



Trinity Spirit

ELCA LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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behold,
I bring
you good
news of
great
joy
that is for
all people



Dear Trinity Family,

As of the writing of this letter the infection rate of Covid-19 continues to climb and hospitals in many places are overloaded. Though the election seems to be a little more certain, cries of unfair continue to ring in the air. And we are presented for the first time in our 36 years of ministry with the real likelihood that we will not be able to gather together for Christmas worship and celebration.

That, however, does not stop Christmas in the least. The first Christmas occurred during a census commanded by Caesar that disrupted the lives of most people. In the city of Bethlehem the inn was overflowing and there was no room for a young couple expecting a baby except in a cave used to house the animals. Shepherds were looked down on as disreputable and unaccepted. Kings plotted murder on a grand scale. **Yet, Christ came anyway.** Christ came among us even in those circumstances and with him came the promise of light and life and new beginnings.

And, Christ still comes today. We will still sing the praises of God, because God was, is and always will be with us. Opportunities for bringing our hearts together still exist. There will be a virtual advent cantata for all of us to share—**wherever we are.** We are offering advent activities to our families and online Daily Devotions for all of us to visit each day as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. We will continue to worship together online and, on Christmas Eve, we will invite you to have candles ready to light **wherever you happen to be** We will also offer another drive-thru opportunity to share prayer and receive holy communion on Christmas Eve.

Christmas is different this year and yet Christmas still comes—wherever we are. A letter about Christmas written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer from a Nazi prison camp is a reminder to us that **there is nothing that can stop the power of God's love.** (SEE LETTER ON PAGE 3).

Nothing stops Christmas. Christ comes to us and for us—**wherever we are.**

Wherever you may be this Christmas and whatever we face as individuals, as families, and as a world, remember what the angels proclaim: "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."

Wherever you are—peace.

May Christmas live in your heart,

Pastor Dave Pastor Cris

Pastors Dave and Cris



Shirl Curreri announces plans to retire

After 14 years serving as Trinity's Parish Coordinator, Shirl Curreri has announced her decision to retire. This decision did not come easily, Shirl loves her job and her church, but due to health condition challenges her husband has, she feels the time has come for her to dedicate more of her time and attention at home with Tony. She also looks forward to having more free time to visit her son in Seattle —that is, as soon as traveling is safe once again!

There is no specific target date for Shirl's retirement — she has agreed to stay in place as we begin the search for a qualified candidate, during the hiring process and through training of a new Parish Coordinator.

Shirl is very thankful and wants to express her gratitude to the Trinity family for, as she put it, "your kindness and patience as I learned the ins and outs of working for you and for 14 of the best years ever"! She further expressed that she believes our faith in God and love for Trinity will help to see us through this very strange time. Shirl may be leaving the office, but she is not going too far as she plans to continue to do more for Trinity as a volunteer! And, for that, we are thankful knowing we will continue to be blessed by her presence and her gifts.

Please join us in expressing our thankfulness and gratitude to Shirl for her dedication to our Pastors, our congregation and for the gifts she has and continues to freely share with us. We are better because of her service and she will be missed behind the desk at Trinity.

Please Keep in Mind

We will have an official celebration of Shirl's years of service to Trinity once we are able to gather again socially in large groups.

We asked.
You Gave.
and
God's love and promise
was shared.



DONATIONS ROCK!

Trinity's mission to Share God's love and promise is often demonstrated through the generosity of members who share from their own blessings, giving of themselves out of care and compassion. Time after time, the people of Trinity come through to make a difference for others. Here are some ways you can keep this part of our ministry alive.



Giving Tree

Thank you, Trinity!

Nothing can stop the power of God's love.

We asked and you gave—all of the **Giving Tree** gift suggestions for **Samaritan Home** residents were spoken for very soon after the SignUP Genius invitations were sent out!

As of this printing, there are still opportunities to provide gifts to 10 families from our community through the **Gingerbread House**. You will find the SignUP Genius form on Trinity's website: trinitywestbend.com, under the volunteer section.

