



Memorial Day

Remembering those who have sacrificed their lives



Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is Risen! He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

We have just finished celebrating Easter, and what a glorious gift that is. The resurrection is our hope, our confidence, and our expectation, for each and every day. What a glorious life God has called us to, and gifted us. A life wrapped in the victory of Easter, a life without fear, and a life lived in proclamation. Praise be to Him!

As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”

This is the whole point of our faith. Christ is risen, and if he is risen then we too are alive. Not just someday, but here today we have new life. A new life dedicated to God who redeemed us and gave us hope, and a purpose.

As we proclaim this good news, let us ever remember that we have nothing to fear, for death itself is defeated. Let us proclaim and serve all our neighbors, our school, our church, our family, our friends, Wausau, even the United States. We can boldly go to anyone and everyone proclaiming the victory of Christ. For He is raised and so are we.

He is Risen! He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

In Christ,
Pastor Timothy D. Smith





Happy Birthday !To our members who are celebrating their 80th or more birthday in May! Surprise them with a card or visit.

May 4	Ray Jahns 1507 Kenwood Dr. 54401
May 4	Joe Plautz 516 N 6th Ave. 54401
May 5	Fern Clausen 4932 Alderson St. #2 Schofield, WI 54476
May 12	Sharon Jensen 226446 Hummingbird Rd. 54401
May 14	Clara Borchardt 150020 Thunderbird Ln. 54401
May 16	Alan Wesner 935 S 9th Ave. 54401
May 16	Marlyn Fenhaus 232832 N 77th Ave. 54401
May 19	Otto Imm 327 N 11th Ave. 54401
May 25	Edna Gaffron
May 31	Beverly Ziegel 1560 Westwood Dr. Apt. 70 54401

Anniversaries! Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50th or more Wedding Anniversary!

♥ Lyle & Ellen Krohn	May 7
♥ John & Marlene Sabatke	May 12
♥ Donald & Grace Chaignot	May 15
♥ Thomas & Elaine Wohlfahrt	May 28

Our Sympathy. We extend our sympathy to the families of those who have passed away.

- Wayne Kuss March 29



Bloom Forth...



It's "Sprin-Ter" Season. "Sprin"-g is coming...but Win-"ter" is hanging on. So where is your focus?

After a long, cold winter it is easy to get side-tracked by the residual evidence that Winter is still a part of our reality. We can miss the clues that Spring is already coming forth. Yes, we can remain focused on the barrenness of the passing Season, and miss the blooming of the coming Season.

The same can be true of our view of life. It is all-too-human to be detoured by the negative side of life. We join the naysayers club with a negative forecast.

How inspiring it is to hear an up-beat voice. Optimism can be refreshing! He/She is the one who reminds us—"There is sunshine every day; sometimes the clouds get in the way."

The latter outlook should apply to all Christians. We ought to be the ones whose voice is up-lifting. From us should spring forth hope, joy and peace. May the words of the apostle Paul inspire us in that "sunny" direction—

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
(Romans 15:13)

May these words get planted deep in our hearts and minds, and bloom forth—as Spring Son-Shine!

—Pastor Dan Kohn

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CALENDAR—MAY 2022

Sunday, May 1st:

- 7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Bible Study & Town Hall Meeting—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
- 5:30 PM YAT Bowling Night @ Dale's Weston Lanes

Monday, May 2nd:

- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, May 3rd:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting—Lounge
- 3:30 PM GriefShare—Parlors

Wednesday, May 4th:

- 9:00 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors
- 1:00 PM Bruss Bible Study—Lounge
- 5:30 PM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors
- 5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

Thursday, May 5th:

- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Music Rm
- 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, May 6th:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 7th:

- 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day

- 7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Parent Day—Cafeteria
- 6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, May 9th:

- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, May 10th:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
- 1:00 PM LWML—Parlors
- 3:30 PM GriefShare—Parlors

Wednesday, May 11th:

- 9:00 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors
- 1:00 PM Bruss Bible Study—Lounge
- 5:30 PM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors

Thursday, May 12th:

- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Music Rm
- 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, May 13th:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 14th:

- 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 15th:

- 7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Bible Study: Adult Confirmation (#3)—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Sunday School Review Game Day—Cafeteria
- 6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, May 16th:

- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, May 17th:

- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
- 1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors
- 3:30 PM GriefShare—Parlors

Wednesday, May 18th:

- 9:00 AM Bible Study: Adult Confirmation (#3)—Parlors
- 1:00 PM Bruss Bible Study—Lounge
- 2:45 PM Girl Scouts—Lounge
- 5:30 PM Bible Study: Adult Confirmation (#3)—Parlors

Thursday, May 19th:

- 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Music Rm
- 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, May 20th:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

CALENDAR—MAY 2022 (CONT.)

