

Trinity friends and members,

TRINITY TOGETHER BY Grace and Gratitude is our Stewardship theme and our call to spiritual discipline. It recognizes the undeserved gift of grace each of us receives from God and the anchor of gratitude for that gift that keeps us grounded.

The response to Crace of Cratifude is GIVING—it is the act (the discipline) that connects us. It's not about the size of the gift, but the sincerity of the heart behind it. Every time we share our time, passions and resources, a ripple is sent out through our ministry, our community, and the world. We don't give to get—guilt and fear have no place in our generosity—when it comes down to it, practicing generosity in our giving requires faith.

Giving reminds us that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves, and that sharing the love and promise of God can outlive us in the lives we touch.

In a time that continues to remind us that our world is still full of deceit and brokenness, we desperately need to be reminded that we continue to be drawn in by God's grace. Trinity's commitment to follow Jesus' example and command to love one another by welcoming all—without distinction—to be part of that love, is a beacon of light in our community. Our life together as a congregation is of incredible importance. Even as we navigate our own path of transition within our congregation, we look toward the future with grateful anticipation.

**God's grace leads to joyful gratitude and an improved spiritual outlook.** Each of us has been asked to prayerfully consider and discern what we can do to help support our ministries and our search for new spiritual leadership—so that we can continue to be the beacon of light that is so needed in our community and in this time.

The weekend of November 8-9 has been set aside to celebrate the gift of God's (patime(x) as we Consecrate the 2026 Estimate of Giving cards brought forward at that time. Please join us in worship with joy and thanksgiving.

Whatever the future holds, we will face it together—anchored in faith and hope.

good for the heart to be strengthened by grace. HEBREWS 13:9

> Whatever you give is acceptable if you give it eagerly. And give according to what you have, not what you don't have. 2 CORINTHIANS 8:12-13



#### REFRAMING OUR PERSPECTIVES

The road of transition is not always smooth, and because we are human, sometimes we fail to focus on the fact that our identity is rooted in Christ, not on a single pastor (even though they may be loved and missed). This is a good time for reflection, prayer, and spiritual renewal—a time when life and faith can actually grow.

#### **PRAY TOGETHER**

Hold our Congregation Council and one another in prayer for wisdom, unity, and guidance.

#### TRINITY'S MINISTRIES MATTER

There is no transition when it comes to sharing the love and promise of God. It takes all of us to ensure we do not loose sight of our identity as disciples of Christ and our mission to share God's love with everyone, everywhere. Look for ways to help and ask for help when you need it.

#### TRUST IN GOD'S PLAN

Remember that God is always with us and works all things together for good, but, in HIS time (not ours!). Practice patience and kindness with one another. #TRINITYTOGETHER with Grace and Gratitude!

# NOVEMBER GUEST PASTOR SCHEDULE:

NOV 1/2 - Rev. Stephen Samuelson

NOV 8/9 - Rev. Jon Jacobs

NOV 15/16 - To be announced

NOV 22/23 - To be announced

NOV 29/30 - To be announced

Trinity's Council continues their work of interviewing candidates for our interim pastor position—at the time of this newsletter printing there was not an update to share. Stay tuned!



# Trivity Comforters

A ministry from the heart with a mission of making and donating blankets of warmth for people in need—both in and outside our community.

# FUNDRAISER & MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

FROM Suzanne Barker & Diane Ferstadt

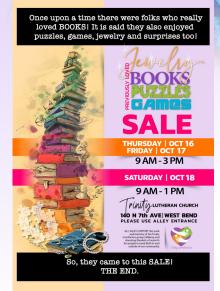
It is with a grateful heart, the Trinity Comforters group recognizes the congregational members, friends, and family for their support of our annual Books, Puzzles, Games & Jewelry Sale fundraiser. It was a successful event not only for raising funds (over \$2,000), but also serving as an outreach opportunity to the community and beyond.

Over 300 fiction paperback books were purchased by donation, to be used at the **Bethani Orphanage in India**, along with others going to local agencies like **Threshold**. On Saturday, we celebrated learning that the \$5+ bag of children's books was going to **Next Door Milwaukee Books for Kids**.

During the sale, our doors were open to welcome visitors who prayed in the church and visited 'Rory's Room'—while others expressed interest in joining our Thursday Comforters group.

The same weekend as the fundraising event, Diane Ferstadt and Pat Hanvey delivered 17 boxes containing a total of 136 blankets to the LWR (Lutheran World Relief) drop off in Sheboygan. Trinity Comforters' ministry is fully supported by donations from individuals throughout the year and their annual fundraiser—they are not part of Trinity's budget. We are truly blessed!

Thank you for your support







Though all members of the Trinity Comforters were not present when this photo was taken, if you see any of these ladies, thank them for their dedication and loving service!







# TRINITY'S MINISTRY EXPANDED AGAIN IN OCTOBER —with another chance in November

PAUL BAUMAN, Trust Board Member

For several years Trinity has had a relationship with Family Promis of Washington County and its work with homeless men and families. Before COVID we housed and fed families for a week at a time—now we provide evening meals during a designated weeks. In October a Trinity member's request was granted to fund some of the needs of Family Promise involving correction of a few of their building deficiencies. Additionally October saw the final payment of \$3,400 being made, which completed the 3 year \$10,000 commitment (matching gifts from individual Trinity members) to the Greater Milwaukee Synod's Equipping the Saints fund raising effort.