We asked and you gave—new socks, hats and mittens that were donated to **The Gathering** in Milwaukee. These items were delivered by John and Denise Kenworthy and on Saturday November 7th, when they volunteered to serve

We asked and you gave—a week's worth of meals were provided to **Family Promise** families during our host week in November.

We asked and you gave—a **FOOD DRIVE-THRU** resulted in a good amount of food and grocery store gift cards were collected to help families in our church and community who are struggling to make ends meet.

We asked and you gave—**God's Work**. Our Hands. Volunteering your time to help with fall clean up at the **Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center** and in tying fleece blankets for the **Holiday HOPE** program that reaches out to at risk students in our community schools. **Please have completed (tied) fleece blankets back to church by Wednesday, December 9th.**

We asked and you gave—your continued support for our **Compassion International** sponsored child, **Kaori** is a much needed, ongoing gift with an impact that few of us can imagine.

You can donate to this ministry by texting 1-844-385-9887 and specifying Kaori. Enter the amount you want to give, followed by a space and the name Kaori. **SAMPLE:** if you want to donate \$10, enter 10 Kaori in the text. It's that simple! You can also mail or drop off a donation at Trinity



God's Work.
Our Hands.



Remember Kaori

Dear Parents,

Above all, you must not think that I will let myself sink into depression during this lonely Christmas. It will take its own special place in a series of very different Christmases that I have celebrated in Spain, in America, in England, and I want in later years to be able to think back on these days not with shame but with a special pride. That is the only thing that no one can take from me.

I don't need to tell you how great my longing for freedom and for all of you is. But you have for so many decades provided us with Christmases so incomparably beautiful, that the grateful memories of them are strong enough to outshine even a dark Christmas.

From a Christian point of view, a Christmas in a prison cell is no special problem. It will probably be celebrated here in this house more sincerely and with more meaning than outside where the holiday is observed in name only. Misery, poverty, loneliness, helplessness, and guilt mean something entirely different in the eyes of God than in the judgment of men.

That God turns directly toward the place where men are careful to turn away; that Christ was born in a stable because he found no room in the Inn—a prisoner grasps that better than someone else. For him it really is a joyous message, and because he believes it, he knows that he has been placed in the Christian fellowship that breaks all the bounds of time and space; and the months in prison lose their importance.

On Holy Evening (Christmas Eve) I will be thinking of all of you very much, and I would very much like for you to believe that I will have a few beautiful hours and my troubles will certainly not overcome me.

If one thinks of the terrors that have recently come to so many people [with the heavy allied fire bombings] in Berlin, then one first becomes conscious of how much we still have for which to be thankful. Overall, it will surely be a very silent Christmas, and the children will still be thinking back on it for a long time to come. And maybe in this way it becomes clear to many what Christmas really is. . .

Your Dietrich

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian known for his opposition to National Socialism. His ties to the July 20, 1944, conspiracy to overthrow the Nazi regime led to his execution in 1945. His theological writings are regarded as classics throughout the Christian world.

It is almost impossible to be a member of Trinity and not have been approached and encouraged to do your part (volunteer) by a certain redhead—who wasn't very good at taking "no" for an answer!

Having her own enthusiasm and heart for service,

Donna Hallada

was never intimidated or shy about introducing herself and asking others to step up and get involved! Donna wore her devotion to her Trinity family and ministries on her sleeve for all to see and she is already missed—abundantly.



Born into eternal life November 18, 2020

*Those we love
don't go away,
they walk beside us
every day. . .
unseen, unheard,
but always near,
still loved, so missed
and very dear.*

Godspeed, Donna.

***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."***

JOHN 14:27



*Prayers for the
Christmas Season*

*In the spirit of the season may we all
offer the following prayers:*

We pray for peace in a world often torn by division and strife. We pray for peace for the world and that peace might rule in our hearts.

