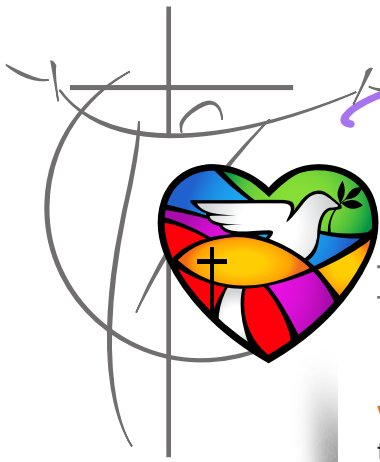




Trinity Spirit

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2026

As
for me
and my
house
we will
serve the
Lord

JOSHUA 24:15

WILD HORSES | Lisa and I, along with one of our sons and his girlfriend, took a vacation to the Outer Banks of North Carolina in August. The Outer Banks are a line of barrier islands dividing the Atlantic Ocean from the mainland coast of North Carolina. They are long and narrow and sandy. There are miles-long stretches that are too narrow for development. It was the site of the lost colony of Roanoke, founded in the 1580's by Sir Walter Raleigh, and then discovered to have been abandoned in 1590, with no trace of where the settlers had gone. There are a series of lighthouses built in the 1800's to help protect shipping from 'the graveyard of the Atlantic' as it was called due to its shifting sands. Most notably, it is where Orville and Wilbur Wright went, to Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills, during several years in the early 1900's to conduct their flying experiments. Apparently, it was the regular winds and sandy landing surface among the dunes that attracted them there.

And then there are the horses. These horses were not native to North Carolina. They were brought here some 500 years ago by the Spanish. They may have been left here, or swum ashore after shipwrecks, or even thrown overboard in order to lighten ships that were caught on the shifting dunes off of the coast. However they arrived, they have now been living in the Outer Banks for 500 years, and there are still several herds in different areas. While they adapted to live in the conditions of the Outer Banks, including exposure to salt water, their existence was severely threatened in the late 20th century by development and encounters with automobiles. And that's where people made a choice. They moved the herd north to where the pavement ends. They now live in an area of about 7500 acres among the several houses built among the dunes and sand roads. We took a tour in the back of a pick-up truck and saw about 29 horses, on the beach, and in the shade under houses in people's yards.

The horses are beautiful, and beginning to thrive once again. We humans have the power to bless and to curse, to act for good or evil, to bring life or death. Often, our actions bring some of both, but in following Jesus we allow God's good-will to flow into our world.

When Joshua speaks to the people of Israel after they entered the Promised Land, he says
"choose this day whom you will serve
... but as for me and my household,
we will serve the Lord."

(Joshua 24:15)

Over the last 40 years, people have chosen to bring life to the wild horses of the Outer Banks. *I think it is a wonderful effort.*
How much more does Jesus call each of to bring life to all of God's children?

Christ's Peace,

Pastor Robb

Interim Pastor Robb Kosky



Reformation Sunday

OCTOBER 25

On October 31, 1517, a German monk and professor named **Martin Luther** posted his **95 Theses** on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther objected to the Catholic Church's sale of 'indulgences' (*certificates people purchased to reduce punishment for sins*)—instead standing firm on affirming the Biblical foundation that we are saved through God's grace and not deeds or payments. The act sparked a massive religious movement that emphasized biblical authority and spiritual renewal, and got Martin Luther excommunicated from the Catholic Church. He also translated the Bible into German so people could read it for themselves.

On Reformation Sunday we remember and commemorate the birth of the Protestant and Lutheran church. Come, worship!

"Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me."

MARTIN LUTHER

"Disputatio pro declaratione virtutis indulgentiarum"

"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does."

MARTIN LUTHER

"We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone."

