

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Denise

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

As I think back on the summer months of our ministry together, the word that comes to mind is "partnership". In his letter to the Philippians, Paul gives thanks for the church in Philippi's partnership with him in the gospel. I give thanks for Trinity's partnership in the gospel with so many others in our community and beyond.

One of our partners in the gospel is All Peoples Gathering Church. This summer we started volunteering at All Peoples Food Pantry. We have a small team of 6 who rotate weeks to volunteer at All Peoples. The Endowment Fund created a small All Peoples Food Pantry account so that when it is my week to go, I can take much-needed items with me. I know other volunteers also bring food with them. Trinity also supplied backpacks and school supplies for All Peoples.

We also have a partnership with Lakeview Elementary. School supplies were delivered to them in August and they are excited about the Reading Buddy program starting up again in October. For those who might be thinking of being a reading buddy, South Milwaukee has a program where seniors living in South Milwaukee and volunteering in the local schools can receive a rebate of \$6.50/hr. on their property tax bill. The schools have the forms.

Another partner in the gospel is the Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit. Thank you to everyone who came to the worship in the park. I was so happy to see 14 of us from Trinity join in this worship time together! In November, we will have a time of fellowship and learning about the Lutheran Church's role in Indian Boarding Schools.

Back in June, Trinity attended the event held by the South Milwaukee/St. Francis Community Health Partnership. I hope we can continue to build upon this partnership.

We also partner with the South Milwaukee Community Meal and The Guest House in Milwaukee – serving hot meals and promoting fellowship and relationships.

Our Renewal Team participated with other congregations in our synod in a collaborative experiment at the South Milwaukee Farmer's Market in July. I got to see a lot of Trinity folks there and have conversations with those in the community.

Our youth and families attended the Milwaukee Pride Fest and joined our synod's Reconciling in Christ team in recognizing the need to be open and affirming to the LGBTQIA+ community.

Trinity has had a long partnership with South Milwaukee Human Concerns. We were able to help when they experienced flooding in August – thank you to the Endowment Fund, the Thrivent Member Group, and Trinity members. We were able to send \$1,523 to Human Concerns for their cleanup efforts.

At the South Milwaukee Community Night Out, it was a great feeling to finally see the fruit of all our efforts in building relationships within the community. People are starting to become aware of us, who we are, and what we do, thanks to all our efforts in the wider community. It has taken a long time (I've been here 7 years now), but we are beginning to see the fruit of our partnerships in the gospel. You are bearing that fruit and making an impact in the community for God's life and love in Jesus to flourish. Dare I use Paul's words to say thank you? Yes, I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5

Peace be with you,

Pastor Denise

Pastor Denise on Vacation in September

I will be on vacation from **September 19 through October 1**. A friend and I are embarking on a Viking River Cruise to Germany, France, and Switzerland, traveling the Main and Rhine rivers. On our day in Frankfurt, I am going on an excursion to explore some of the Luther sites, particularly Worms, where the Holy Roman Emperor Charles V summoned Luther to renounce or reaffirm his views. He reaffirmed them and stood firm in his faith. An example that we can all relate to in these days.

While I am on vacation, our lay team will be leading worship – thank you to Steve and Sandy Mueller, Sue Zylka, Mike Radtke, and Alyssa Olson!

For Pastoral Care needs, Pastor Karl-John Stone from House of Prayer in Franklin will be on call. His phone number is 262-833-7348. For any other needs, Nicole will be available as usual.



From Our President

Greetings Trinity!

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to grace our surroundings, we find ourselves in the midst of the back-to-school season. This time of year is always filled with a sense of renewal and anticipation, as students and educators embark on another chapter of learning and growth. It is a reminder of the cycles of life and the continuous opportunities for learning that God presents to us.

For Jason and me, this back-to-school season is a bit different. Both John and Jackson will be heading off to college, and we will become empty nesters! We appreciate your prayers and any tips on navigating this new reality from others who have gone through this chapter of life!

For Trinity, I am thrilled to highlight the numerous meaningful activities and service opportunities that await us in September. Our annual "God's Work. Our Hands." weekend is just around the corner, and we are honored to have Bishop Rev. Paul Erickson join us for this special occasion. This weekend not only allows us to come together in worship but also empowers us to extend our hands in service to those in need.

One of the impactful activities we will be engaging in is assembling kits for Global Refuge. This initiative is a testament to our commitment to extending God's love and compassion beyond our immediate community, reaching out to those who are in desperate need of support and hope.

