





We begin with a Bible quiz. Ready...here goes—4 clues:

- +It was the first element God created (Genesis 1:3).
- +It was at the front and back of the Israelites in their march to the Promise Land (Exodus 13:21).
- +It was a defining identity for Christ (John 8:12a).
- +It is what Jesus shares with us...an essence of “life” (vs. 12b).

As you have likely guessed, we are talking about “light.” It is a very common element in God’s Word. In God’s design, it is preferred over darkness.

It is significant that Jesus is remarkably associated with light, especially in John’s Gospel. John starts right in the opening verses. In regard to Jesus, he said this—

“In him was life, and that life was the light of men ...The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” (vs. 4 & 5)

“The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.” (vs.9)

Later in His ministry, Jesus validated these “light” claims—

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (8:12)

Darkness is the antithesis of light. In a spiritual context, darkness is the contrast between living in sin (Satan’s domain), rather than in living in righteousness (right before Christ).

The apostle Paul reflects on this positioning in his letter to the Ephesians—

“For you were once darkness, but now you are the light of the Lord. Live as children of the light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for it is light that makes everything visible.”
(5:8-14a; also see 1 John 1:5-9)

Oh the joy we find in Christ...and His light.
In His plan, we can walk in that light all the way to heaven’s glory with Him!
Let His light shine through you!

—Pastor Dan Kohn

MILESTONES

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

February 4	Fran Behnke 840 Grand Ave. Schofield, WI 54476
February 4	John Sorenson 1605 Sheridan Rd. 54401
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February 5	Robert Stanton 410 Maria Dr. 54401
February 6	Barbara Schultz 405 S 5th Ave. 54401
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February 16	Rev. Orville Jank 3826 Henry St. 54403
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February 19	Janet Roberts 400 River Dr. Apt. 115 54403
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February 24	Gertrude Johnson 4702 County Road K 54401
February 24	Harry Syring 1911 Carol Dr. 54401
February 26	Jeanette Thorson 1320 Grand Ave. Apt. 220 54403

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

- David Zick December 16
- Eldine Czerwinski December 18

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

♥ Russell & Judi Nielsen	February 11
♥ Roger & Shirley Wolfgram	February 15
♥ Lloyd & Geraldine Wojciechowski	February 28

Holy Baptism! We welcome the following into the Lord's family through Baptism.

† Faith Karolyn Campo	December 15
† Shaniah Christine Robinson	December 28
† Jaxson Daniel Lemke	January 12

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February 2: Day School

February 9: Jan Haase

February 16: Randy & Tammy Wolfe

February 23: Lay Ministry

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

to host Coffee Hour this spring.

A sign-up sheet is located at the Reception Desk.

Please contact Sue Thiel at sjtpeanuts@gmail.com or 715-297-6189 with any questions.

Easter Lily Order Form



In memory or honor of, please be sure to order your lilies today!

Lilies are \$15 each. Please complete the order form below and return to the Church Office. If you order a plant, please make arrangements to have it picked up after the last worship service held on Easter Sunday or the Sunday following Easter. Please note if you will not be picking up your plant on the order form below. Be sure to submit the completed form with attached payment to the Church Office **no later than Sunday, March 15th.**

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Enrollment for the 2020-21 school year is happening now! Enrollment forms are available outside the school office.

Last school year we were blessed to have a wait list for our younger grades, and this year 4K-1st Grade will possibly be wait-listed again. Turn in your enrollment forms as soon as possible!



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Online applications for School Choice begin on February 3 and run through April 16, 2020.

If you are interested in learning more about the School Choice Program, please come to an Open Forum on February 4, 2020 or March 3, 2020 at 5:30pm in Room 203.

Apply online at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>

If you have questions, please contact the school office at 715-848-0166, bellmanv@trinitynet.org or janzn@trinitynet.org.



Moms & Tots

Dear Parents and Grandparents,

Moms & Tots is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your infant, toddler, and/or preschooler while also having the opportunity to meet other adults in a Christian environment. ***We meet the first and third Thursday of every month during the school year from 9:15-11:15am in the Bethany room.*** There is no registration fee to join. We start the morning with stories and songs in the lower nursery and then move to the Bethany Room for crafts and snacks. We end the morning by burning off a little energy in the gym and close with prayer. Whether you're a Trinity member or non-member, we look forward to seeing you there! Please call Sarah Beaumont at 715-297-3630 with any questions.

9:15am Thursday, February 6th
Happy Valentine's Day!



9:15am Thursday, February 20th
Arctic Chill



Dear Friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7



Thank you to all those who donated items to our kitchen drawer drive. We were able to take 2 trunk loads of items to the

Neighbor's Place. That will help many people in our community. Thank you for your servant hearts.

Join us for chapel on Tuesday, February 18th at 10:00 am in the Upper Sanctuary.

Butterfly Classroom will join the 4K class to visit The Grand and see The Snowy Day & other stories by Ezra Jack Keats on February 27th.

Hiring: We continue to have positions available in the Trinity Childcare. Please spread the word of the opportunities we have to offer to a qualified candidate. Even if you are able to work one day a week or a few hours on a given day, that would help fill our need. These positions are: 4-year-old full-time lead teacher with benefits, part-time ECC (school age) lead teacher, and part-time assistant teachers for all ages. Contact Penny Swanson at swansonp@trinitynet.org or 715-848-0166, ext. 348.

Enrollment: All classrooms currently have a wait list. Inquiries continue to come in for all ages.

Childcare Ministry Board: The Board got a pizza dinner for the staff as a thank you for all of their hard work and dedication. The board talked with the childcare staff about their ideas for the center with regards to the 3 year plan. Staffing was discussed about current needs and future along with how to acquire qualified staff.



2020-2021 Enrollment Happening Now!