Saturday, May 21st:

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, May 22nd:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 10:15 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Sanctuary
 10:15 AM Sunday School End of Year Party—Gym,
 Green Space
 6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, May 23rd:

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, May 24th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
 10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC
 3:30 PM GriefShare—Parlors
 6:00 PM Annual Congregational Assembly—Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 25th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors
 10:00 AM School End of Year Awards Ceremony—
 Sanctuary
 1:00 PM Bruss Bible Study—Lounge
 5:30 PM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Parlors

Thursday, May 26th:

6:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation—Sanctuary
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Music Rm
 6:00 PM NO Handbells Rehearsal
 7:00 PM NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 27th: *Last Day of School*

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
 8:30 AM Last Day of School Closing Worship—
 Sanctuary

Saturday, May 28th:

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—
 Sanctuary

Sunday, May 29th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—
 Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—
 Sanctuary
 10:15 AM Bible Study: The Book of Daniel—Sanctuary
 6:00 PM NO YAT Events

Monday, May 30th: *Memorial Day—Offices Closed
 No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, May 31st:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
 9:30 AM Staff Meeting—Lounge
 3:30 PM Final GriefShare—Parlors

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Bible Study will be held on Sundays at 10:15am in the Sanctuary and Wednesdays at 9:00 & 5:30pm in the Parlors.

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 10:15am in the Sanctuary and Wednesday, May 18th at 9:00am & 5:30pm in the Parlors. Whether you are interested in becoming a member at Trinity Lutheran Church or would like to brush up on Luther's Catechism, Adult Confirmation Class is for you! There are four distinct classes (numbered 1-4), and we will offer one per month. Prospective members can begin with any class and should keep track of which classes they have attended and still need to attend. ***This month will be Class #3: The Lord's Prayer.*** After attending all four, you will become a member at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sunday School classroom instruction will be held on Sundays at 10:15am in the following classrooms:

Preschool-4K: Art/Science/ECC Room

5K-1st Grade: Room 209

2nd-3rd Grade: Library

4th, 5th & 6th Grade: Room 212

Sunday School Activity Days In May:

- May 8th (Parent Day, Parents Encouraged to Attend)
- May 15th (Review Game Day, Remember what you learned this year)
- May 22nd (Sunday School Party, Last day of Sunday School this year)

Youth at Trinity (YAT) (*for Grades 7th-12th*) is generally held at 6:00pm on various Sunday evenings at the Youth House with devotions, games, snacks, and fellowship! This month, there will be a YAT Bowling Night at Dale's Weston Lanes on May 1st. There will be no YAT meeting on May 29th (Memorial Day weekend). Next month, the YAT Summer Kick-Off Picnic will be held on June 5th at 6:00pm in the Youth House—join us for delicious food, fun & games!



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." (John 11:25-27)

CHURCH & SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Childcare Employees in Great Demand: The childcare is hiring both full-time lead teachers with benefits and part-time assistant teachers up to 30 hours a week. If you know of someone even able to work a partial day, that would be helpful. Please have them contact the Childcare Director, Penny Swanson at swansonp@trinitynet.org or 715-848-0166, ext. 348. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Getting more employees is the first thing we need to do in order to enroll more children, as we need to have the staff to care for the children first. We have an extensive waitlist of families that need care for their children. We continue to receive phone calls regularly from people needing childcare.

Center Closed: Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.

ECC Registration: There is no school on Friday, May 6th for teacher in-service. Advanced registration is required for care. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required if care is no longer needed.

Summer ECC Registration: Summer registration forms are due to the childcare office by Monday, May 9th. This program starts on Tuesday, May 31st and runs through Tuesday, August 23rd. Looking forward to a wonderful, fun-filled summer.

