



# Trinity Spirit

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Dear Children of God,

## 2020 has passed. Welcome 2021 — Happy New Year!

What could be more hope filled than being given the gift of a new year? We had a seminary professor who used to tell us to stop and take a deep breath. And then he would say, *“That is a gift of God. Life is a gift of God”*.

This last year we have been confronted in a way we never expected with the fragility of life. That fragility makes life all the more precious. We know that we are dust, but by the breath and love of God, we are given life. **And now that we are entering a New Year of Life, how will we use this precious gift?**

Last year in our January letter we reflected on the fact that, in the birth of Jesus, God declared that every moment of human life is holy. Every person and all their concerns are - for God and for us as God’s people - of ultimate importance. In our own way we are reborn to a new world in the love of God. We have been given a gift and we should recognize that gift not just at the turning of the year, but every day.

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*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away”* Matthew 24:35.

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As we enter this New Year may we recommit ourselves to living in the light of Christ’s birth. May we realize that the love of God always comes in flesh, first in that Holy birth, but now in us as God works through us to touch the world in love and hope.

Life is a precious gift and we have entered another year of this gift. We have the opportunity to glorify the giver in all we do. May the knowledge of God’s gift and the opportunity it presents give us the strength and peace to face everything the new year has to offer.

Yours in the Love of Christ,

*Pastor Dave* *Pastor Cris*

Pastors Dave and Cris



## A note of thanks —

The Members of the Trinity staff want to thank all of you for the ways you have touched us with God’s love— cards, gifts, and most of all words of love and support. May God bless us all in the coming year.



*When the song  
of the angels is stilled,  
When the star  
in the sky is gone,  
When the Kings  
and princes are home,  
When the shepherds  
are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among others,  
To make music in the heart.*

HOWARD THURMAN



### Trinity Parish Coordinator position FILLED—and the blessings flow!

We are so thankful to announce that Trinity's blessings continue with the application and hiring of **Sue Beekman** to fill the Parish Coordinator position after Shirl Curreri's retirement!

You may recognize Sue as a long-time member of Trinity, who most recently served as co-coordinator for our Family Promise outreach program along with Carrie Pierce. She has also been the office manager for a small business, M & W Custom Trombones, owned and operated by Sue and her husband, Matthew Walker.

Sue will begin her training behind Trinity's front desk (with Shirl's help) during the last week of December. *Please join us in welcoming Sue to Trinity's staff!*

*I feel very fortunate that I have been a member of Trinity—a church community that welcomes all with kindness, grace, and open arms—for nearly 20 years! To me, the members of Trinity are an extension of "Family" and I'm thrilled for the opportunity and look forward to serving and working with our Trinity family, and greater community, as Parish Coordinator. I'm excited to get to know you all and welcome the opportunity to do so!*

*Sue Beekman*

*"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*

You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made, dearly loved and precious in his sight.  
—PSALM 139



## SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH CHILDREN ROCKS!

*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—and there is nothing that quite compares to sharing God's LOVE and PROMISE with our children.*

**OUR DEEP GRATITUDE** goes with **Cheryl Scaffidi** as she steps down from her position as Trinity's Children's Ministry Coordinator in order to better tackle the challenges of taking on a new full-time teaching job (during COVID no less) and attending graduate school to earn her master's degree.



Obviously Cheryl hasn't aged a bit in 10 years, but Connor sure has! God Bless you, Scaffidi family.

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO CHERYL** for everything she has done these past ten years to help touch Trinity's children with God's love and pass down the faith in ways that our children can understand and enjoy.

**CHERYL HAS BLESSED TRINITY** with her enthusiasm, her organizational skills, her creativity, her energy, her passion for children and the faith and her commitment to making Trinity's Children's Ministry the best it can be. Her faith has shaped every lesson and touched each of our children. She has been a great blessing to us all. May God bless Cheryl and her family as she and they share this new chapter in their lives.