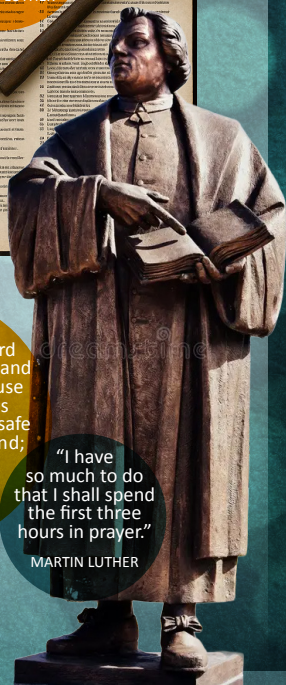
MARTIN LUTHER

"My conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, because acting against one's conscience is neither safe nor sound. Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me."

MARTIN LUTHER

"I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

MARTIN LUTHER



Making a difference for others on the other side of the globe *and* in our own back yards

Thank you to **Denise Kenworthy** for bringing the **Soles For Jesus** outreach program to Trinity—AND to all who donated shoes, and those who volunteered on Labor Day weekend to help sort shoes in the Soles for Jesus warehouse in Milwaukee. **Soles for Jesus (SFJ)** exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in sub Saharan Africa.



Thank you to **Hazel Griffin** for bringing the **CHRISTMAS in JULY NO-SEW FLEECE BLANKET** efforts to Trinity in support of the **WBHS HOLIDAY HOPE PROJECT**. The combined efforts of Trinity's 'elves' resulted in 66 tied fleece blankets that have been delivered to the West Bend High Schools and will be gifted to students in need over the upcoming holiday season.

Thank you, Trinity



"God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."

MARTIN LUTHER

At a time of year when many of us will be blessed to gather with family and friends to celebrate with thankful hearts over abundant tables, may we also remember those who may be experiencing food insecurity or separation from loved ones.

Suggested foods will be shared and donations will be gratefully accepted beginning in early November. In the meantime, prayerfully consider how you can make a difference for others.

If you or anyone you know would benefit by receiving a Thanksgiving Food Basket, please call the office —*in confidence*. Also make us aware of any food allergies at that time.





9TH GRADE RITE OF CONFIRMATION *Sunday, October 11*

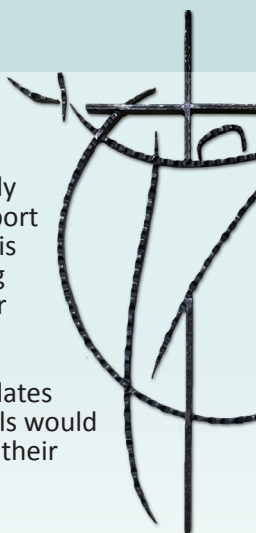
Our 9th Graders who have completed the Confirmation Faith Foundations program and have made their own decision to affirm their baptisms -to live out the *Christian faith*- will be Confirmed during the 9am Worship service on Sunday, October 11th. The Rite of Confirmation is not an end point or a "graduation" from church, but a milestone in a lifelong journey of faith, discipleship and learning. *Godspeed to our Confirmands. Come, worship and witness this milestone in their lives.*

MET UPDATE

MINISTRY EXPLORATION TEAM

The final MET survey is complete and the team is diligently working on completing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) report required by the Greater Milwaukee ELCA Synod office. This document will be shared with Pastoral candidates—giving them insight into who we are and what we are looking for in our next spiritual leader.

The synod will then work to best match us up with candidates who are drawn to our profile and/or whom the synod feels would be a good fit for us. That is when the Call Team will begin their work, interviewing prospective candidates.



All Trinity congregation members will have the opportunity to review the final MSP report before it is approved by the congregation council and sent to the ELCA Synod office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

MINISTRY SITE PROFILE CONGREGATION FORUMS

10 AM | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

*Forums will be held in the Sanctuary between worship services
—you are welcome to attend one or both.*



This is an important step in the journey we share as we seek new spiritual leadership — *now that's something worth PRAYING ABOUT!*

Please also lift up prayers of thanksgiving for the dedication and labors of Trinity's MET members: Jim Barker, Isabelle Beckmann, Tom Bergerud, Alyssa Brockman, Diane Ferstadt, Katie Flunker, Rick Gilbertson, Pat Hanvey, Amanda Hull, Shannon Stadelmayer and Pastor Robb.

All Saints Day NOVEMBER 1

**Come and worship on
All Saints Day, November 1st.**

This special worship service is a celebration of all God's saints—known and unknown, but we especially lift up those close to us who have gone before us in the past year.

