

# TRINITY TOGETHER by Grace

that makes us want to savor every moment of amber foliage and crisp, clear skies! It's a month of festive pumpkin patches, hot apple cider, and the comforting embrace of oversized sweaters.

As the air turns crisp and the leaves begin to change, October offers a beautiful message of hope and transition. It's a reminder that even as things come to an end, there is a quiet, profound beauty in the process of letting go.

Hopeful messages to carry with us as we enter October:

**EMBRACE CHANGE.** Just like the trees, we can shed what is no longer serving us to make way for new growth and beautiful adventures. This month is a perfect opportunity to reset and move forward with intention and a fresh perspective.

FIND STRENGTH IN THE QUIET. The stillness of autumn invites us to look inward and gather our inner strength. Even when conditions are uncertain, your courage and follow-through can define you.

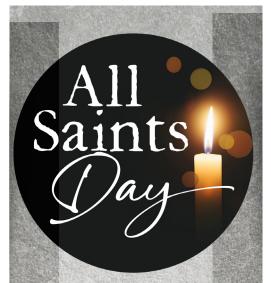
**BELIEVE IN NEW BEGINNINGS.** October is the doorway to a new season, reminding us that every ending contains a new beginning. It's a chance to rewrite your story with joy in every chapter and see every day as a clean slate.

TRUST IN THE JOURNEY. Just like nature trusts the cycle of the seasons, you can trust that everything will settle as it's meant to. This is a time to walk forward with determination, even when the path is not yet clear.

**REMEMBER THE WARMTH.** Though the air may be cooler, you can find warmth within yourself. Cultivate gratitude and let your positivity shine, acting as a light for yourself and those around you.

In the coming weeks you will here more about TRINITY TOGETHER by Grace It is our Stewardship theme this year, and also a profound reflection of our past, our present and our future —together by grace.

Thanks be to God!
TRINITY STAFF AND COUNCIL



# All Saints Celebration Worship

NOVEMBER 1 & 2

Join us for All Saints
Worship on the weekend
of November 1st and 2nd.
This is a celebration of
all God's saints, but we
especially remember
those close to us who we
have lost in the past year.

If you have lost someone between last November and now, and would like them remembered during worship on All Saints weekend, please let us know in the office so we can include their name and light a candle to honor their memory during worship.

All are invited to this special celebration as we remember our place with all God's saints.

# härmənē

THE PERFECT FIFTH | 2025

On the afternoon of September 14th, the men of härmenē THE PERFECT FIFTH made a difference for our neighbors, one song at a time. The benifit concert provided a wonderful atmosphere of generosity and celebration with the community. Their music brought both laughter and tears and left everyone, singers and audience alike, feeling uplifted.

# May you to everyone who stepped up to make this a successful event:

- the men of harmone,
- DIRECTOR, Karen Wysocky
- COORDINATOR, Hazel Griffin
- the instrumentalists
- Super Raffle prize donors
- gift card raffle and wine pull donors
- the event planning team of: Hazel Griffin, Gaytha Hillman, Nancy Hanvey, Wendy Johnson, Mercedes Loomans, Sandy Poenitsch and Nichole Reno
- Everyone who baked cookies for the cookie bar
- to all the people who volunteered to help with set up and running the event
- to our Master of Ceremonies, Tom Bergerud
- and to EVERYONE who came to appreciate the music and support this benefit for The Youth and Family Project!

Thanks to the generosity of time, talent and resources from the congregation and the community, WE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$5,081 for The Youth and Family Project! And, they are very grateful for this "Patch of Light."



































# BOBUS BOOM DEDICATED TO THE LIFE OF AURORA ROSE

At Trinity we want our kids to be seen and heard, because they are our future. But in times when they need to be comforted in a quiet setting—we have a very special room off the hallway that runs on the right (north) side of the Sanctuary—previously known as the Cry Room.

On Sunday, September 21, during the 9:30 Worship service, we dedicated that room in memory of an almost 4 year old girl, Aurora Rose—better known as Rory.

One special Sunday morning, just this past spring, Rory spent time in that room with her Grandma—it was the Sunday her family became members of the Trinity family! In that room, Rory was comforted and entertained. Just six days later, Rory would find herslef in the everlasting, loving arms of Jesus.