*Thank you, Cheryl!*

# COUNCIL CORNER

TRINITY

## 2020—An Unusual Year for Trinity’s Finances

From Congregation Treasurer Paul Bauman

When it was decided that Covid-19 would require us to avoid meeting together at Trinity in March, I was concerned about what that might do for our potential offering needs to meet our planned 2020 expenditures. However, my anxiety, and any of our Finance Committee and Congregation Council members, was replaced by joy and thanksgiving when month after month income was exceeding each month’s lowered expenditures in 2020. This was not expected, and the monthly General Fund balances kept growing and growing to finally exceed \$60,000. We were all amazed at this financial support being provided in a pandemic year with worship services happening online and many other limited activities.

In the last month of 2020, December, the Council approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation to create from this growing positive balance, a Contingency Fund of \$25,000 for future congregational potential needs, contribute \$5000 to the Leaders for Mission Fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the 50th Anniversary Year of Women’s Ordination and also in thanksgiving for and in honor of both women pastors in Trinity’s history, the Rev. Cristy Schoob and the Rev. Jennifer (Johnson) Arnold, plus to also give \$2000 to the Outreach for Hope Fund of our Greater Milwaukee Synod. The remaining money in our General Fund would be the balance to enter 2021. No one in our leadership group ever thought actions like this would have been possible in a pandemic year! Thank you to everyone whose generosity helped make this possible! It indeed made 2020 a most unusual and unexpected year with Trinity’s finances! Thank you, thank you!

For your information, the Leaders for Mission Fund of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America provides scholarships for seminary students, maybe a future pastor for Trinity, so that they can graduate without adding significant additional debt beyond what they may have accumulated through their college years. Outreach for Hope provides funds for Greater Milwaukee Synod congregations who are engaged in significant social ministry in their poverty stricken communities primarily in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha. Both gifts provide ways we share the love and promise of God, our mission, with others. Again, thanks from a “relieved” Treasurer and leadership group, plus thanks to our Triune God whose Holy Spirit works among us to make us a generous people. **On to 2021 to see what the Spirit of God does in this year!**

## NOTICE: ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED

Due to the unprecedented circumstances the COVID-19 world pandemic has placed us in and our decision to maintain social distancing to protect all of us, including our most vulnerable, **your Congregation Council took action during our December Meeting** (via Zoom) **to pass an emergency bylaw allowing us to postpone the Trinity Congregation Annual Meeting until such time that we can safely gather together in person.** Council members whose terms were ending in January of 2021 will continue to serve the congregation until that meeting can take place and new Council members can be elected. *More details will be forthcoming in a letter to the congregation during the first weeks of the new year.*

While we are not there yet, we are thankful for the vaccine, for this new year and the renewed HOPE that it brings. We look forward with joy and anticipation to the time we will be able to safely gather together as the Trinity family and worship inside our building once again.

God is good—ALL. THE. TIME. *Keep the Faith.*

# TRINITY TOGETHER



## New Year Prayer

Father, Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank you that your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today. That your face would shine on us. That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that you have given us to do in these days. We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your huge favor and grace. In Jesus’ name, AMEN.

## Thoughtful Reading

In the new year the synod anti-racism team will be inviting everyone to read the book: **So, You Want to Talk About Race** by Ijeoma Oluo. This is a powerful book that helps us all enter into needed conversations in our world. There will be opportunities in February for people to discuss this book in Zoom meetings with others in the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Please take time to read this book and think about the need for all of us to confront the racism that surrounds and binds all of us.

**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

—Colossians 3:17

IN MINISTRY



## Remember Kaori

### TRINITY'S SPONSORED CHILD

Friends,

For the past eight months, our staff in Peru have worked hard to provide updates that we have been able to pass along to you. There has been much to celebrate there — thousands of food baskets and hygiene kits being distributed and stories of our staff creatively ministering to children like Kaori.

But this month, I am excited to share an update that's a little closer to home! We have now been able to gather Compassion center status updates from each and every church partner!