In addition to our "God's Work. Our Hands." weekend, the month of September offers numerous ways for us to give back and live out our faith through action. On September 20th, we will participate in the Guest House breakfast, providing nourishment and fellowship to those who are in need. And on September 27th, you can join Trinity's Outreach for Hope Ride/Run/Walk group, a wonderful opportunity to engage in community building and support vital outreach initiatives.

These events are more than mere activities—they are expressions of our faith and commitment to serve as Jesus taught us. I encourage each of you to partake in these opportunities to worship together, give back, and share in the joy that comes from serving others.

Your participation and enthusiasm make all the difference, and together, we can create a ripple effect of kindness and compassion that reflects the love of Christ in our world.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service.

Peace,

Tammy



In Our Thoughts And Prayers And Recently Hospitalized

Janice Navarro, Lori Zingsheim, Cindy Felicki, Marcy Wilhelm, Greg Buck, David Hahn, Larry Sagan, Paul Sevald, Bruce Peacock, Josh Hiett, Sarah Koers, Kerry Kirchoff, Sandy House, and Kristy

Altar Flowers for September

September 7 Aaron Johnson & Patty Rosek-

Johnson; **

September 14 Cheryl Parkinson; **

September 21 **: **

September 28 Kathryn Swanson; **

The bouquets are \$20 each. Please sign up on Signup Genius <u>tinyurl.com/TrinityFlowers</u> or contact the church office. You can also sign up on the board outside the church office. (**) means nobody has signed up. You may pick up your flowers or call to arrange delivery.

September 2025 Readings

<u>September 6/7, 2025 – Summer Season of Creation: Cosmos – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost –</u> God's Work Our Hands – Bishop Erickson preaching – Soul Purpose – Family First Worship and Rally Day

Scripture: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 148; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 24:44-53

September 13/14, 2025 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-12; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

September 20/21, 2025 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lay Sunday

Scripture: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 27/28, 2025 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Lay Sunday

Scripture: Amos 6:1-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



Trinity's Fall Craft and Vendor Fair

Submitted by Patty Rosek-Johnson

Save the date for Trinity's Craft and Vendor Fair! On *Saturday, October* 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., new and returning crafters and vendors from around the area will be selling their wares in the classrooms and fellowship hall at Trinity. This is a great opportunity to engage with our neighbors and welcome them through our doors. Looking for a way to help? There are several.

Bake sale –Word is out that Trinity puts on a great bake sale. As you complete your last Farmer's Market visits or finish your garden harvests, keep in mind that many baked goods freeze well, including quick breads and pies. Do your baking now if your schedule allows, and help make this year's bake sale another success!

Baskets or Gift cards – Were you a recipient of a gift basket over the past year and have an empty basket (or more!) to donate? We will happily take new or gently used baskets and bins for our raffle basket drawing. Also, we would love to complete the baskets with gift cards. Ordering a gift card from RaiseRight (see article about October 1 order) benefits both the craft fair and Trinity! Here is a wish list of cards:

- Starbucks (\$10 or \$25)
- Bath & Body Works (\$10 or \$25)
- Kohl's (\$25)
- TJ Maxx (\$25)
- Macy's (\$25)
- Land's End (\$25)
- Marcus Theaters (\$25)

- PetsMart (\$25)
- Fanatics (\$25)
- Home Depot (\$25)
- Panera Bread (\$25)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (\$25)
- Texas Roadhouse (\$25)

Volunteers - Do you have an hour of time to give? There are slots for the welcome table (a seated position), bake sale, and food sale, as well as "floaters" to fill in where needed. Not available on October 18? Additional help is needed to cut bars and price bake sale items during the day on Friday, October 17.

Watch for volunteer signups online and in the Narthex in the coming weeks. Thank you so much for your consideration!

RaiseRight - purchase cards for Halloween or the Craft Fair!

Submitted by Patty Rosek-Johnson

It's only September, but Halloween is right around the corner. Consider purchasing your trick-or-treat candy with a RaiseRight card (e.g. from Walmart, Pick'n Save, Meijer, or Target). We can also use gift cards you purchase and donate to complete our raffle baskets for the Fall Craft & Vendor Fair on October 18 (see article on Fall Craft & Vendor Fair for more details).