If you have lost someone between last November and now, and would like them remembered please fill out and submit the All Saints bulletin insert/form (or call the office) by October 18th.

A candle will be lit in honor and memory of their life as their name is read aloud during All Saints worship services on November 1st.





Trinity Adults, you're invited to **ShowUP**

In addition to **Children's Ministry**, (where all resources are provided for you) our **4th-6th graders** are in need of a **F.I.S.H. youth group** leader, and we also need adult leadership for our **9th-12th Grade Sr High youth**.

None of these youth programs are about being perfect—they are all about **ShowingUP**

When we **ShowUP** for our youth every week, or every month (depending on the program), they are discovering who Jesus is—through stories, games, laughter, relationships, connections and love. It is beautiful, sometimes a little chaotic, and it matters more than we realize.

This is real 'God' work—right here, right now! And, *honestly*, our youth need all of us to **ShowUP**. You're invited to do just that.

Pray about it!

Contact Alyssa Brockman with any questions | **262-343-5557**
trinitywestbendcm@gmail.com



ALL ABOUT YOUth

YOUTH SCHEDULES, EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SHARING THE LOVE & PROMISE OF GOD WITH 3 YR OLD - 6TH GRADE

RoTaTioN Workshops | **SEEIT** • **MAKEIT** • **MOVEIT** • **TELLIT** • **TASTEIT**

LITTLE LAMBS | **SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE**



It's good to be back together!

*What a joy to have 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 Abraham & Sarah—Rooted And Made New*

OCTOBER 04

Abraham&Sarah RoTaTioN

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

OCTOBER 11

Abraham&Sarah RoTaTioN

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

OCTOBER 18

Abraham&Sarah RoTaTioN

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

OCTOBER 25

Bring-A-Friend Sunday

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

Esther RoTaTioN BeGiNs

LITTLE LAMBS

SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

ShowUP for Sr High Youth

9TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY

On behalf of our Sr High youth, you are invited to **showUP** and walk with this age group as they continue their faith journeys through connections that meet them where they are, and encourage them to recharge their passion to grow and be centered in their ongoing faith journeys. In the past, this group has met about once a month (usually at Trinity, but sometimes elsewhere) to take some time to connect and renew their relationships with God and each other. It has been a Trinity tradition for this group to experience an immersion or servant trip each summer. In 2027, they will have the opportunity to go the ELCA national Youth Gathering in MN.

Pray about it and then contact Alyssa Brockman 262-343-5557 if you you've been called to **showUP**!



CONFIRMATION FAITH FOUNDATIONS

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

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 - 8 PM

CONFIRMATION LEADER: *Nancy Hanvey 414-364-4986*

FAITH FOUNDATIONS | FELLOWSHIP | RETREATS | SERVICE

OCTOBER 7 **7th/8th Grade**

- Life without guardrails.
- The problem with sin.

9th Grade

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

SNACK: *Andrew*

OCTOBER 14

- The Ten Commandments
- Bowling with God
- Using bumpers to keep our relationship with God and one another on the right path

SNACK: *Jaley*

OCTOBER 21

- 1st Commandment
- No other God

SNACK: *Joel*

Important Dates

OCTOBER 02

9th Grade Overnight

Location TBA

OCTOBER 11

9th Grade

Rite of Confirmation

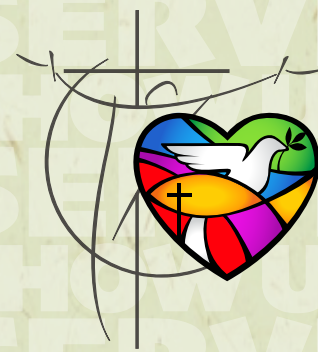
8:30 AM Arrival

Worship at 9 AM

NOVEMBER 6-8

Confirmation Retreat
at **PINE LAKE**

More information to come



ShowingUP matters!

ShowingUP says "You matter!"

In a world full of noise and distraction, your steady presence tells a young person that they are seen, known, and valued by God.

ShowingUP consistently builds

trust. Long before a teen listens to a lesson, they test if you are safe. Simply being in the room again and again proves you are there for the long haul.