We pray for those who, like the shepherds, live on the edge of society. May the love that Christ brings help us draw the circle wider so that all might be included.

We remember the Magi who freely offer the gifts of their wealth to honor the new born king. We pray that we would use our gifts to honor the Lord by caring for those who need the basics of life.

We pray that those in power would use their power for the good of all people.

Remembering Mary and Joseph we pray that all families would become a place where children are cared for and love is shared in abundance.

Remembering all who gathered around Jesus both at birth and throughout his life we pray that we would all be drawn together into the new family that Jesus creates. We pray that we could begin to see all people as part of the world we share and stand against racism, sexism, heterosexism, agism, and all the other things that threaten to tear us apart.

We remember the evil Herod planned and how the Magi stood against it. May your people stand against the power of evil wherever it is found.

And most of all we remember Jesus who enters the world to be with us. We pray that you would help us all to stand with one another in time of need—entering into the places of suffering and offering ourselves as a gift. We also pray that all children born would be seen as a sign of your love reborn anew each day.

We pray in this season that all would experience peace and hope and joy.



KEEPING THE PROMISE
Children's Ministry
 FORMING FAITH FOUNDATIONS

**CALLING ALL
 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 STARS!**

Trinity invites all interested Children's Ministry performers to participate in our virtual Christmas Pageant, **"DO NOT BE AFRAID!"**

If you haven't already signed up, please contact Pastor Cristy: cschoob@trinitywestbend.com

Advent is a time to share the Christmas story and prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth

We have a couple advent activities available for Trinity families to share with their children to walk with them as they prepare for Christmas:

- **Jesse Tree Advent Activity**
Color and hang ornaments each day in Advent that tell the Christmas story
- **Virtual Advent Calendar and activities**
Messages will be shared by some familiar Children's Ministry (shepherd) faces that encourage kids to focus on the true meaning of Christmas

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

—LUKE 2:1-3

CHECK IT OUT.
 TRINITY EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

December Hiatus

WATCH FOR UPDATES AND DETAILS ABOUT JANUARY PLANS

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9TH-12TH GRADE** folks to gather together throughout the year for: small group meetings; worship and service opportunities; (retreats, lock-ins *when it is safe*) and activities; fundraising and preparing for our 2021 Summer Servant trip.

MASKS REQUIRED | *We will monitor covid risks and adjust plans as needed*

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December Hiatus

SAVE THESE DATES

- **JANUARY 13 | NOON - 2:30 PM**
SNOW TUBING at Sunburst
-or- in case the weather does not cooperate, we will have an Epiphany "Glow" Party in Fellowship Hall 11 AM - 12:30 PM

- **FEBRUARY 10 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM**
Valentine's Day Celebration -or- alternative date for SNOW TUBING | NOON - 2:30 PM



MASKS REQUIRED | *We will monitor covid risks and adjust plans as needed*

ATTENTION PARENTS: RSVP is NEEDED for ALL FISH ACTIVITIES NO LATER than the Thursday before each event.



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CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM

Wednesday Nights | 6:30-8:00 PM

MASKS REQUIRED

- DEC 2—8th Grade** | 3rd Commandment | SNACKS: Dominick Davis
- DEC 9—7th Grade** | Review: Commandments 1-3 | SNACKS: Lexi George
- DEC 16—8th Grade** | Review: Commandments 1-3 | SNACKS: Traynor Gieryn
- DEC 23—NO CONFIRMATION/Christmas Holiday**
- DEC 30—NO CONFIRMATION/New Year Holiday**
- JAN 6—7th Grade** | Commandments 4-10 | SNACKS: Lexi George

DECEMBER BIBLE STUDY with PASTOR DAVE

Tuesday Afternoons | 1:00 PM

MASKS REQUIRED

All are welcome to join us in person in the Heritage room at Trinity, masked and socially distanced -or- IN REAL TIME through the **ZOOM** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83634007037> Password: 3342125
 Recordings also available to view | trinitywestbend.com

In December we will share the Christmas stories in the Gospels.