Rory's joy was pure, her smile was infectious, and her curly hair was simply magnificent! Though she was only with us for a brief moment in time, she managed to touch our hearts forever. In her honor, that room next to the Sanctuary has been refreshed to reflect some of the things that gave Rory joy. There are toys and books to keep little ones occupied, comfortable chairs for parents and a screen that live streams the worship service. Please know that here at Trinity we want our kids to be seen and heard, but if they ever need quiet comfort away from the crowd, we invite you to take advantage of a special room that, from this day forward, will be known as **Rory's Room**.











#### Trinity's time of transition continues.

The Council has been actively diligent, conducting interviews with candiates for the interim pastor postition. Again, this is a process that cannot and should not be rushed. We appreciate your patience and will update you further when there is more news to share.

INTERIM PASTOR ROLE: An interim pastor provides temporary spiritual and administrative leadership to a church during the period between settled pastors, focusing on healing, identifying the church's current needs and future vision, strengthening its structure, and preparing the congregation for new leadership. Key duties include pastoral care, preaching and worship leadership, facilitating the transition process, and counseling church staff and leaders. They are trained specialists who help a church examine its history, identify its strengths, and move forward toward a new future.

The interim period is a process that requires patience, and an interim pastor helps guide the congregation through various phases of reflection and decision-making.

In the meantime, we continue to welcome several guest pastors to lead our worship services. The voices, perspectives and delivery styles vary, but each brings with them the word of God, relating Bible passages to our daily lives and sharing messages of hope in challenging times.

# OCTOBER GUEST PASTOR SCHEDULE:

- OCT 4/5 Rev. John Jacobs
- OCT 11/12 Trinity High School Summer Immersion Trip Travelers will lead worship, share about their takeaways from thier time at the Pine Ridge Lacota Lutheran Reservation in South Dakota this past July
- OCT 18/19 Rev. Steve Samuelson
- OCT 25/26 Rev. Kristin Nielsen



4TH-6TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY



## F.I.S.H. Halloween Party!

NO COST FOR THIS GATHERING

Sunday, October 19 10:45 am - NOON TRINITY FELLOWSHIP HALL LOWER LEVEL

This 4th-6th Grade youth ministry is designed to enhance the community-building element of faith development. In order to grow spiritually, it is vital that young people see themselves as part of a faith community where family and friends gather to learn, celebrate and grow.

The F.I.S.H. group meets once a month with activities designed to grow both faith and friendships among Trinity's 4th-6th graders—many of whom attend different schools. Most of our events are held at Trinity at no cost to families and involves a light meal, games, prizes and an activity or craft. Each event has a theme based on the church year or a faith concept. We hope lots of families take advantage of this important faith development opportunity!

We are excited that a trio of parents, (assisted by Alyssa Brockman) have stepped up to help with this important youth ministry! MAWA Ashley Bungert, Nicole Hoffman, and Maureen O'Connell. If you would like to be involved in planning the next F.I.S.H. event, let

# ALL ABOUT YOUTH

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

### LITTLE LAMBS | Workshops Rotations | SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

WELCOME BACK! I absolutely LOVE all the energy that our kiddos bring into Trinity at the start up of the Children's Ministry year. It has been such a wonderful month seeing all of our kiddos. We kicked off the year with some fun relays, and then dove right into David—God's Chosen King.

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It's not too late to register your kiddos. They are always welcome!

OCT 05 DAVID: God's Chosen King ROTATION

LITTLE LAMBS
SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

OCT 12 DAVID: God's Chosen King ROTATION

LITTLE LAMBS
SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE



#### OCT 19 BRING-A-FRIEND SUNDAY

**Does your child have a friend that would love to share in the fun?** They are welcomed to join any week, but this week is special with lots of new friends joining the mix. Both your child and their friend receive a gift for sharing the love of God.



LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

OCT 26 DANIEL in the Lion's Den ROTATION

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

### 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!





us know!





#### CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM

A JOURNEY OF FAITH FOR OUR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

At this time our confirmation program has two parts:

CONFIRMATION FAITH FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday Nights (Sept-May) | LEADERS: Sherie Kruse & Ashley Bungert Seeking additional Adult Volunteer(s)\*

Required for 7th & 8th Grade youth still exploring their faith journeys toward the decision of renewing their own Baptisms during the rite of Confirmation.