The next bulk order of physical cards will be placed on **October 1**. To participate, submit the order form with a payment of cash or check, and the cards will be ready for you to pick up at church within a week or so of placing the order. Order forms are available in the September Tidings, online at tlcsm.org/member-resources/raiseright-scrip, and in the forms rack outside the church office. If you have additional questions, please contact Gail English at gail.english53172@gmail.com. If you wish to donate your card(s) to the Craft Fair, please make a note on the form.

Still need to set up an online account for digital gift cards? Instructions can be found on Trinity's website (https://tlcsm.org/member-resources/raiseright-scrip) or in the forms rack outside the church office.

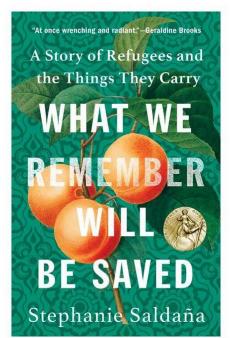
What is Raise Right?

The RaiseRight platform allows individuals and families to raise money for organizations by purchasing gift cards and shopping online with hundreds of retailers and brands. We partner with RaiseRight, formerly known as Scrip, so a portion of each purchase is donated back to Trinity, providing a source of new funds for the church (over \$800 raised in 2024).

Restaurant Meet Up

With fall approaching, it is time to start up our Restaurant Meet Up again! Our first one is Pastor's choice, Organ Piper Pizza Palace (4353 S 108th St, Greenfield, 53228). We will meet from **4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14**. Besides pizza, they offer salads, sandwiches, appetizers, and gluten free options. If you are interested in carpooling, please let Cindy F. know. Sign up via the long sheet, in the narthex, or by visiting https://tinyurl.com/TLCRestaurantMeetUp

Fall Book Read



With so much in the news about refugees, migration and immigration we will be reading "What We Remember Will Be Saved: A Story of Refugees and the Things They Carry." Join us on **Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** at Castillo's Family Restaurant (5656 S Packard Ave, Ste 21, Cudahy) for breakfast and discussion of this book. Here is the write-up found on the jacket cover. There is one copy in the church library. It is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Eggplant seeds, a lullaby in a vanishing language, an embroidered dress. When people flee their homes, the things they save speak of beauty and suffering and the indomitable human spirit.

In an era of mass migration in which more than 100 million people are displaced comes this lyrical portrait of Syrian and Iraqi refugees and the belongings they carry. What We Remember Will Be Saved is a book of hope, home, and the stories we hold within us when everything else has been lost.

Journalist and scholar Stephanie Saldaña, who lived in Syria before the war, sets out on a journey across nine countries to meet refugees and learn what they salvaged from the ruins when they escaped. Now, in the

narratives of six extraordinary women and men, from Mt. Sinjar to Aleppo to Lesvos to Amsterdam, we discover that the little things matter a great deal. Saldaña introduces us to a woman who saved her city in a dress, a musician who saved his stories in songs, and a couple who rebuilt their destroyed pharmacy even as the city around them fell apart. Together they provide a window into a religiously diverse corner of the Middle East on the edge of unraveling, and the people keeping it alive with their stories.

Born of years of friendship and reporting, What We Remember Will Be Saved is a breathtaking, elegiac odyssey into the heart of the largest refugee crisis in modern history. It reminds us that refugees are storytellers and speakers of vanishing languages, and of how much history can be distilled into a piece of fabric, or eggplant seeds. What we salvage tells our story. What we remember will be saved.



Guest House Breakfast

Is your love language Gifts of Service? Do you have a few free hours on the morning of **Saturday**, **September 20**? We have an opportunity for you! Trinity's Caring/Outreach Ministry Team is once again partnering with The Guest House of Milwaukee to serve breakfast for its residents. The Guest House provides shelter, housing, education, and services to Milwaukee's homeless who seek to transform their lives with dignity and purpose.

Volunteers can either cook the food at Trinity starting at 5:45 a.m. or transport and serve the food at the Guest House from 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. We are also looking for several baked sweet treats that we can freeze and use to serve at the shelter. Please label the type of sweet breads, cookies, or bars, noting it is for the Guest House, and place it in the basement freezer.