So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. —LUKE 2:4-7



Greater Milwaukee Synod

A LETTER FROM BISHOP ERICKSON

November 11, 2020
Friends in Christ,

On October 8, in response to Gov. Evers' executive order limiting the size of gatherings in Wisconsin, I released a message stating, "While religious organizations are legally exempt from this order, I am strongly urging all our congregations to refrain from gathering indoors for worship and other activities until mid-November at the earliest." Since then, we have seen a continued surge in the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in every county of our synod and across the state.

Yesterday, Gov. Evers issued a new executive order, urging all Wisconsinites to stay home as much as possible and avoid gatherings with people not part of your immediate family and household. While this order is advisory and not mandatory, I believe it is prudent and wise for the congregations of our synod to follow it. I therefore am strongly urging all congregations of the Greater Milwaukee Synod to discontinue indoor gatherings for worship or other activities until at least January 2021.

I recognize that the vast majority of our congregations have been following this guidance, and I am grateful for your willingness to work together and participate in the efforts to slow the spread of this dangerous virus. I am also aware of several congregations that are continuing to gather for worship indoors. While these congregations may well be following guidelines regarding the wearing of masks, physical distancing, and other safety protocols, and while these congregations may not be aware of any COVID-related spread or outbreaks in their community, I believe the risks involved in gathering far outweigh the benefits. I urge you to reconsider the decision to gather indoors at least until the start of the new year.

When this pandemic began earlier this year, few among us could have known how long this would last and the kinds of decisions and sacrifices we would be asked to make. And now, as we prepare for a holiday season that will be unlike any we have experienced, I am well aware of the challenges and disappointments that continue to fill our lives. And yet, we are not without hope. There is promising news of an effective vaccine that may be widely available in the spring of 2021. As people of faith, we cling to the hope we have in the promises of Christ. This coming season of Advent can be a rich time of reflection and prayer, as we dwell in the silence and the longing of this season of waiting. Across our synod, congregations are experimenting with simple and creative ways to connect people to the promises of Advent and Christmas, even when we can't physically be together. In the words of one of my favorite Advent hymns, "Yet I believe beyond believing that life can spring from death, that growth can flower from our grieving, that we can catch our breath and turn transfixed by faith." (Each Winter As the Year Grows Older, ELW 252, verse 3).

In hope and love,
Bishop Paul Erickson



Christmas Eve DRIVE-THRU **COMMUNION** and Prayer

Thursday, December 24 | NOON - 1 PM and 6 PM - 7 PM

You're invited to a Drive-Thru Christmas Eve Blessing! Drive up to the upper/alley doors to receive carside Holy Communion and a blessing/prayer from our Pastors

Please enter the alley off of ELM Street and exit to HICKORY Street or 7th Avenue

Trinity Virtual Worship

AVAILABLE 24/7 ONLINE

trinitywestbend.com

New VIRTUAL WORSHIP opportunities are added each week and available ONLINE 24/7 to experience and to help us all stay connected and grounded in our faith.



Audio CDs of weekly Worship services and Daily Devotions are available!

BUT YOU NEED TO REQUEST THEM!

Call Shirli Curreri weekday afternoons

262-334-2125

The Trinity Tradition continues with a VIRTUAL Advent Cantata



Wait. Watch. Wonder.

You are invited to sit back and settle your heart and soul as you listen to our **2020 Virtual Advent Cantata—Wait, Watch, Wonder.** it will feature new narration, some music recordings from past Cantatas and an all new piece from this year's participants. Each of them pre-recorded their individual part and then they were all combined through the gift of technology and the time and talents of Hazel Griffin! **The Cantata will be posted on our YouTube channel and website on the weekend of**

December 5/6, 2020



All Saints' Day

A little girl sat in the church with her father. The girl tugged on her dad's shirt and asked, "Who are those people in the window?"