#### WHAT WILL NOVEMBER BRING?

Endowment Funds are available to help us fulfill our congregation's mission to share the love and promise of God and expand our ministries through fund requests involving leadership development, community outreach, or greater church activities. Fund requests need to be submitted by November 18, the date of the Endowment Board's quarterly meeting. Forms for requests are available in the Heritage Room by the center column.







# F.I.S.H. Drive-By Raking!\*

We are Serving Happily! —NO COST

#### Sunday, November 16 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Trinity's 4th-6th Grade youth will be putting SERVING HAPPILY to the test! Join us on Sunday, November 16th for a Drive-By Raking event. We'll head back to church afterward for a Pizza Party!

\*In case of inclement weather, we will stay at Trinity and will work on making cards for shut-ins

#### **ATTENTION TRINITY MEMBERS**

If you are a member of the congregation and live in the city of West Bend and would like some help raking your yard, contact the church office by NOVEMBER 9th and we will add you to our Drive-By raking event! Thank YOU for allowing us to serve you.

F.I.S.H. 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!

# ALL ABOUT YOUTH YOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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

Children's Ministry SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM

We continue our Daniel workshops through the third week of November. We are learning about: Daniel in the Lions' Den, King Nebuchadnezzar, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abenego in the fiery furnace.

**NOV 02 DANIEL in the Lions' Den ROTATION** 

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

NOV 09 DANIEL in the Lions' Den ROTATION

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**NOV 16 DANIEL ROTATION WrapUP** 

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

NOV 23 CHRISTMAS ROTATION BEGINS

**Three Kings Come to Baby Jesus ROTATION** 

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

NOV 30 NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Happy Thanksgiving Weekend







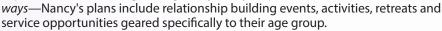
#### **CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM**

A JOURNEY OF FAITH FOR OUR 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS Wednesday Nights | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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

We're excited to share that our Confirmation program is back up and running under the leadership of Nancy Hanvey. Nancy brings a deep passion for confirmation youth ministry as well as a determined dedication to share the foundations of our faith and God's love and promise in ways that our confirmation youth can both understand and relate to.

As they go through the 2-year program they will be encouraged to question and discuss how these foundations continue to be part of and impact their everyday lives. Additionally, as building relationships with each other and with God are both key components in the confirmation experience—often strengthening faith journeys in profound



Nancy is both excited and humbled to walk with our 7th and 8th graders as they discern and grow in their individual faith journeys. Please join us in welcoming Nancy's leadership to this important youth ministry program.

Your help and input are welcome—reach out to Nancy directly with any questions | (414) 364-4986

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONFIRMATION FAITH FOUNDATIONS

6:30 - 8:00 PM | November 5 - November 12 - November 19

A more specific schedule will be provided to parents by the time this newsletter is printed.

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.



ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADE YOUTH WELCOME! Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites all folks in the 9th - 12th grades to gather together for a THANKFUL Sr High First Sunday!

This is an opportunity to come 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





SUMMER IMMERSION TRIP TRAVELERS LEAD WORSHIP | On the weekend of October 11/12 some of Trinity's Sr High youth who traveled to the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center in South Dakota shared the impact of their time spent on the Lakota Reservation. Each of them came back with perspectives they never could have imagined that, no doubt, will impact them for many years yet to come. If you missed their recap, you can find the recording of the Sunday, October 12 worship service on our YouTube channel or on Trinity's website. We are thankful to Haley Kordosky and Tiffany Wilson for stepping up to ensure the Senior High Youth have the opportunity to continue to gather during FIRST SUNDAY each month—they are also planning next summer's servant trip.











# LITTLE LAMBS

GOD LOVES US | God created families and God created "me"—and we are so glad! Now we are learning about the story of Noah's Ark! God kept Noah, his family and the animals safe during the flood—and God keeps our families safe too!

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



After finishing up our King David rotation, Children's Ministry to learn about King Daniel. We learned about Daniel in the Lion's den, King Nebuchadnezzar, and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. Kiddos made lion masks, paintings, and made a fiery furnace treat.

Don't worry, it was just chicken and cheese tortillas.

## THANK YOU

to my October volunteers

John Kenworthy
Susie Kelnhofer
Ashley Bungert
Nicole Hull
Maureen O'Connell
Jaimie Rouse
Dane McIntyre
Mia Hanvey
Emma Parchim
Lucy Thacker
Morgan Doede
Jayden Hanvey
Kennedy Butzler

You are invited to GET INVOLVED in Children's Ministry! Teaching a rotation is only a 3-week commitment! Check out the schedule in Fellowship Hall or contact Alyssa.

> Thank you, Alyssa Brockman



























































# F.I.S.H. FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

4TH-6TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY

Our 4th-6th grade youth got totally wrapped up in fun on Sunday, October 19th when they played games, decorated pumpkins, enjoyed some snacks and made mummies out of each other!