ShowUP because faith is caught, not just taught.

Kids learn what unconditional love looks like when they see adults reflect Christ through a warm smile, a fist bump, or a listening ear.

When you ShowUP you are a

quiet anchor. You may never know which specific day, event, message, or casual conversation kept a young person anchored during a hard week at home or at school.

When you ShowUP you point to the bigger story.

You remind the next generation that the local church is a home and that God's love for them is unconditional and never fails.

Pray about it!

ShowUP for F.I.S.H.

4TH-6TH GRADE YOUTH MINISTRY



F.I.S.H. stands for FOLLOWING IMMANUEL SERVING HAPPILY

and is designed to grow both faith and friendships among Trinity's 4th-6th graders. These are the ages children's friendships become more and more vital to their opinions, their behavior, and their self-image. F.I.S.H. Youth Ministry provides a vehicle for deepening and expanding the connections this age group begins to make with each other on Sunday mornings. In this way, we seek to help them develop friendships with those who will be their fellow travelers in their faith journeys through their confirmation, Senior High and into their adult years.

Nothing fishy about it. F.I.S.H. events take place once a month—usually on a Sunday after worship/Children's Ministry for about an hour and a half. Most are held at Trinity with no cost to families, but off-site activities can be planned as well. **Help is available to plan events, but we need someone to showUP** and say 'YES' to taking ownership in leading this youth ministry.

Pray about it and then contact Alyssa Brockman 262-343-5557 if you you've been called to **showUP!**



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LITTLE LAMBS

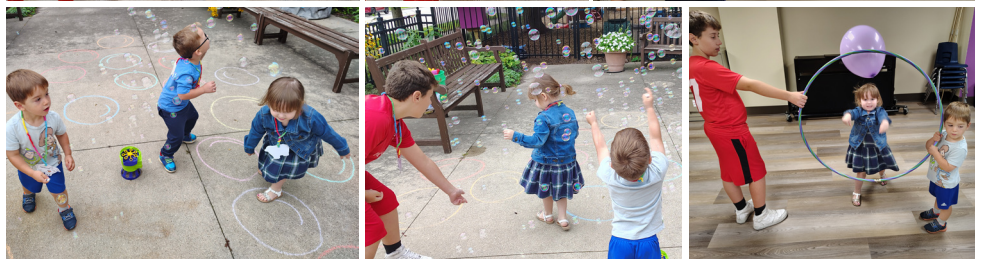
SIXTH GRADE BRIDGE

We kicked off our 2026-27 **Children's Ministry** year on Rally Day Sunday, September 13th. As always, we began in the 9am worship with our families—*heading downstairs together after the Children's Message. There, we reconnected with old friends, welcomed some new faces and got acquainted over fun games and activities!* Following our kick off activities, the celebration continued when we joined our families for an ice cream social that included all the toppings, and a lot more fun!

It's good to be back together again—the energy that comes with Trinity's kids is welcome and infectious! May this year strengthen our roots as we learn and grow in faith together.

Rooted together in Christ,
Alyssa Brockman

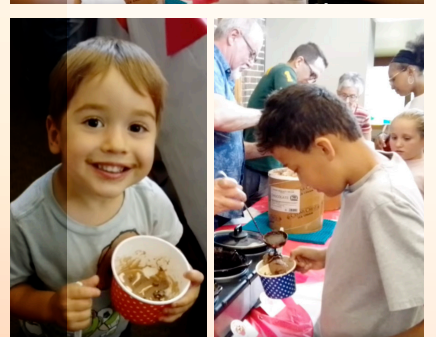
*Plant your roots in Christ
and let him be the foundation
for your life. COLOSSIANS 2:7*

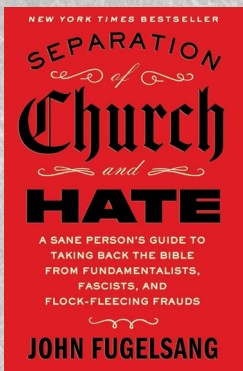




Rally Day Celebration

How do you kick off a new year of **Children's Ministry**? With a traditional Trinity **ice cream social**, complete with a **cherry on top!**





BOOK STUDY & DISCUSSION

We have scheduled another opportunity to come together to talk about the book, *Separation of Church and Hate* by comedian and broadcaster John Fugelsang.