The father explained to his daughter that the stained glass windows tell the stories of the great saints in the church. The following week, a Sunday School teacher asked her class this question: "Who are the saints?"

The same little girl raised her hand, and when the teacher called on her she responded, "The saints are the ones the light shines through!"

- UNKNOWN

We began the month of November by celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday. All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honor of all the saints, known and unknown.

This is normally a celebration we share as family at the Church when, traditionally, we light candles in a darkened church to remember each of those who have died from our Christian family in the past year.

This year the celebration was different, but still significant.

Trinity members were invited to a drive-thru to pick up luminary kits they could decorate and light at their homes in honor of the saints that went before them.

This was a unique new way that, even as we remain socially distant, we still celebrated All Saints together.

Thank you to those who shared photos of their All Saints' Day luminaries.



God's Work. Our Hands. A good number of Trinity families stepped up in late October to help with fall clean up at Blue Lotus Farm & Retreat Center.



Candles were lit in a darkened church during All Saints' Day online worship to remember those who have died from our Christian family in the past year.



God's Work. Our Hands. Many hands made the tasks easier and working outdoors provided an opportunity for some very welcome and safe social interaction.

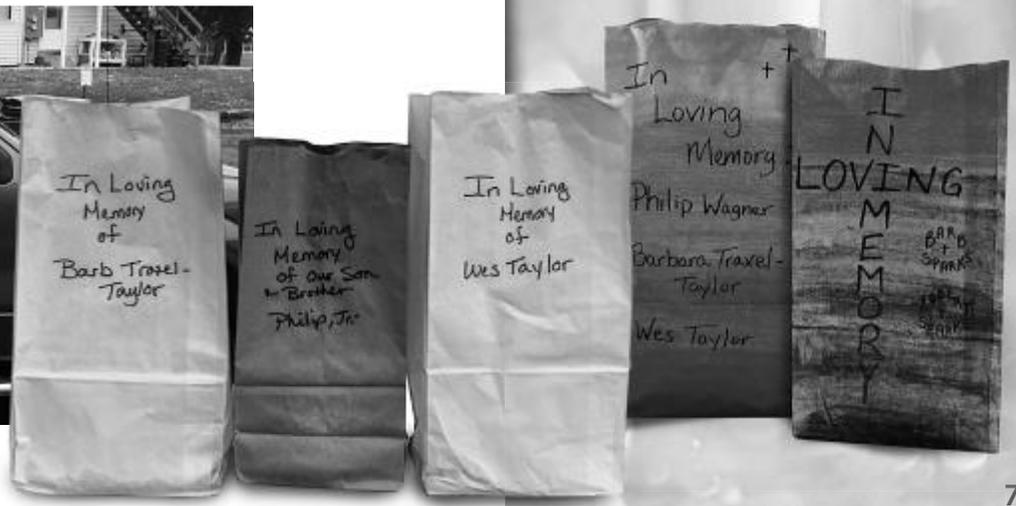


A drive-thru to pick up for All Saints' Day Luminary kits was held as a way for us to still celebrate the Saints together.



Saints Remembered during Worship

- Harriet J. Rick
- Ruby Ann Kertscher
- Karen Oelhafen
- Delores Irene Brace
- Quinn Koch
- Wilma E. Wilson
- William Kirchner
- Wilma (Jean) Schneider
- Margaret J. (Peg) Zeigler
- Jack Reiss
- Kristyn M. Adams
- Theodore (Theo) Alan Walters
- Edna Steinart
- William Rohder





LEFT TO RIGHT | John & Denise Kenworthy and Jeff & Jodie Schibline volunteered to serve at **The Gathering** in Milwaukee on Saturday, November 7th.