THANK YOU to our parent leaders:
Niclole Hoffman, Ashley Bungert
and Maureen O'Connell for
organizing and chaperoning
the event. Also, a
GRATEFUL SHOUT OUT

GRATEFUL SHOUT OUT OF THANKS TO

## APPLELAND Farm Market

IN FREDONIA
for donating all the pumpkins
and apples for our F.I.S.H. kids
to decorate and enjoy!











MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the next F.I.S.H. event when our kids put to practice "SERVING HAPPILY" as they volunteer to RAKE LEAVES\* for others on Sunday, November 16th!

\*If you live in the city of West Bend and could use a little help raking up the leaves in your yard, Call the church office BY NOVMEBER 9th!



NEW, EARLIER TIME
WEDNESDAYS | 5:30 PM

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



Questions: Nancy Hanvey 414-364-4986

# INCredible edibles returns for 2025!

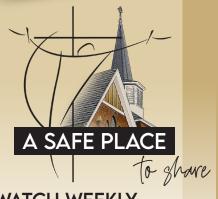
Our Trinity bakers are back again, offering a tasty assortment of delicious holiday cookies to tempt your taste buds – all for good causes! The proceeds from this year's sale will first be used to supplement donations to Trinity's annual commitment to Kaori, our Compassion International Child. Any funds beyond that will support Trinity youth for the Pine Lake summer camp program.



Everyone has a favorite cookie recipe to bake, but these assortments are a great way to add variety to your dessert plate! Watch for forms in mid-November to reserve pre-packaged pound boxes of cookies for pickup beginning

Sunday, December 14

Calling All Bakers! Watch for SignUP Genius invitation this month (November) with more details.



### WATCH WEEKLY TRINITY EMAIL FOR NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

A SAFE PLACE for www offers a place to safely share our concerns about the world. It is a SAFE PLACE because we gather not to condemn or berate, or even to convince—but to listen, understand and support.

All are welcome to join us!

# HOLIDAY HOPE—Showing Love For our Students

WEST BEND HIGH SCHOOL OUTREACH PROJECT

**HOLIDAY HOPE** is an outreach program for students in need at WBHS. Any school staff member can recommend a student they feel has a financial or emotional need and benefit from a little extra holiday cheer. Sometimes nominated students may just need to know they are cared about.

Trinity has supported the WBHS **HOLIGAY HOPC** for several years now. In addition to the no-sew fleece blankets created during the Christmas in July project, we will again be collecting **PJ bottoms** for the bags. The high school project coordinator indicated that students love getting PJ bottoms, the favorite style is "fuzzy," in adult sizes for both male and female.

Watch for the Holidây Hope collection tree in the Heritage Room this month.

Donations of PJ bottoms (unwrapped) will be accepted through December 7, which is a firm deadline, as they will be sorting and assembling the gift bags that week.

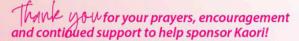
Thank you for caring and sharing with our young neighbors



#### 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.



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!



### TRINITY-SPONSORED GIVING TREES

Giving trees offer us the opportunity to lighten the load and brighten the hearts of folks who may be struggling during the holidays.

WATCH for ORDER FORMS SOON

#### POINSETTIAS FOR TRINITY'S CHANCEL

Poinsettias purchased and by members and adorning or chancel (altar) area always help make our church even more beautiful and festive during Christmas.

WATCH for ORDER FORMS SOON

# ALUMINUM TAB COLLECTION HAPPENS ALL YEAR LONG!

Tabs saved from beverage cans make a difference for families being served by Children's Hospital in Milwaukee.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach effort!



# 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.

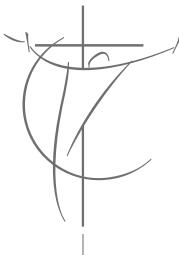
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Brentley Hanson	11/01
Kathy Kershaw	11/02
Kim McIntyre	11/02
Glendon Clark	11/04
Pauline Lentz	11/04
Elise Marlett	11/04
Shirley Walters	11/04
Kim Downer	11/05
Macy Pawlowski	11/05
Barbara Sass	11/11
TJ Abraham	11/12
S. Payton McClain	11/12
Tom Kieckhafer	11/13
Danielle Ellis	11/15
Robert Poenitsch (Sr)	11/15
Kathleen Roecker	11/15
Paul Bauman	11/17
Susie Kelnhofer	11/17
David Rhoads	11/17
Rannveig Polinski	11/18
Nola Wenzel	11/18
Brenda Dehler	11/19
Colleen (Pinky) Kirchner	11/19
Connor Scaffidi	11/20
Siena Scaffidi	11/21
Barbara Gunnare	11/24
Audrey Kelnhofer	11/25
Ray MacDonald	11/25
June Stracka	11/25
Paula Baldwin	11/26
Isabelle Beckmann	11/27
Morgan Beier	11/27
Kay Laatsch	11/27
Mike Kozlowski	11/30
Suzanne Mildbrandt	11/30

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