· CONFIRMATION YOUTH (ONNECTIONS

Scheduled throughout the year (Sept-May)
Currently Seeking Adult Organizers\*

Part of developing our own faith happens through relationship with each other and with God. Confirmation Youth Connections offers relationship building events and/or activities, separate from Wednesday night Faith Foundations.

On Wednesday nights the focus is exposing our 7th and 8th graders to a more indepth look at our Christian foundations. In addition to the foundational education, we know that building relationships with each other and with God is a key component in the confirmation experience—often strenthening faith journeys in profound ways. With your help, we hope to offer relationship building events and/or activities such as lock-ins, retreat/camp opportunities geared specificly to their age group, and service activities. When they come around, we encourage families to give as much priority to them as you do for the Confirmation Faith Foundation nights.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONFIRMATION FAITH FOUNDATIONS This year we will be diving deep into learning about the Apostles' Creed, but we will also be learning about each other and how each of us has a place and a purpose as a vital, valued and loved child of God.

Wednesday - October 01 What is the "Gospel" of Jesus?

Wednesday - October 08 Faith Changes How We See Ourselves and Others

Wednesday - October 15 What is the Bible?
Wednesday - October 22 NO CONFIRMATION

Wednesday - October 29 Introduction to The Apostles' Creed

Attention Parents and Adults interested in youth ministry—your support and involvement will help make this important youth ministry thrive!

\*We are looking for a Wednesday night Confirmation Faith Foundations adult volunteer(s) to assist Sherie and Ashley. This could be on a rotating basis where we would each serve occasionally.

\*We are looking for a parent (or team of parents) to serve as our Confrimation Youth Connections organizers for 2025–26. This role includes organizing the retreat/camp, lock-in and service activites.

Please contact Renee Thacker | reneethacker@gmail.com



### SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH OCTOBER 5 | 6-7:30 PM

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites all folks in the 9th - 12th grades to gather together for: Sr High 1st Sunday (usually on the first Sunday of each month) and continuing throughout the year.

This is an opportunity to get together to 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



#### **ATTENTION**

Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center/ Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministries Immerstion Trip Travelers

We will use some of our First Sunday time to plan for leading worship on the weekend of October 11/12.

Please contact Haley or Tiffany with any questions—including how you can be involved, even if you are away at school!

trinitywbhsyouth@gmail.com



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## THANK YOU

to my September volunteers

Susie Kelnhoffer **Ashley Bungert Nicole Hull Amanda Hull Charlotte Butzler Jaimie Rouse Alexis Rouse** Maureen O'Connell John Kenworthy **Jayden Hanvey Emma Parchim** Mia Hanvey **Lucy Thacker Kennedy Butzler Dane McIntire** 

Interested in getting invoved in Children's Ministry and teaching a rotation? Check out the schedule in Fellowship Hall or contact Alyssa.

Thank you, Alyssa Brodeman



















































We learned about how "God made Families" - Abraham and Sarah prayed for a baby for many, many years and then God blessed the with baby Isaac! God made our family too! We help each other, we worship together and we are all so glad that God made our family!

















# FIRST ROTATION: DAVID—GOD'S CHOSEN KING

This past month, kiddos explored that it's not what WE SEE but instead what GOD SEES. God chose David, the smallest of 8 brothers, to be the king. It was unexpected but God could see that David had what he needed to be a great king. Our kids saw first hand that it's not always about what you see on the outside, but more so what's on the inside that is important.

In **TELLIT** we experimented with Coke VS Diet Coke. The cans were different colors, but other than that, seemed the same. When placed in water, the Diet Coke floated and the regular Coke sank! It definitely mattered what was on the inside of the can!

In MAKEIT kiddos created banners that showed the life of David. He started out as a small shepherd, was anointed with oils, and became King. Check out their art that tells his story in the Heritage Room.

In MOVEIT an intense game of Bible Jeopardy was played! Points got close and we even had some ties. It was lots of fun and they don't even realize they are learning some important stories.

David was anointed with oils. To show the importance of oil, our kids made muffins in In TASTEIT. They worked in 2 separate groups to each create a batch of muffins from a provided recipe. We didn't tell them that the recipes were different—oil was omitted from one recipe. After the muffin fail, they understood that oil played a critical part in the muffin batter (just like it did for King David!), and they each got to enjoy one of the delicious muffins!