The donations of socks, hats, mittens and scarves that were collected from Trinity members and more that we were able to purchase thanks to a Thrivent gift card donation were wonderful and very much appreciated! **THANK YOU, Trinity!**

We stayed quite busy making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bagging grapes and filling lunch bags. Working together with other wonderful people, we truly felt God's presence! *Thanks to everyone!* —Denise & John Kenworthy



Thank You to everyone who has returned the estimated of giving pledge cards you received in the mail for our 2021 commitment. **If you have not, it is not too late.** We hope you are practicing Prayerful Gratitude and are prayerfully considering your commitment to Trinity's continued mission and ministries. Please send in your commitments to the church as soon as possible. **We are thankful for the faithfulness of all our members and friends.**

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." —LUKE2:13-15



SEEKING PARISH COORDINATOR

Trinity ELCA Lutheran Church | PARISH COORDINATOR
Full/Part Time MON-FRI

The Parish Coordinator is often the first point of contact and face for Trinity Lutheran Church—this individual requires a warm and welcoming demeanor, sensitivity and discretion, strong organizational skills, the ability to prioritize tasks and projects and an attention to detail. The Parish Coordinator works closely with the Pastors and must be able to work well with staff, volunteers, parishioners, and visitors. Responsibilities include providing administrative support to the Pastors; answering calls and emails; producing bulletins for weekly worship services, funerals, and other special services; maintaining and coordinating up-to-date church calendar; oversee and coordinate building use; scheduling baptisms, weddings, funerals and the like; and facilitation of mailings. She/he will be the staff liaison to the Y Day Care; will maintain inventory of office supplies, coffee hour supplies and other supplies as needed. In addition, this position is responsible for maintaining church registers and congregation member's contact information, preparing the annual report, facilitating completion of certificates documenting marriages, baptisms, etc., collecting fees (when applicable) and general administrative support as needed.

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to Share God's love and promise. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We invite you to learn more about us by visiting our website: trinitywestbend.com

We encourage all those who are interested in applying for this position to send your resume to the the attention of:

Ministry Support Team | Trinity Lutheran Church
140 N 7th Avenue | West Bend, WI 53095
Email: trinity@trinitywestbend.com

Your Help is Needed!



Looking to make a difference in someone's life? **Can you give one hour each week to take noon meals to homebound elderly persons?**

The Washington County Senior Dining Home Delivered Meal program has an immediate need for volunteer drivers **in the West Bend area on Mondays.**

Anyone willing to deliver meals and have your mileage reimbursed should call the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Washington County at 262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 for more information.

Senior Dining



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.

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Steven Crass 12 | 01
Kevin Davis 12 | 01
Ashlee Geib 12 | 02
Jacob Myrhum 12 | 02
Natalie Rineck 12 | 02
Ethan Schicker 12 | 02
Kristin Anderson Nancy Goschey 12 | 03
Dylan Kenworthy 12 | 04
Lori Kurer 12 | 04
Gustave Mog 12 | 04
Edna Sepersky 12 | 04
Evelyn DeLuka 12 | 05
Kristen Nelson 12 | 08
Emily Schmitt 12 | 08
Avis Wallesverd 12 | 08
Dustin Laatsch 12 | 09
Leah Shulka 12 | 09

Morgan Doede 12 | 10
Darlis Wilfer 12 | 10
Daniel Schmidt 12 | 11
Ralph Seymer 12 | 13
Keith Downer 12 | 15
Harper Kenworthy 12 | 16
Melissa Klatt 12 | 16
Christopher Odness 12 | 17
Jeffrey Fink 12 | 18
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Paul Sulik 12 | 18
David VandeBoom 12 | 18
Augustus Brockman 12 | 19
Natalie Granger 12 | 19
Katelyn Schicker 12 | 19
Kaitlin Sparks 12 | 19
Joscelyne Clark 12 | 20
Jeffrey Esselmann 12 | 21