May Weekly Themes: Classroom weekly themes for this month are: flowers, Mother's Day, butterflies, chickens, community helpers, and pond. Watch for the children's creative artwork outside the classrooms.

School Board: A Carnival Committee is working on analyzing the event.

HIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

—**Part-time Assistant Teachers** for 29.75 hours or less per week, Mon.-Fri., hours between 6:30am-6:00pm. Positions open immediately & resumes/applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Interviews will be scheduled upon reviewing resumes. Experience with young children preferred. Description: caring for infants 6 wks old to 5-year-olds and/or after school care (2:30-6 grades K-8) in a Christian environment & implementing age-appropriate activities.

—**Full-time 4-Year-Old & 3-Year-Old Lead Teachers:** Positions are 40 hours per week with benefits, Monday-Friday, hours between 6:30am-6:00pm. Resumes/applications accepted until positions are filled. Description: planning and implementing curriculum and caring for and teaching 3- or 4-year-olds in a Christian environment. Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education preferred and experience with young children. Must have requirements to meet lead teacher qualifications from the WI Department of Children and Families.

To apply, please contact Penny Swanson, Director at 715-848-0166 ext. 348 or swansonp@trinitynet.org.



Here's What's Happening

Welcome, Mrs. Gildersleeve!

Maggie Gildersleeve has accepted the Call to be the Fourth Grade teacher. She has 21 years of teaching experience in Lutheran Schools (mostly grades 3-5) and has a passion for sharing the Gospel with children. She has a BA in Elementary Education and an MA in Special education. She and her husband are moving to the area this summer to be closer to their four grown children.

Summer is Near

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year! Please watch the mail and emails for information on registration and any other updates we might have over the summer months. May God watch over you this summer, keeping you safe and giving you a time to refresh yourself for the new school year start in the fall.

8th Grade Class Trip

This year, our 8th Grade class will be traveling to Williamstown, Kentucky May 2-5, 2022 to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter. The Creation Museum ventures through biblical history with stunning exhibits, from Creation to Christ's return. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark according to the dimensions given in the Bible, along with a theme park.

8th Grade Graduation

The 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6:00pm in the Upper Sanctuary with a small reception to follow in the Parlors. Congratulations, Class of 2022!

Last Day of School

The Last Day of School is Friday, May 27, 2022. Closing Service at 8:30am in the Upper Sanctuary. Marathon Park. Picnic Lunch at Trinity. Dismissal at noon.

Dates to Remember

- **May 2nd-5th** — 8th Grade Class Trip
- **May 20th** — 5th-8th grade Track Meet @ Bonduel
- **May 25th** — All School Awards Ceremony 10:30am
- **May 26th** — 8th Grade Graduation
- **May 27th** — Last Day of School (Half Day)

Fun at Trinity!



Running Club Runners Stretching Out



Spelling Bee Competition



This Year's Spelling Bee Winners:
1st Place: Timothy Zunker (Grade 5)
2nd Place: Ava Heiser (Grade 8)

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TRINITY HISTORY...DID YOU KNOW?

The history of our congregation is so rich and valuable. Through it we are able to see how faithful God has been to his people. It serves as a reminder that if he has been faithful to us in the past he will certainly be faithful to us in the future. Enjoy! God bless, Rick Stengl, DCE

Did you know...On March 31, 1983 approximately 400 adults and children gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony for a new parish center/school building. It was a cold morning with rain and snow that began with a large procession along Stewart Avenue and across the parking lot to the west side of the church. Construction work began on April 4th allowing the staff and children to finish out the school year in the old building. Considerable excitement was prompted by the discovery of a huge underground oil storage tank which no one remembered was there. By June 1, 1983 excavation for phase I was complete with footings poured, exterior walls beginning to rise and steel work being completed. With school soon to be out for the summer, construction would soon move into phase II which would require the demolition of the old school building. ...now you know!

The groundbreaking procession on March 31, 1983 to the west side of the church. Being led by the processional cross carried by Todd Schoepke are Rev. John Brunner, Rev. Dennis Drews, Principal David Hartman and Rev. Herbert Praeuner (behind the stop sign).



