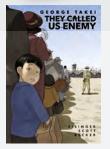






SUMMER SERMON SERIES

In the summer months we decided we wanted to take time to share with you some of our favorite scripture, our favorite centers of faith, our favorite sermons, in some ways the best of our life with you. So through the summer we will be sharing 'The Best of Pastors Cristy and Dave' and we invite you all to come and join us.



ANTI-RACISM BOOK STUDY TUESDAY | JUNE 24 | 7 PM

Recently at an anti-racism meeting someone raised the question, "Will racism ever end?" It is not an easy question to contemplate. But the group embraced the idea that we cannot give up struggling against the racism that seems to imprison us all. And so we continue to struggle to understand and grow in our struggle against racism.

In June we will consider the graphic novel—some might call it a comic book, but it is so much more— They Call Us Enemy by George Takei (Mr. Sulu on the original Star Trek). This is a very easy read, but a powerful statement. You are invited to the discussion on Tuesday June 24th at 7:00 pm.

HERE IS A BRIEF DESCRIPTION FROM AMAZON: A stunning graphic memoir recounting actor/author/activist George Takei's childhood imprisoned within American concentration camps during World War II. Experience the forces that shaped an American icon -- and America itself -- in this gripping tale of courage, country, loyalty, and love.

George Takei has captured hearts and minds worldwide with his captivating stage presence and outspoken commitment to equal rights. But long before he braved new frontiers in Star Trek, he woke up as a four-year-old boy to find his own birth country at war with his father's -- and their entire family forced from their home into an uncertain future.

In 1942, at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, every person of Japanese descent on the west coast was rounded up and shipped to one of ten "relocation centers," hundreds or thousands of miles from home, where they would be held for years under armed guard.

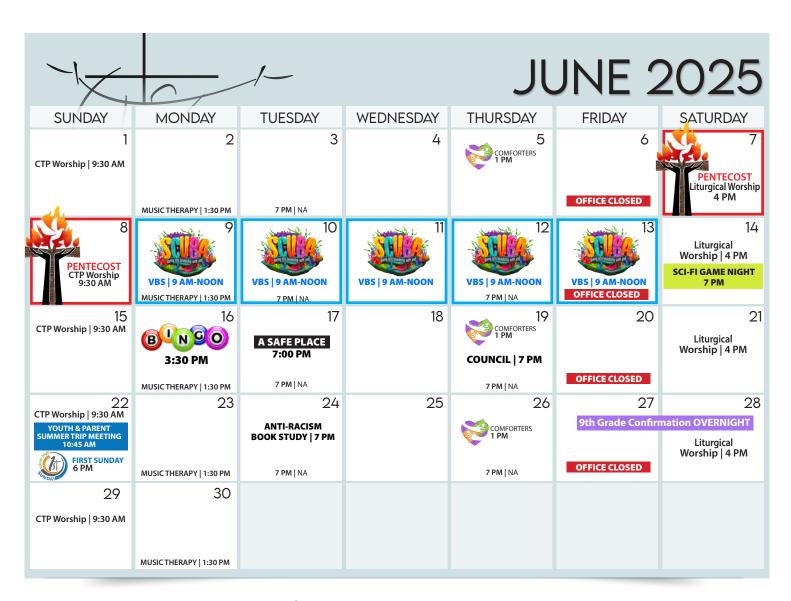
They Called Us Enemy is Takei's firsthand account of those years behind barbed wire, the joys and terrors of growing up under legalized racism, his mother's hard choices, his father's faith in democracy, and the way those experiences planted the seeds for his astonishing future.

What does it mean to be American? Who gets to decide? When the world is against you, what can one person do? To answer these questions, George Takei joins co-writers Justin Eisinger & Steven Scott and artist Harmony Becker for the journey of a lifetime.

BUMMAY 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.

Susan Kesy		01	
Paulette Bauer		03	
LaVern Kertscher	6	03	
Laura Gruber	6	05	
Glen Schweiger	6	05	
Eleanor Muraski		06	
Thomas Bergerud	6	07	
Shirl Curreri	6	07	
Jim Barker	6	09	
Claudia Brehmer	6	10	
Mary Seymer	6	10	
Krista Gengler	6	11	
Pat Hanvey	6	11	
Carrie Gresbach		12	
Angeleleah McLafferty	6		
Jarrett York	6	12	
Tracey Myrhum	6	13	
Carla Gengler	6		
Aleksander Schweiger	6		
Bethani Schweiger	6		
Steve Walth	6		
Dale Maule	6	16	
Bette Zaborowski	6	16	
Delores Harder	6		
Andrew Hull	6		
Elias Del Campo		18	
Davis Doede	6		
Rosemary Fink	6		
Robert Harter	6	18	
Richard Sauer	6		
Marjorie Meier	6		
Nathan Shubat	6		
James Anderson	6		
Melissa Parchim	6	21	
Jared Gassner-York	6	22	
Wendy Johnson		22	
Richard Walsh		22	
Julia Bruder		23	
Dennis Dricken		23	
Jacqueline Granger		25	
Kayla Bruder Faith Disterhaft		26 26	
Dale Gunnare		26	
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Ron Hinzpeter			
Chase Flunker		27	
Megan Foyse Patricia Harter		27	
Mercedes Loomans		29	
Dawn Schicker		29	
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Gino Dominguez		30	
Patricia Rick	0	30	



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