Join Pastor Robb on the evening of
THURSDAY, OCT 22 | 6:30PM

Separation of Church and Hate is an acclaimed, humorous, and deeply researched book that critiques how the far-right has weaponized Christianity. It arms readers with scriptural context to reclaim their faith from Christian nationalism and meanness.

Described as a Sane Person's Guide to Taking Back the Bible from Fundamentalists, Fascists, and Flock-Fleeing Frauds



**A
SAFE
PLACE**
to share

**MONDAY | OCT 26
6:30 PM**

A *SAFE PLACE to share* offers us time to 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 with respect, share in vulnerability, and support one another.*

ALL ARE WELCOME — join us!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

OCTOBER 19 - 25, 2026

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. The Trinity congregation has a history of supporting this important community outreach program. Today we continue to help by providing meals and/or food items for the families being served through the Family Promise program.

Watch for sign up sheets as we get closer to our week—they will have updates on numbers and ages of family members in the program as well as needs and any food allergies to be aware of.



Winter Preparation Collection

Items to help sustain our neighbors in need over the winter months.

ACCEPTING SPECIFIED DONATIONS

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 16

DROP OFF AT 5TH AVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- **NEW or Gently Used CLEAN Winter Coats and Boots**
- **ADULTS & YOUTH**
- **Hygiene Kits (NEW ITEMS)**
- **Hats, Gloves, Scarves**
- **Blankets & Sleeping Bags**
- **Tents & Sleeping Mats**



See flier at Trinity for more information



FOOD PANTRY ITEM OF THE MONTH



SOUPS & CRACKERS

NOTE: Trinity food pantry collections are shared directly with folks that come to us in need of a hand up, the Full Shelf Food Pantry, and other pantry resources in our West Bend community.



SAVE ALUMINUM POP TABS

The pop tabs we collect all year long add up to help families who are served by the Ronald McDonald house when they have a child being cared for at Milwaukee Children's Hospital—including families in our own congregation.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach effort—making a difference for families who have been blessed by the ministry of the Ronald McDonald House.

REMEMBER KAORI



Kaori Rosalina Ramos Benito lives in Huascar-B (Peru) with her family and she is Trinity's Compassion International Sponsored child. Your monetary support makes a difference for Kaori and her family.

Scan the QR code to donate now.

Thank you for your support.



Citizen Advocates
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BINGO

October 12

FREE & FUN BINGO & PRIZES!

MONDAY AFTERNOON
October 12th, 2025
3:30PM - 4:30PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN
Corner of 7th & Elm St
USE ALLEY ENTRANCE

This event is open to the public—all ages and abilities are encouraged to attend!

WISHING YOU Birthday 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
Chris Budoff	10 10
Traynor Gieryn	10 10
Briana Schauble	10 10
Betty Schweiger	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

PRELOVE SALE

BOOKS
PUZZLES
GAMES
TOYS
Jewelry
Purses

TRINITY & FRIENDS
EARLY BIRD SALE
Sunday | October 4
8:30 AM - 1 PM

PUBLIC SALE
Thursday | October 8
9 AM - 4 PM
Friday | October 9
9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday | October 10
9 AM - 1 PM

Trinity LUTHERAN CHURCH
140 N 7TH AVE | WEST BEND
ENTER THROUGH ALLEY ENTRANCE

ALL SALES SUPPORT the ministry
of the *Trinity* comforters—
Making and donating blankets
of warmth for people in need
in and outside of our community

OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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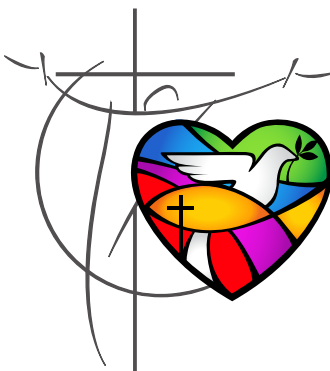
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