Groundbreaking ceremony for the new parish center/school on March 31, 1983. Pictured from left to right are: Rev. Dennis Drews, Rev. Herbert Praeuner, Todd Schoepke, Principal David Hartman and Paul Traska (building committee chairman)



Rev. Herbert Praeuner turns over a shovel of earth as he names each person of the Holy Trinity for the groundbreaking ceremony.

Groundbreaking ceremony for the new parish center/school on March 31, 1983. Picture taken from an upstairs window of the old school building that was built in 1925.



Aerial photo of early construction in 1983 of the new parish center/school. Students and staff were able to finish out the school year in the old school building while construction commenced on the new building.



The church and school would no longer be standalone buildings. With the construction of a new parish center/school they would now be joined together as one building.





**Fellowship &
Spiritual Growth
Opportunities
Meets the 3rd Tuesday
of Each Month
(during the school year)**

NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Afternoon Special Presentation

Tuesday, May 17, 1:00-2:30pm in the Parlors

This month's presentation by David Nunn will focus on the physical exploration of the seven cities of Revelation and the messages of the Risen Christ to them. The words of Revelation to the believers of Asia Minor continue to be a powerful call to us today. The video presentation takes us to present-day Turkey for a firsthand visit of the seven cities addressed in Revelation 2-3. We see the natural beauty of Asia Minor, but more importantly, the points of each letter are brought to life. Later this year, Pastor Smith will have a detailed Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. I suggest that you take time to read through the Book of Revelation this summer in preparation for the group Bible Study. You and a friend or family member are invited to join us for this presentation and the Christian fellowship of our JOY Center (P.S.: Age is not a deterrent). For more information, contact Rev. Dennis Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

OBSERVE NATURE AROUND YOU!

("Old Farmer's Almanac: 2022" by Robert B. Thomas)

Are worms and grubs reappearing? (The March Full Moon is called the "Worm Moon" for this very reason!)

Watch the arc of the sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the sun.

Are you noticing that the days are getting longer? Did you know that the increasing sunlight inspires birds to sing? Cool, eh?

Are daffodils poking up their heads? Trees, shrubs, and flowers are sensitive to temperature and day length, too! Since ancient days, people have used natural events as indicators of when the weather is right for planting. For example: blooming crocuses are your cue to plant radishes, parsnips, and spinach.

Can you feel the sun getting stronger? The longer days bring high temperatures. Both we and the animals around us discard our warm clothes and heavy coats!

DO YOU KNOW

THE MEANING OR PURPOSE BEHIND THE MONTH OF MAY?

Originally, it was the name for the Roman goddess, Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. It also came from the Latin word, "maiores," ("elders") who were celebrated during this month.

As with many holidays, May Day was rooted in agriculture. It celebrated springtime festivities filled with song and dancing celebrating that the sown fields were just starting to sprout and cattle were being driven to the pastures. The doors of houses as well as the cattle were decorated with yellow May flowers. In the Middle Ages, the festival, Beltane (meaning "Day of Fire") was celebrated with large bonfires and dancing at night.

When it eventually came to America, children would dance around the "May Pole" (a living tree chosen from the woods that was decorated with colorful ribbons) while holding onto the ribbons. The rites originally intended for the crops, livestock, and humans were celebrated, but gradually their significance was lost. May Day survived as a popular festival on May 1st with the May Pole. For younger couples, there was also the possibility of courtship. If a young man and woman were "paired" by sunset and their courtship succeeded...the marriage possibility would happen six weeks later in June—the result being the term "June Wedding," which became a tradition. Were you married in June?

Interestingly enough, the strict Puritans of New England considered the celebrations of May Day to be a pagan holiday, so its observance never became an important part of American culture as it was in Europe. From the late 19th century through the 1950s, the May Pole Dance and festivities became a rite of spring at some U.S. colleges. In the 1960s and 1970s, interest in these events weakened. The "May Queen" and her court became more of a popularity contest than a fun spring activity.

Now you know all about May Day! As colts and calves kick up their heels, seedlings seek the sun, and birds call for mates, we humans may join the revels for one day, during the spring's May Day festival!