During our adult Bible study time on Wednesday nights, will be looking through the writings of **Matthew** with the help of a Bible Conversations guide book series entitled, Together by Grace. Although this is a series, it does not matter if you can make it every week, or just certain weeks that work in your schedule. **You are** welcome to join in at any time!

SESSION 1: Journeying Together in Uncertainty and Risk

SESSION 2: Doing and Teaching God's Word

SESSION 3: Seeking the Kingtdom of God

**SESSION 4:** Trusting in god's Embrace

SESSION 5: Relentlessly Pursuing Liberation and Life

SESSION 6: Loving God and One Another

SESSION 7: Standing at the Foot of the Cross

**SESSION 8:** Letting Go and Letting God

No pre-reading, no homework—come with a your questions, curiosities and hearts for.

Questions: Nancy Hanvey 414-364-4986



#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Trinity's week to help provide meals for families being served through the Family Promise program is scheduled for:

**OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2025** 

Watch for more details that will follow in the coming weeks.

Family Promise is a community response to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless. Washington County is one of 200+ affiliates in 43 states—and one of 11 in Wisconsin—that serve the homeless.

They you for your spport of this important community outreach ministry





### Healing Through Grief: "A Journey to Wholeness"

with Susan Bliffert; End of Life Doula & Minister of Healing



This 3-hour workshop is open to anyone who is grieving.

Whether through death, loss of a relationship, or significant life change



Saturday, October 11 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration is limited to 40 people RSVP by: October 2

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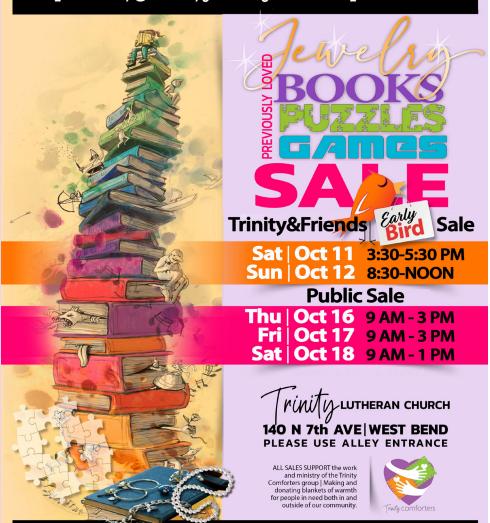
Register here:



QUESTIONS - CALL BLUE LOTUS CENTER AT 262-675-2473



Once upon a time there were folks who really loved BOOKS! It is said they also enjoyed puzzles, games, jewelry and surprises too!



So, they came to this SALE! THE END.

# BUMAY BLESSINGS

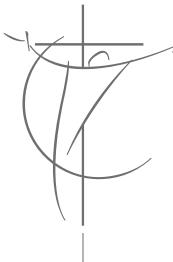
ON THE DAY YOU WERE BORN, GOD DANCED, ANGELS SANG AND THE STARS ALIGNED. WE HOPE THAT YOUR BIRTHDAY WILL BE A HAPPY CELEBRATION FILLED WITH BLESSINGS.

Terry Pietschmann	10 01
Kennedy Butzler	10 05
Lexi George	10 06
Jody Schiller	10 06
Jazlyn Mesich	10 08
Laura Muther	10 08
Sue Bietsch	10 10
Chris Budoff	10 10
TraynorGieryn	10 10
Briana Schauble	10 10
Betty Schweiger	10 10
Sharon Sutton	10 10
Bradley Hanson	10 11
Todd Markgraf	10 12
Brooke Walsh	10 13
Adrienne Schneider	10 14
Jim Klatt	10 15
Candace Anderson	10 16
Nancie Crass	10 16
Jodi Falconer	10 16
Joyce Kirchner	10 17
Haley Kordosky	10 17
Jennifer Schauble	10 18
Toni Shubat	10 18
Myra Gunnare	10 19
Richard Hills	10 20
Claire Brehmer	10 23
Dustin Flunker	10 23
Jane Abel	10 25
Richard Peters	10 26
Jordan Robinson	10 28
Steven Holcomb	10 29
Patricia Brehmer	10 30
Ashley Bungert	10 30
Carl Schweiger	10 30
Glenn Naumann	10 31

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