This opportunity is also open to elementary-aged children and up, as long as they are accompanied by an adult and follow all food and safety guidelines as directed. Please sing up in the narthex, via the long sheet, or by visiting https://tinyurl.com/GHBreakfast



God's Work Our Hands this year will feature the work of **Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service). Our Bishop, Rev. Paul Erickson, serves on the Board of Directors. He will be joining us for worship on **Sept. 6/7**, and after worship, he will give a presentation on the work of Global Refuge and how it has been affected by federal cuts in refugee

services. After the presentation, we will go to Fellowship Hall for lunch. Trinity will provide Cousin's Subs through a Thrivent Grant – please bring sides to go with the subs. After lunch, we will make two types of Neighbor Kits for Global Refuge. Below are the items needed for each kit. We will collect your donations for these kits in August, and then the Thrivent Member Group will supplement the items so we have complete kits to assemble and send to Global Refuge. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Denise. Please sign up for lunch by September 3.

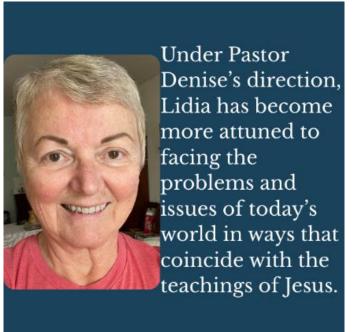
Garden kits support the refugee-focused community garden in Fargo, North Dakota. Items needed:

- plastic retail bags or 3 gallon zipper bags to hold the kit items
- gardening gloves
- gardening apron
- kneeling pads
- sun hat
- sunscreen
- (optional items include twine, reusable produce bag, reusable grocery bag)

Health and Wellness kits provide essential hygiene items. Items needed:

- 3 gallon zipper bags to hold the kit items
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- bar soap
- travel size or small shampoo
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- (optional items include hand sanitizer, lotion, umbrella)

Our Stories - Lidia Amonson



Having lived in a second-floor duplex adjacent to UW-M for about 45 years, Lidia and Terry Amonson decided to look for a suburban ranch before it became a necessity. They moved south because both of their grown children and their families live south of here—their son in Illinois, their daughter in Tennessee. Lidia had a list of 3 ELCA congregations to visit, Trinity being the second. When she learned that Denise Mbise was going to be the new pastor, she took that as a sign that this was where they belonged. Pastor Denise had served in an interim capacity at their previous congregation, some 25 years earlier, where Lidia got to know and love her and Exaudh.

A bonus for her was that there's a quilting group here. She had been involved in a similar group at Bay Shore for several decades, and at her little winter church home in Gulf Shores, as well. This shared interest has allowed her to make friends here easily.

In the past, she participated in various church functions, including council, Sunday School, confirmation, and others; therefore, it wasn't hard for her to slip into other duties at Trinity, although her energy level isn't what it once was, nor are her cognitive skills.

Under Pastor Denise's direction, Lidia has become more attuned to facing the problems and issues of today's world in ways that coincide with the teachings of Jesus. The seasonal book discussions are always thought-provoking, the sermons vital, and the opportunities for fellowship nearly endless. She is more than grateful to have found this "new" church home.

Civic Life and Faith Study

A 6-week Study on Civic Life and Faith led by Pastor Denise will begin **October 8**, **2025** and be held on **Wednesdays** from **6:30** p.m. to **8** p.m. at Trinity.

At the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA adopted a social statement on Faith and Civic Life. Join Pastor Denise for this 6-week study exploring this statement and what it might look like to engage in civic life as a Christian and as a Lutheran. The six sessions are:

- Session 1: "How Is God's Invitation to Discipleship Lived Out in a Democracy?"
- Session 2: "How Do Christians Address Controversial Civic Issues?"
- Session 3: "What Are Lutheran Views on Civic Life?"
- Session 4: "What Are the Objectives of Democracy in the United States?
- Session 5: "What's Faith-based Living Got to Do with Civic Life?"
- Session 6: "How Do We Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord in Civic Life?"

The sessions will be a combination of videos and conversation using the participant guides. Participant guides will be provided. Please sign up or let Pastor Denise know you will attend so that we can have a participant guide ready for you.







S'More VBS & Worship on August 24 with Pastor Chris Manke





GIANT Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser



TRINITY NARTHEX

SEPTEMBER 7 10:30 AM

JUST \$5/ROLL

all proceeds go directly to youth and education ministries

Enjoy a delicious fresh-baked GIANT cinnamon roll at church or to go!

Thank you for supporting our ministries!

Youth and Family News

Submitted by Ray Bergwin and Alyssa Olson

September 7 is a big day!