—Pastor Dennis Pegorsch

TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND REGISTRATION FROM



TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

July 28-31, 2022



The 26th Annual Trinity Family Camping Weekend will be held July 28-31, 2022. * Time goes fast, and at this point with the CoVID-19 pandemic, it is “time to dream” for good things and dreams in the near future. Once again, since so many campgrounds fill up faster these days than in years past, it is again important to get this information out to you. The camping weekend is an opportunity for great fellowship and the enjoyment of God’s beautiful and warm creation with brothers and sisters in Christ. We are again going back to Farmer Gene’s Campground near Marion, WI...about an hour drive from Wausau. Below is a Registration Form, which can also be found at the Reception Desk or in the Narthex.

Farmer Gene’s Campground is a large campground with activities for family members of all ages. The address is N11301 Kenney Lake Road (Marion, WI 54950). The cost for the weekend stay (Friday through Sunday) and use of the facilities is \$90, and if you add Thursday, July 28th as an extra day (Thursday through Sunday), the cost will be \$130.50 for the four days. **Please Note: If you plan to camp the four-day period instead of the three-day weekend, it is important to let us know ASAP.*

The planned activities are optional...campfires each evening, a spiritual growth study on Saturday morning, a potluck supper in the shelter at 5pm on Saturday (bring a dish to pass), and a worship service at 10am Sunday morning. (P.S. Good weather for the weekend has been requested.)

Reservation forms with attached payment are due to the church office by Wednesday, May 25th (checks can be made out to “Farmer Gene’s Campground”). Informational materials will be available with the registration forms. For further information and questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074 or Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095.

In the meantime, take time to dream of a sunny and warm summer weekend and good Christ-centered fellowship!

(Please turn in the below form with attached payment to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, May 25th.)

Trinity Family Camping Weekend—Registration Form

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address (optional): _____

Number of Adults (18 and older): _____ Number of Children: _____

Type of Camper:

- Tent Camper _____
- Tent _____
- Hardtop Camping Trailer _____
- RV _____
- Cabin Rental _____

*Campsites are assigned
on a first come, first
served basis.*

PLEASE CHECK ONE: _____ \$90.00 for 3 days/2 nights _____ \$130.50 for 4 days/3 nights

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties (update)

In process:

- THE SANCTUARY/NARTHEX/LOUNGE CARPET PROJECT IS FULLY FUNDED!! We have approved carpet selections for the Sanctuary, Stew-art Ave entrance, Narthex, and Lounge. The carpet updates the spaces while respecting the rich history of Trinity. Any additional money marked "Carpet" will be moved into the Building Restoration fund. **We have officially placed the order for the carpet, and we will be working to get this scheduled with all contractors as soon as possible. Look for an update here, in the Yellow Sheet, or in an announcement in church in upcoming weeks.**
- We also have money to complete the interior restoration of the Sanctuary. The Properties Committee is hard at work to get quotes for this project so that the wall/ceiling restoration, wood floor refinishing, and carpet can all be completed at once. It is our duty and responsibility to maintain God's house, and thanks to the generous contributions of our congregation, we will be able to do just that. What a joy it is to complete this project, which will maintain our beautiful worship space for future generations!
- LEGACY DOLLARS HARD AT WORK! We are working with contractors to install a second set of security doors so that elevators and restrooms can be used when we hold church events without compromising the security in the school and childcare. This will be fully funded with Legacy Auction dollars that were raised in 2019 and 2021. We are hoping to complete this project this Summer as well.
- Finally, we have secured the funding to refurbish the Gym floors. Gym floors will be stripped down to the original wood, sanded, and repainted with the Trinity Athletics eagle logo in the center. The finished product will be stunning, and we are excited to show off the updated Gymnasium when it is completed before school starts in Fall 2022.

As you can see, we have been blessed to be able to complete some very big projects in the coming months. We ask for your prayers and your patience, as these projects will take a LOT of coordination, and they will be quite disruptive to the daily flow at Trinity. But once complete, we will have a facility that will serve generations to come in both the church and school.