We praise God for the work the staff have put into these updates and that we are able to offer you information about the center your child attends below!

Kaori's center in Peru is currently distance only! That means that staff and volunteers are not able to go to children's homes due to local restrictions and all communication is being done virtually.

I know it has been a long season of uncertainty — both for you and the child you sponsor. I hope knowing that each child is being cared for by staff and volunteers who know and love them brings you comfort in this season.

Thank you, again, for your continued support of Kaori. The stability your support offers means so much to her!

*Rich Van Eaton*

Sponsor and Donor Relations Director  
Compassion International

P.S. If you'd like to learn more about what your child's center status means, please visit our updated COVID-19 FAQ page.

*"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."*

—2 CORINTHIANS 4:18



### SENIOR HIGH FIRST SUNDAY

WATCH FOR UPDATES AND DETAILS ABOUT 2021 SCHEDULE

Trinity's Senior High Ministry invites **ALL 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> 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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### F<I<S<H<<< | 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YOUTH GROUP

JANUARY 10 | NOON - 2:30 PM

SNOW TUBING at Sunburst

**RSVP REQUIRED** by THURSDAY, JAN 7

-or- in case the weather does not cooperate, we will have an Epiphany "Glow" Party in Fellowship Hall 11 AM - 12:30 PM



**ATTENTION PARENTS: RSVP NEEDED FOR ALL FISH ACTIVITIES NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY BEFORE EACH EVENT.**

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

**SAVE-THE-DATE | FEBRUARY 14 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

Valentine's Day Celebration

-or- alternative date for SNOW TUBING | NOON - 2:30 PM



### CONFIRMATION YOUTH PROGRAM

Wednesday Nights | 6:30-8:00 PM

**MASKS REQUIRED**

JAN 6—7<sup>th</sup> Grade | 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment | SNACKS: Lexi George

JAN 13—8<sup>th</sup> Grade | 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment | SNACKS: Dakota Gunare

JAN 20—7<sup>th</sup> Grade | 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment | SNACKS: Emerson Ketter

JAN 27—8<sup>th</sup> Grade | 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment | SNACKS: Peyton Johnon

### JANUARY BIBLE STUDY with PASTOR DAVE

Starting January 5 | 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](http://trinitywestbend.com)

We will pick up our socially distanced Bible Study on Tuesdays beginning January 5th. We will begin the New Year by studying the book of Galatians. I believe this is one of Paul's most powerful and challenging letters. We will also continue to record the sessions and have them available online for those who cannot join us in person.



### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES!

If you haven't already, please pick up your 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES.

They are on a table between the double glass doors of the upper alley entrance for quick, easy and no-contact pickup. The doors are open weekdays from NOON TO 4:30 PM - or - call the church office to arrange other pickup times.



# BREAKING THE CHAINS MINISTRY

By Nate Shubat

**Have you heard about the prison ministry organization called Breaking the Chains Church (BtCC)?** The Greater Milwaukee Synod worked with Prison Congregations of America to develop a Lutheran congregation inside the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center (FCCC), a facility of the Wisconsin DOC in Milwaukee.

Reverend Mark Thompson and people from several congregations across the Milwaukee area work to cultivate relationships with Greater Milwaukee Synod churches, social agencies, and the incarcerated. **The goal is to help give the men, all of whom have spent time in several facilities in the DOC system, an opportunity to enhance their spiritual foundation and to further prepare them for the very difficult challenge of reentry.**

BtCC works to help provide spiritual support for those incarcerated at FCCC. During these Covid times a weekly worship that would normally happen inside the facility has been replaced with a weekly ZOOM worship service. And there are other activities going on such as members corresponding with the men. **BtCC works to provide support to those just released from FCCC and their families to help them with the challenges of reentry.**



BtCC is involved in advocacy activities, raising awareness of issues faced by the incarcerated on local, state, and national levels and works for legal reform of laws dealing with the incarcerated.