Join us for our Sunday School kickoff at 8:45 a.m. (3-year-olds through 8th graders), followed by Family Worship for our final Creation theme--cosmos--with Bishop Paul Erickson.

After worship, we have our GIANT cinnamon roll sale as well as our God's Work Our Hands service project for Global Refuge.

Gather MKE, our synod-sponsored young adult group, will also join us-this is a great opportunity for young adult members to meet up and build community!

Confirmation class for 6th- to 8th-grade students begins on September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

High school families, please fill out the survey emailed to you from the Triniteens newsletter or discuss with Alyssa how Trinity Ministries can best meet your needs.

All children and teens need updated registration forms on file. Families can fill these out at https://forms.gle/K2i7XFP4YVUoSLy76 or obtain a paper form at church starting at the end of August.

Anyone interested in volunteering with education programs can reach out to Ray Bergwin (414-764-1765) or Alyssa Olson (youthtlcsm@gmail.com).

Lutherdale Women's Retreat

Join other women October 3-5 for a weekend filled with laughter, meaningful connection, worship, and fellowship at the Lutherdale Women's Retreat! This is a special time to step away from the busyness of life and experience spiritual renewal in a supportive, joyful environment. Whether you come on your own and make new friends, or attend with your small group, women's ministry, or close friends and family, this retreat offers a beautiful opportunity to grow closer to God—and to each other. Lutherdale can't wait to spend this powerful and uplifting weekend with you! Visit lutherdale.org for more information and to register.

Highlights from the August 2025 Council Meeting

- The Council began with Dwelling in the Word on John 15 for devotions.
- The July and August Consent Agenda, which includes all committee and team reports, was approved.
- The Treasurer's reports for July and August were approved.
- The council reviewed further nominations for council for 2026.
- Tammy Woodbury will head up a team consisting of herself, Joanna Miller, Pastor Denise and Alyssa Olson to develop a timeline and plan for presenting Reconciling in Christ resources and information to the congregation prior to creating a team to lead the process of discernment for becoming an RIC congregation.
- Jason Woodbury gave a debrief of his experience at Churchwide Assembly in July. He presented to the congregation on August 16 and 17 for the Mission Moment.
- The council discussed possible Community ministry ideas in hope of applying for a Thrivent Community Grant. Pastor Denise and David Hahn had a conversation with a Thrivent representative late in August about this grant possibility.

Financial Update for July

Submitted by David Hahn

July was a nice turnaround from the last two months. We had a positive balance, thanks in part to a yearly pledge contribution.

- 1. Net income for July was +\$2,166; Year-to-Date income is -\$5,765.
- 2. We are on target with the budget for our gifting.
- 3. Compared to last year at this time, we are up \$8,000 in gifting with Raise Right and a new Money Market account interest helping this year.

Thank you, Trinity, for your gifting support during this summer season. Reminder: Our budget goal is to reach breakeven by the end of the year.

Project Uplift: balance of \$23,094; income of \$238; expense of \$5,391 for back door ADA mechanism replacement.

Impact Report:

Endowment Fund Grants

- \$500 for Outreach for Hope Ministry
- \$1,000 for Mt Meru Tumaini Health Clinic

Thrivent

• ATG for GWOH, Community Night Out









September 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30 Hymn Sing Wor- ship in person and online	Sept 1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting No Property Ministry Team Meeting 7:00 Executive Com- mittee Meeting on Zoom	3 10:30 Staff Meeting in person 6:30 Caring/ Outreach Minis- try Team Meet- ing in Person	4 8:30-1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study resumes weekly schedule 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship
7 Human Concerns Weekend Rally Sunday Cinnamon Roll Fund- raiser God's Work Our Hands Sunday 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Family First Wor- ship with Soul Pur- pose in person and online with guest Bishop Erikson 10:30 GWOH Presenta- tion, lunch and kit making	8 8:30-1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Finance Ministry Team Meeting on Zoom	9 7:00 Council Meeting on Zoom	10	11 8:30 – 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	12 Pastor's Day Off Tidings Arti- cles Due	13 10:00-2:00 Trinity Participating in South Milwaukee Open Doors 1:00 Saturday Stitchers 5:00 Worship in person
14 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online 10:30 Education & Youth Ministry Team meeting in person 10:30 Worship & Music Ministry Team Meeting in person 11:00 Renewal Ministry Team Meeting in person 4:00 Restaurant Meet Up at Organ Pipers Pizza Palace in Greenfield	15 8:30–1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation	16 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting	17 9:30-11:30 Pastor Coffee Shop Open Conversa- tions at Hillside 7:00 Thrivent Mem- ber Group Meet- ing on Zoom	18 8:30 – 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Community Meal at United Church of Christ South Milwau- kee No Choir Rehearsal	19 Pastor on Va- cation	20 Pastor on Vacation 5:45 Cooks prepare breakfast for Guest House 7:00 Serve breakfast at Guest House 5:00 Lay Led Wor- ship in person
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Letter of Appreciation