March Financial Summary

March financials showed consistently generous offerings from members of the congregation. The chart includes 4 line items at the bottom that show the "bottom" line for each area within the church. We are all one budget, but we do have individual responsibilities for our respective areas. There is also a comparison to last year in the chart. Highlights from March financials include:

- Childcare update:
 - ◇ We continue to lose Childcare staffing due to normal turnover mixed with low wages, despite an increase in wages in September. Due to the challenges in staffing, we are operating at a lower capacity with respect to students. This is having a big negative impact on the bottom line.
 - ◇ Childcare is actually budgeted to lose about \$57,000/year, a dollar amount which is covered as a ministry of the church. We do not have the money to cover loss above and beyond that budgeted amount. If loss is projected above that budgeted amount, we need a plan of correction. We are in process of looking at this now.
 - ◇ We are currently projected to lose \$91,000 this fiscal year. That is \$34,000 loss **above** budget that we do not have as a contingency.
 - ◇ We don't have the cash flow to budget this kind of loss next year.
 - ◇ Childcare hosted the Carnival as an Outreach/fundraising event to help offset this loss.
- School is not expected to meet the income side of budget this year due to the loss of a few WPCP students. These students moved out of the area last summer, and others chose to attend a different school in the program. We are losing 2 more WPCP students this school year for various reasons.
- Tithes and Offerings are 16% under budget for March and 5% under budget for the year in the first nine months. There were significant dips in Tithes and Offerings in March. I cannot explain February, but March was budgeted rather high. I don't have notes for that. I thought I had budgeted Easter in the wrong month, but I also budgeted April high to account for Easter. We will have to watch this play out over the next couple of months.
- This is an unpredictable time of year for offerings, and I expect that to even out throughout the fiscal year.
- Keep in mind that Tithes and Offerings to the general fund are the main source of income. Along with tithes and offerings, childcare tuition (which is only about 55% of budget right now, and declining monthly), WPCP (which is down due to the aforementioned decreases) and school tuition all go to regularly budgeted salaries, benefits, supplies and operating costs (utilities, maintenance, cleaning supplies, etc.). As you can imagine, utilities and supply costs are increasing across the board as a result of inflation. Please pray that we are able to continue to take care of our staff while providing parishioners, students and missions with the resources and programs that enrich their lives.
- We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:
 - ◇ Endowment Loan: \$105,852 ← Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years!
 - ◇ Thrivent Loan: \$581,637 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
 - ◇ **TOTAL Debt: \$687,489 ← WOW! Last month this was \$702,164!**

MARCH 2022 FINANCIALS

Current account balances:

—Checking: \$24,794

—Savings: \$609,642

—Endowment: \$865,769

As we look ahead at the next budget year, Church Council (which includes representatives from School Board and Board of Elders) has asked that staff compensation be the focus in the upcoming budget cycle. While staff received a bonus in December 2020, most staff have not seen increases in over 2 years. The sacrifices that our staff members make to serve in a non-secular vocation should be met with the congregation's commitment to financially take care of them. There will be more on this in upcoming monthly articles.

We are trying to find ways to provide fruitful fellowship and get families connected within the church, school and childcare! Do you have a servant's heart and a love of people? Do you have great ideas of how Trinity can provide meaningful fellowship to different groups (or even just one group) of people? Please contact the Church Office at trinity@trinitynet.org and we will evaluate the fit! If you're interested in hosting, leading, planning or attending a group like this, let us know that too!

****MAY CHALLENGE**** Is there someone you know who is no longer attending church since CoVID began in March 2020? Or maybe attending sporadically? Maybe you know a friend or neighbor who is looking for a more conservative church to visit or join? Your challenge for May is to *invite someone to church...even if they are long standing members who you haven't seen in a while!* This challenge helps us to love our neighbors and *be the church!*

Trinity is currently holding \$13,000 that was raised through a capital campaign a few years ago. This money is specifically raised for *inreach* and/or *outreach*. If you have an idea of how this money could best benefit Trinity or our community, please contact Bryon Graff chairman@trinitynet.org so that he can help you get on the agenda to pitch your idea to the Church Council.

May God continue to work within you to continue to support the ministry at Trinity with time, talents and treasure...we are excited about gathering people to grow in faith, and we hope you are, too!