If you are interested in learning more, you can find more information Breaking the Chains on Facebook, contact them at here, [breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthechainschurch@gmail.com) or please feel free to contact me personally, *Nate Shubat*. I had to go to a Youth Gathering in Houston to find out about this ministry in Milwaukee. *Give me a call, we can chat and I can save you a trip!* | [nateshubat@gmail.com](mailto:nateshubat@gmail.com)

After all, Matthew 25:35-36 tells us, *“For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.”* Please consider this important and impactful outreach ministry.



## 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 ShirI Curreri weekday afternoons

**262-334-2125**

*“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.”*

—ROMANS 12:12

Well done. **CARRIE & SUE** — good and faithful servants!

We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Carrie Pierce and Sue Beekman for their service to Trinity and the greater community over the past several years as our Family Promise Volunteer Coordinators. Their dedication and combined gifts brought another level of heart and organization to the program that will most certainly make our next volunteer coordinators' task much lighter.

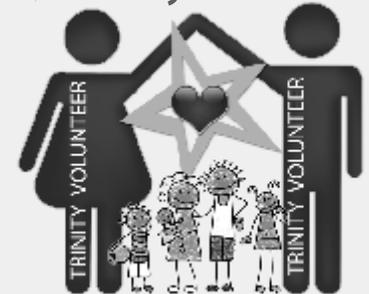
Carrie and Sue will tell you that they gained much, on personal levels, while helping with this very needed outreach ministry in our community. Though they have exhausted their time and are stepping back as Trinity's Family Promise Volunteer Coordinators, they are more than willing to share their experiences and help our next team take the reigns!

*Family Promise rebuilds lives with compassion by providing resources and services that prevent and end homelessness for individuals and families in Washington County.*

**TRINITY IS SEEKING A TEAM TO COORDINATE OUR PART IN THE FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM**

*A team of two people -OR- two couples would be great!* —Direct questions and interest to [trinity@trinitywestbend.com](mailto:trinity@trinitywestbend.com)

Family Promise



**Please consider this opportunity to become an integral part of this very important outreach ministry.**



*Trinity:* **LIVING ADVENT WREATH**  
 In the weeks before Christmas the Trinity family was invited to become a Living Advent Wreath by focusing on and sharing **HOPE, JOY, PEACE** and **LOVE** with each other and our community.

**WEEK 1 | HOPE** THANK YOU for sharing hope through Giving Tree gifts designated for the Gingerbread House, the Samaritan Home and Trinity families. The response was amazing! Additionally, 36 fleece blankets were tied by Trinity volunteers and delivered to the West Bend High Schools in support of their project HOLIDAY HOPE!

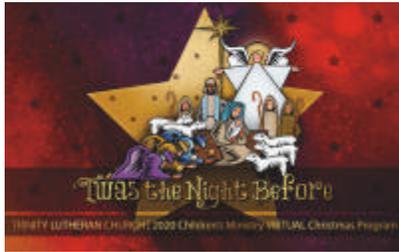
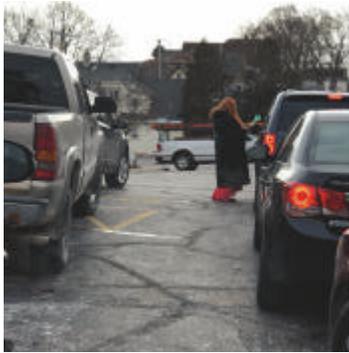
**WEEK 2 | JOY** A soup collection was an opportunity to provide a bit of joy with a comforting, warm meal to local families in need. **THANK YOU!**

**WEEK 3 | PEACE** of mind that often comes in small ways was shared with the Family Promise program thanks to those of you who donated urgently needed essential items that many of us take for granted. **THANK YOU!**

**WEEK 4 | LOVE**—the greatest gift of all is not just something you *feel*, it is something you *do*! The final week of Advent did not involve a “collection,” instead it was a simple request to share God’s **LOVE** and promise in intentional ways.