August 5, 2025

Trinity Lutheran Church of South Milwaukee 2507 5th Ave South Milwaukee, WI 53172-2710

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church of South Milwaukee,

Thank you for your very generous donation on June 19, 2025 to Street Angels in the amount of \$500.00 in memory of Jerome Zylka. We are honored to be the recipient of your charitable contribution. Your support allows us to meet the immediate basic needs of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness while providing advocacy and guidance to assist them in connecting to permanent housing resources.

Being an organization that is 100% community funded, it is only because of compassionate neighbors like you that we are able to make an immediate impact that leads to lasting change. When shelter space or housing resources are not an immediate option, resources such as hot meals, showers, clothing, blankets, an advocate to assist with navigating community services, and a neighbor helping a neighbor are all ways to sustain life outside while building relationships that foster hope and lead to stability.

Together, Street Angels supporters, staff, and volunteers are changing lives. Thank you for being an integral part of this mission, and for your commitment to community! it truly takes a village, and you are proof that our village cares!

Gratefully,

Eva Welch & Shelly Sarasin

Evr+ Shelly

Founding Executive Co-Directors

For Your Tax Purposes

Street Angels, Inc. is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. No goods or services of significant value have been provided to you in exchange for your contribution. EIN # 81-2677198

Street Angels Inc. PO Box 342435 Milwaukee, WI 53234 ~ Email: Info@StreetAngelsMKE.Org ~ Phone: (414) 369-3688



July 26, 2025

Dear Endowment Fund members and Trinity Church congregants,



No goods or services were provided in exchange for this donation. We are a 501(c)3 organization and our tax ID number is 20-0380II3. Please retain this acknowledgement for your tax records.

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000 (check #018220, dated 7/20/25) to MMTHC. Both the clinic and the mt, meru community are blessed by your continued generosity. The latest project made possible by such support is the upgrading of the solar power system which fuels the dispensary Completed in January, the system now switches from elictric to solar as needed and ensures power at all times. This fall, MMTHC will partner with two visiting groups Returning Vision Health International will once again provide eye dams, vision screening and classes, and a medical team from Children's Wisconsin will offer bedietic chams and educational sessions for staff. Prayers, and contributions are provided by MMTHC.

Asante sana!

Sandra Fugate

Join the Trinity team in Kenosha! Can't make it? Consider donating by visiting https://tinyurl.com/TLCRideRunWalk.













Morning of Saturday, September 27

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$165K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road** (8:30 am) **and/or trail bike ride** (9:30 am) unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run**, a **walk** (10 am), a **picnic** (11 am) and **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
- Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- Milwaukee: Meets at Washington Park (no bike rides at this site)
- Waukesha: Meets at Fox River Sanctuary, E.B. Shurts Building (NEW VENUE!)

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$165K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org

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*indicates cards that are reloadable through an individual RaiseRight account

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Taco Bell* 5%			Sam's Club* 2.5%			Hilton 2%				
Wendy's 6%			Target* 2.5%			Marriott 6%				
Burger King* 6%			Kohl's			Best Western 10%				
Buffalo Wild Wings* 8%			TJ Maxx/Marshalls/HomeGoods			Sheraton 6%				
Papa John's Pizza* 8%			JC Penney* 7%			Hotels.com				
Panera Bread* 8%			Macy's 10%			Delta Air Lines 4%				
Starbucks* 4.5%			Petco 9%			Southwest Airlines				
Dunkin' 3.5%			Petsmart* 6%			Uber 3%				
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Total Due for Gift Cards \$

Total Shipping (\$.50 per card) \$

Grand Total \$

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** For the complete, most up-to-date list of gift cards available, visit www.raiseright.com/brands

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In person worship at 5:00 p.m. Saturday In person and livestream worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Sunday School 3-year-olds – 8th grade at 8:45 a.m. (Labor Day – Memorial Day) Church office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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