	Mar 22	Budget	% of Budget	Mar 21	Jul '21 - Mar 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Jul '20 - Mar 21	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	19,532	43,387	45%	28,715	212,835	387,947	55%	204,778	517,026
CONGREGATIONAL INC	97,481	116,459	84%	115,255	869,936	909,778	96%	878,792	1,191,020
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	0	1,530	450	340%	832	600
SCHOOL INC	33,187	38,689	86%	30,036	650,801	743,040	88%	657,537	1,318,715
Total Income	150,200	198,585	76%	174,006	1,735,102	2,041,215	85%	1,741,939	3,027,361
Gross Profit	150,200	198,585	76%	174,006	1,735,102	2,041,215	85%	1,741,939	3,027,361
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	25,762	46,041	56%	31,530	281,111	436,225	64%	302,007	574,095
CONGREGATIONAL EXP	18,400	17,802	103%	22,857	175,621	156,578	112%	161,515	582,357
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	32,172	37,343	86%	40,507	325,515	374,644	87%	402,739	485,143
SCHOOL EXP	99,409	106,955	93%	105,485	969,260	1,068,708	91%	924,835	1,385,766
Total Expense	175,743	208,141	84%	200,379	1,751,507	2,036,155	86%	1,791,096	3,027,361
Net Income	-25,543	-9,556	267%	-26,373	-16,405	5,060	-324%	-49,157	0
			DIFFERENCE ACTUAL TO BUDGET MTD				DIFFERENCE ACTUAL TO BUDGET YTD		
CC BOTTOM LINE	-6,230	-2,654	-3,576	-2,815	-68,276	-48,278	-19,998	-97,229	-57,069
CONG BOTTOM LINE	79,081	98,657	-19,576	92,398	694,315	753,200	-58,885	717,277	608,663
LAY MIN BOTTOM LINE	-32,172	-37,293	5,121	-40,507	-323,985	-374,194	50,209	-401,907	-484,543
SCHOOL BOTTOM LINE	-66,222	-68,266	2,044	-75,449	-318,459	-325,668	7,209	-267,298	-67,051
	-25,543	-9,556	-15,987	-26,373	-16,405	5,060	-21,465	-49,157	0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS are 8am-3pm. Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day. During the week, the church and school offices will be closed on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:30am so that the staff may attend Bible Study and chapel.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held on Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. This meeting is a crucial part of our governance (budget approval) that will help determine the future direction of Trinity—please join us!

VOTERS' PACKETS for the Congregational Assembly are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk (*one per family please*). Please read through it and prepare any questions you have for the Town Hall Meeting on May 1st.

ALL-CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY & TOWN HALL MEETING will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 10:15am in the Sanctuary. Dive into the Word of God with your fellow Trinity family members, and then join us for a Q & A information only session. The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is for members of the congregation to ask any questions they may have after reviewing the Voters' Packet in preparation for the Congregational Assembly.

UPCOMING ELECTION We talk a lot about eternity in the church, but that doesn't describe time serving on a board! If you know of someone who would be a great fit for Church Council, Board of Elders or School Board, please let us know! Our Nominating Committee is creating the ballot for the upcoming Congregational Assembly. If you have questions on when boards meet, how long a term is (hint: not eternity), what's discussed and how decisions are made, please reach out to Bryon Graff (chairman@trinitynet.org) or Jim Erdman (vicechairman@trinitynet.org).

GRIEF SHARE Trinity's Spring GriefShare is being held on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 5:00pm in the Parlors through May 31st. All are welcome who are seeking hope and healing after a major loss in their life. Questions? Contact Pastor Dan Kohn at (715) 610-2400.

HANDBELL REFURBISHING PROJECT UPDATE: Thank you for your incredibly generous support! We are currently 90% funded for the project with about \$700 to go! We anticipate the handbells to be refurbished early this summer. Any funds remaining after the project will be put towards the purchase of larger bass bells to complete our ensemble!

MEN'S BASKETBALL for men ages 18+ is held in the gym on Monday nights at 7pm through the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Troy at 715-370-6399. May 16 will be the last night until September.

PLAY BALL! Trinity Tours is going to a Brewer game vs. the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday August 18th. Game time is 1:10pm, and we will be taking a Lamar's bus to the game. The cost of game is \$90.00. This includes Lower Box seats, transportation to and from the game, and a \$10.00 Culvers gift card for dinner on the way home. Registration forms are available in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk. A \$25 deposit is due June 1st, and the rest of the cost (\$65) is due July 1st. Come out for fellowship and to cheer on the Brewers! If you have question on the game trip, please contact Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095 or email djbeisner@charter.net.