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Joyce Fischer 12 | 22
Payton Pretsch 12 | 22
Charlotte Speener 12 | 22
Xavier Omernick 12 | 23
Jeffrey Schibline 12 | 23
Charles Hillman 12 | 24
Nicholas Theisen 12 | 24
Bradley Pierce 12 | 26
Glenn Pietschmann 12 | 27
Jerad Yapp 12 | 27
Ryan Wojtalewicz 12 | 28
Bruce Abel 12 | 30
Susan Gilbertson 12 | 30
Joseph Hoppenjan 12 | 30
Monty Hull 12 | 30
Caleb Naumann 12 | 31
Myra Olson 12 | 31
Dawn Spaeth 12 | 31



So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.—LUKE 2:16-20

It just cannot be said enough, we thank everyone for their support through one of the most challenging years, ever. Your faithfulness financially has allowed the ministries of the church to continue unabated.

- Thank you to Greg Griffin for his ongoing recording, editing, uploading and dedication to ensure our online presence happens
- Thank you to Hazel Griffin for creating the weekly online service bulletins, music editing and work for our virtual Cantata.
- Thank you to Phil Wagner for keeping our building clean and sanitized.
- Thank you to ALL for your prayerful gratitude and support.

Trinity is not just a building or specific ways we do things. Trinity is the people bound together in the love of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Shopping online for the holidays?

Designate Trinity on AmazonSmile, or use the SCRIP program to purchase gift cards, and give back to Trinity while you shop!

- Support Trinity by designating **Trinity Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI** as the charitable organization you want to support when you shop through. **AmazonSmile** | smile.amazon.com
You shop. Amazon Gives! 0.5% of eligible purchases adds up for Trinity . . . THANK YOU!
- **Shopping with SCRIP gift cards supports Trinity's YOUTH Program** | Go to ShopWithScrip.com
CLICK on 'How to Enroll', then CLICK 'Join Your Scrip Program'. Enrollment Code B4FF674164897
- Visit trinitywestbend.com to set up automatic withdrawal with **GIVE+ AUTOMATIC GIVING** or download the **GIVE+ app**
- **TEXT-TO-GIVE**—Send a text message to 1-844-385-9887 with the amount you would like to contribute (e.g. 25.00) and you will be sent a text with a link to register. **It's that simple.**



December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1 PM Bible Study TUESDAYS 7 PM NA	2 8 TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	3 7 PM NA	4	5 VIRTUAL ADVENT CANTATA
6 VIRTUAL ADVENT CANTATA	7	8 1 PM Bible Study TUESDAYS 7 PM NA	9 7 TH GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM DEADLINE to return Holiday HOPE fleece throws to church	10 7 PM NA	11	12
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20 4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	21	22 1 PM Bible Study TUESDAYS 7 PM NA	23 NO CONFIRMATION	24 Christmas Eve DRIVE-THRU COMMUNION and Prayer	25 Merry Christmas	26
27	28	29	30 NO CONFIRMATION	31 7 PM NA	1	2

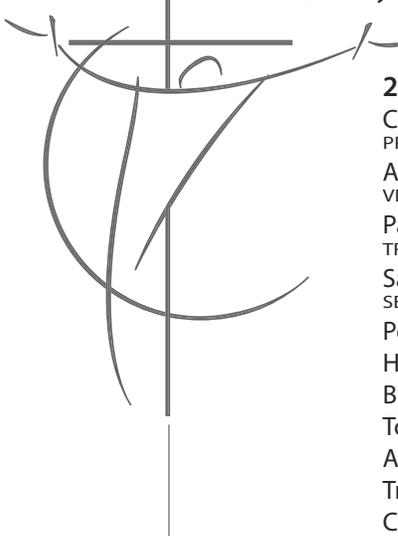
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Trinity Office Hours NOON-4:30 PM
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 ruthmicr@yahoo.com
 Sandy Poenitsch Communication Coordinator
 sandy@strokesofgrace.com | 262-388-1616
 Phil Wagner Facilities Manager



2020 Council Members
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 PRESIDENT
 Anita McClain Stewardship
 VICE RESIDENT
 Paul Bauman Finance Team, Ministry Support
 TREASURER
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