**THANK YOU** for your response, Trinity! Your generosity made a difference for families both inside our congregation and throughout our community. And thank you also to all who helped organize and deliver the gifts. May God bless each and everyone of you with an abundance of **HOPE, JOY, PEACE** and **LOVE** in the new year!





*Christmas 2020* may have looked different, but neither COVID nor frigid temperatures were able to stop Christmas from coming. **Just as always—Christmas came and met us—right where we were.**

The tradition of the Advent Cantata took place virtually. A new Trinity Masked Singer quartet provided a number of familiar Christmas Carols for us to enjoy. Drive-thru Holy Communion was offered outside the church on Christmas Eve. Virtual Candlelight Christmas Eve worship, 'Twas the Night Before Children's Ministry Christmas program and Christmas Day worship services were offered to all online.

*Special Thanks* to ALL who had a part in making our VIRTUAL worship opportunities so meaningful:

- Pastors Dave and Cris
- Hazel & Greg Griffin
- The 2020 Virtual Cantata Choir—as well as participants from past Cantatas!
- Scott and Christine Pollnow
- Madison Gieryn
- Darci Ketter
- Lori Hassig
- Rick Gilbertson
- Phil Pierce
- The Mauney Family
- Sue Beekman & Matthew Walker
- Sandy Poenitsch
- Evan Beekman, and
- ALL our Children's Ministry participants from 2020 as well as from years past!





# SEROOGY'S

Trinity High School Youth Fundraiser

# CANDY BAR CLOSEOUT!

These delicious chocolate candy bars originally sold for \$1.50 EA but **NOW, just in time for gift-giving(!), you can get them for \$1.00 EA, 12 for \$9.00 – OR – buy a BOX of 48 assorted bars for ONLY \$36.00!**

**NINE VARIETIES:** Mint Meltaway, Chocolate Crisp, Pure Dark Chocolate, Pure Milk Chocolate, Mocha Meltaway, Chocolate Meltaway, Shock Rocks, Peanut Butter Crisp, Almond Meltaway



Pick them up at Trinity any weekday afternoon between NOON and 4:30 PM

## GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!

**Christmas may be over, but there is never a wrong time to give a gift of love and appreciation.** A box of these delicious chocolates is a great way to say **THANK YOU** to our community first responders (*fire and police departments*), medical personnel at hospitals and clinics, and/or any number of other essential workers who make a difference for all of us each and every day.



Until we can gather again for coffee hours, you can still enjoy the great taste **MT. MERU** coffee *and* support this fair trade coffee ministry at the same time! We have a quantity of Mt. Meru coffee beans on hand at Trinity—ready and waiting for purchase! Stop by the office weekday afternoons from NOON-4:30 PM and pick up a package or two!

## SEEKING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Trinity ELCA Lutheran Church | CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR  
PART-TIME | FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE

Trinity is seeking an enthusiastic and creative Children's Ministry Coordinator with organizational skills, energy, passion and a commitment to sharing God's love and promise with our children. The candidate will be responsible for recruiting and supervising volunteers, as well as the development of new leaders. They will connect with children, parents, and volunteers to create gospel-centered, safe, welcoming, and fun environment during Children's Ministry hour on Sunday mornings (when we can meet in person) and other special events such as the Christmas program and VBx. In addition, this individual will help develop new programs that may include online and in-person Children's Ministries activities for the church. A full job description will be available upon request.

- Prior teaching and/or experience leading children's programming helpful.
- A sincere love for children and commitment to be open to sharing the faith with them in new and creative ways a must!