TRINITY WOODCHUCKS EVENT Enjoy Trinity family night at Athletic Park with the Woodchucks on Friday, June 3rd. Tickets are \$10 each and include a seat in the Aspirus Health Terrace near the left field foul pole, as well as food and drinks. Children two and under are free. First pitch is at 6:35pm against the Green Bay Rockers. Gates open one hour before. Please provide payment and RSVP to the church office no later than Friday, May 27th. For any questions, contact Bryon Graff at chairman@trinitynet.org.

LOCAL GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS (SPONSORED BY WINGS™)
Register online—wingsgrief.org or email nanwings1@gmail.com.

Beyond the ABC's of Grief: Tuesdays in May, 6:00-7:00pm
These ZOOM meetings talk about the "gray" side of grief that isn't often talked about. We'll learn about the new dynamics such as: how generations grieve differently, how our circles of influence impact grief, beyond "why" and living with uncertainty. Perhaps you feel like you are healing, but there is still more to learn. Grief is a continuous process of learning so your life experiences can prepare you for the next inevitable loss. Come and learn what's beyond the basics and how to create happiness and positive meaning after loss.

How Grief Changes Your Life: Wednesdays, May 4th thru June 1st, 6:00-7:30pm, YMCA Downtown Wausau—Conference Room in the Landing
In this 5-week series, we will discuss the 5 major changes you likely weren't expecting when your loved one died and share ways to cope. Our experienced facilitators offer education about what to expect, and the group offers companionship and understanding from others who have also experienced loss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets on Tuesday, May 10th at 1pm in the Parlors (Bible Study TBD). Lutheran Women's Missionary League is **celebrating its 80th year!** Last month we gathered at Courtside Furniture to sit in their 80 recliners and got almost 160 ladies there to celebrate. Beside celebrating, we donated almost \$1800 to mite missions! To continue our birthday celebration, in May our Women's Fellowship served coffee and treats and created **"Birthday Cake Kits"** to donate to Neighbors' Place. Did you know you can make a cake with just a cake mix and one 12 oz. can of soda? Let your imagination go with all the varieties to try. All ladies are invited to join us in Green Bay, June 16-18 at our LWML North Wisconsin District Convention. Come and hear from many great women – Sharla Fritz, originally from Wausau, will lead our Bible Study, and Heather Ruesch from Iron Mountain will be the Song Leader. Forms are in **Mission Tidings** by the office or online at nwdlwml.org.

LWML Mission Grant #12: Mercy Medical Care for Tanzania—Mwadui Lutheran School and Community (\$68,182)
Students of Mwadui Lutheran School in Tanzania are training to become pastors and evangelists. For healthcare they need to travel 15 miles and transportation is limited. A clinic has been built near the school, but supplies are needed. This grant helps to pay for medical supplies. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-12.



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DONATE BLOOD—SAVE A LIFE! Trinity's Donor Day at The Blood Center of Central Wisconsin will be on Tuesday, May 10th, 8am-6:30pm.

"UNDIE SUNDAY" ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SPECIAL PROJECT
Destitute people around the world need basic necessities. Thousands of children in India, Latvia, Liberia, Nicaragua, and other countries helped by Orphan Grain Train do not have good underwear or socks. With only the shirt on their backs since the day of their destitution, it's difficult for them to obtain good clothes, not to mention: underwear! Collect NEW underwear for Orphan Grain Train to send to needy people—all sizes needed! Trinity will have collection boxes in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk. Collection will run in June, July, and August.

TRINITY TOURS is planning a 4-day trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter Sept. 13-16, 2022. We are currently looking to gauge interest for attending this trip. 4-day Lamers bus tour includes Creation Museum, Ark Encounter, riverboat dinner cruise, and dinner at Hofbrauhaus restaurant in the Cincinnati area. Tentative cost quote from Lamers for 50 people is \$1200 double occupancy at the Hampton Inn in Newport, KY. This is only an estimate & could change based on the number of people going. If you are interested in being a part of this tour, please contact Tim Rock: tsmkrock4@charter.net or 715-359-5849. Deadline to reply has been extended to May 15th.

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