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](http://trinitywestbend.com)

**We encourage all those who are interested in applying for this position to send your resume by January 15, 2021 to the attention of:**

Ministry Support Team | Trinity Lutheran Church

140 N 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue | West Bend, WI 53095

Email: [trinity@trinitywestbend.com](mailto:trinity@trinitywestbend.com) **ATTENTION: Ministry Support Team**

## Easy ways to help support Trinity

If you shop AmazonSmile, or use the SCRIP program to purchase gift cards you can support Trinity while you shop!

- Designate Trinity Lutheran Church, West Bend, WI as the charitable organization you want to support when you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) | AmazonSmile

**AmazonSmile Gives! 0.5% of eligible purchases adds up for Trinity... THANK YOU!**

- Purchasing Gift Cards through the SCRIP program supports Trinity's YOUTH Program

Go to [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com)  
CLICK on 'How to Enroll'; then  
CLICK 'Join Your Scrip Program'  
Enrollment Code B4FF674164897

# 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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Carol Peters 1 | 21

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Lois Cranney 1 | 30  
Brandon Schroer 1 | 31

Dear Trinity Friends and Members,

We have missed seeing each other face to face as we celebrated Christmas, but we continue striving to keep one another safe in this season of pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful support over this past year. While the circumstances we faced and steps we took to keep each other healthy also kept expenses down, it is only through your support that we have been able to continue our ministries in new and creative ways while also keeping our head above water.

Your end-of-year generosity has always helped Trinity maintain momentum as we head into a new year. If you haven't already, please consider giving your special offering today. As we have learned during 2020, we never know what we may be challenged to face, but we do know your continued support will help us meet the challenge of a new year.

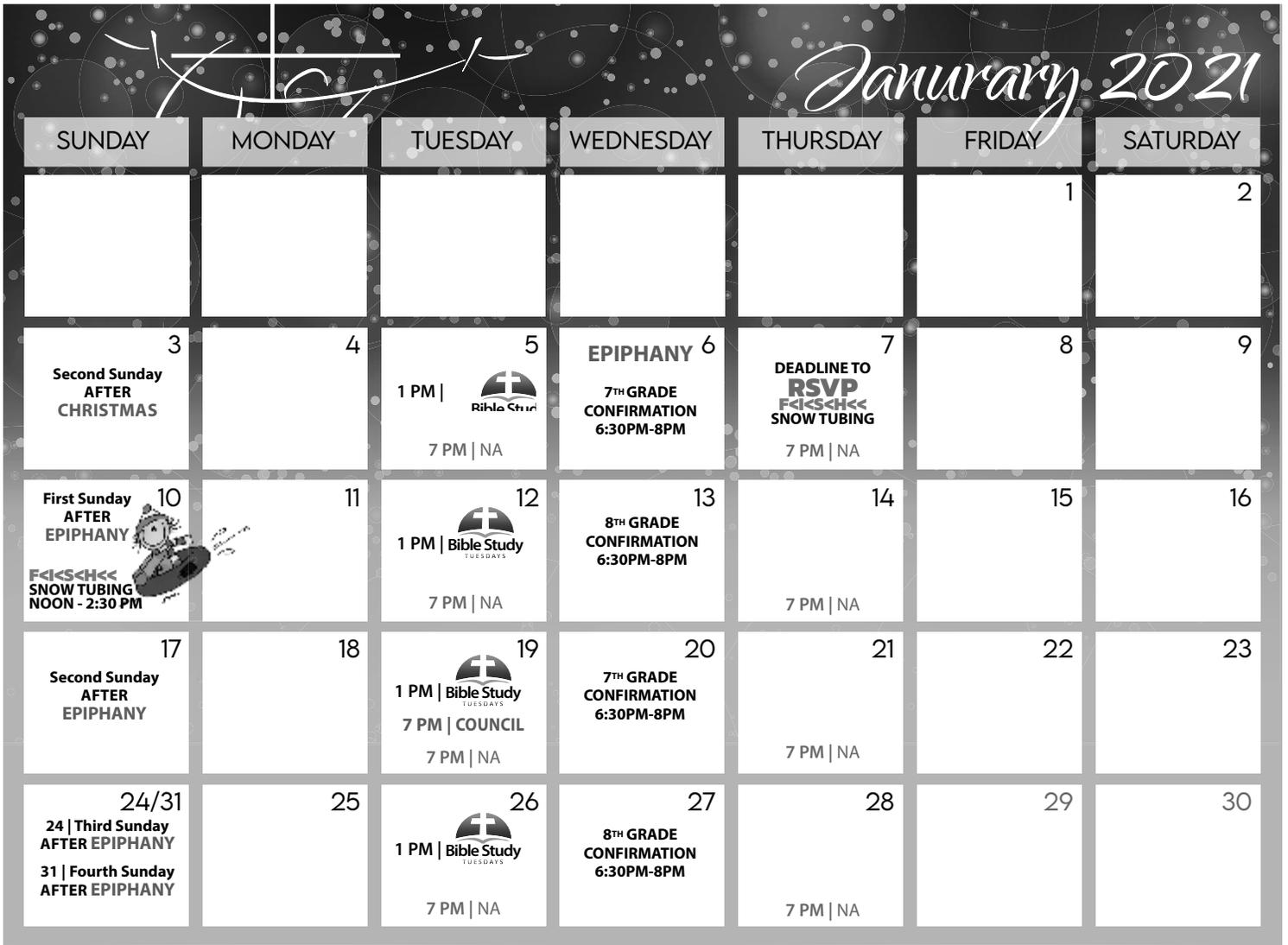
You can send your special gift to the church office or drop it off in the drop box outside the upper/alley entrance doors anytime. To set up automatic withdrawal through **GIVE+** AUTOMATIC GIVING, visit [trinitywestbend.com](http://trinitywestbend.com). You may also **TEXT** your offering to 1-844-385-9887 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.*

Again, thank you for all the ways you have rallied together in our shared ministry during 2020. We looking forward to a new year that brings with it new HOPE. With your continued support and generosity, our community of faith will move into the new year with renewed spirit and the resources we need to help us meet whatever new challenge comes our way in 2021. The light shines in the darkness and with a spirit of creativity, joy, generosity and love, together we will be reflectors of that light.

God's Peace in 2021.

Pastors Dave and Cris together with the Trinity Congregation Council





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Second Sunday AFTER CHRISTMAS	4	5 1 PM   Bible Study 7 PM   NA	6 EPIPHANY 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	7 DEADLINE TO RSVP F<K>S<H><<< SNOW TUBING 7 PM   NA	8	9
10 First Sunday AFTER EPIPHANY F<K>S<H><<< SNOW TUBING NOON - 2:30 PM	11	12 1 PM   Bible Study 7 PM   NA	13 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	14 7 PM   NA	15	16
17 Second Sunday AFTER EPIPHANY	18	19 1 PM   Bible Study 7 PM   COUNCIL 7 PM   NA	20 7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	21 7 PM   NA	22	23
24/31 24   Third Sunday AFTER EPIPHANY 31   Fourth Sunday AFTER EPIPHANY	25	26 1 PM   Bible Study 7 PM   NA	27 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION 6:30PM-8PM	28 7 PM   NA	29	30

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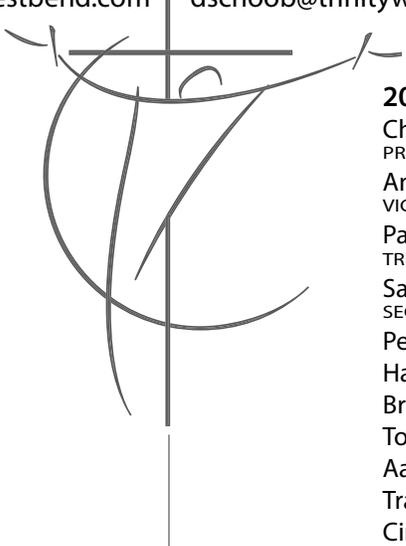
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