It may still look like winter outside, but now is the perfect time to start thinking about enrolling or re-enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. Save your spot now! This is also the time to apply for the WPCP program. Those students new to Trinity or entering into the 4K, 5K, or 1st grade could potentially come to Trinity for \$0. Want to know more? Check out this link...<https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. Please remember we also offer tuition grants through our Education Grant Fund. Applications for those grants can be found here...<https://secure.tads.com>. Please feel free to call the school office if you have questions. We would love to see you here in the fall. Help spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors about the value of a Christ-centered education at Trinity!

- Lutheran schools are places of quality, activity and vitality.
- Congregations are provided with opportunities to connect with their communities in unique ways.
- Schools are a rich and vital component of the church body.
- Schools impact the community through the arts with music and visual arts; athletics, as they compete in a Godly way with area school teams; and in connection with public, parochial and private schools in their community working together to educate children.

Fun at Trinity!

Check out what has been happening in our classrooms!

4th Grade Academic and Reader's Showcase.



Dates to Remember

- **February 2**—Combined Worship Service at 9:30am celebrating NLSW
- **February 3**—WPCP enrollment opens up
- **February 4**—WPCP Open Forum at DSM meeting at 5:30pm in Room 203
- **February 6 & 13**—Grades 6-8 go to Camp Forest Springs
- **February 11**— Spelling Bee at 1pm



National Lutheran Schools Week

The last week of January has been set aside by LCMS schools around our nation and the world as National Lutheran Schools Week. We had a fun week of celebration here at Trinity too.

National Lutheran Schools Week provides nearly 2,000 preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in schools of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve.

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Tuesday, February 18th at 1:00pm: A Special Presentation: "Noah and the Last Days" (DVD)

At the time of Noah, people were going about their daily lives, not mindful of the impending destruction. Like them, are we ignoring warnings of God's coming judgment? The Bible gives us clear signs of the Last Days. Did you know the Scriptures say we will see flip-flop use of God's name, wars and rumors of wars, an acceptance of homosexuality, false teachers, etc.

How many educated people today believe that Noah and the ark existed or a worldwide catastrophic flood, etc.? What if...it all happened exactly as the Bible says? Why is the account of Noah so relevant for us today? What is the responsibility that God gives to all of us today? As time permits, Dr. Ken Ham has a message for us today. Join us!



The Five Finger Prayer

This is so neat. I had never heard of this before. This is beautiful—and it is surely worth making the Five Finger Prayer a part of our lives.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the President, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly is our little finger—the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

If you decide to send this to a friend, you might brighten someone’s day! Pass this on to someone special.

(Author Unknown)

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. See 1 John 5:14, Ephesians 6:18, and Matthew 21:22. “Try it—you might like it!”

—Pastor Dennis W. Pegorsch



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the meals and/or transportation needs for our bi-monthly Blind Outreach Gatherings. Please call Pastor Pegorsch if you can help!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP AT 1PM (with Communion) will be on Wednesday, February 12th in the SLC.

HOME VISITATIONS from the Pastoral Staff are available to our members who cannot attend the Worship Services. Please contact the Church Office at 715-842-0769 if members desire a pastoral visit with the opportunity of receiving Holy Communion.

BLIND OUTREACH GATHERING will be held Saturday, February 29th from 11:30am-2:30pm in the Trinity Church Parlor. An open invitation to anyone who is blind or visually-impaired and “caregivers” in the Greater Wausau Community. Join us for a FREE MEAL, followed by entertainment. If you know of someone who is blind or visually-impaired and would like to attend, please invite them, and let the Church Office know. Transportation can be provided if necessary and requested by Tuesday, February 25th. To arrange, please call the Church Office at 715-842-0769. For more information, please call Virginia at 715-370-3853, Andrew Plath at 715-574-6064 or Rev. Dennis Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

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Saturday, February 1st:

7:00 AM Band of Brothers: Base Camp—Parlors
 8:00 AM Basketball B Girls Tournament @ Wis Rapids
 2:00 PM Sun's Cooking Class: Eggrolls—Cafeteria
 5:00 PM Living Praise Worship—SLC
 7:00 PM The River Sports Ministry—Gym

Sunday, February 2nd:

8:00 AM All-Congregational Bible Study—Sanctuary
 9:30 AM All-Congregational Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
 5:00 PM YAT Super Bowl Party—Youth House

Monday, February 3rd:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
 4:00 PM Basketball G, BB, AB @ FCA
 5:30 PM STEM Scouts—Lounge
 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice—SLC
 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, February 4th:

8:00 AM Quilting Group—Parlors
 5:30 PM Day School Ministry Board Meeting—Rm 203
 6:00 PM Fellowship & PR Ministry Board Meeting—Parlors
 6:00 PM Christian Education Ministry Board Meeting—Rm 202
 6:15 PM Youth Ministry Board Meeting—Youth House
 6:15 PM Human Care Ministry Board Meeting—Berea Rm
 7:00 PM All Ministry Meeting *All Are Welcome*—Parlors
 7:15 PM Stewardship Ministry Board Meeting—Parlors
 7:15 PM Evangelism Ministry Board Meeting—Lounge
 7:30 PM Lay Ministry Board Meeting—IMC/Library

Wednesday, February 5th:

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study: The Book of Matthew—Lounge
 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 1 Corinthians—Parlors
 5:00 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors
 5:00 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
 5:30 PM Childcare Ministry Board Meeting—Library

Thursday, February 6th:

9:15 AM Moms & Tots—Bethany Rm
 4:30 PM Basketball G, BB, AB VS. Immanuel Wis. Rapids—Gym

6:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, February 7th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
 5:45 PM Spirit Squad Showcase—Gym

Saturday, February 8th:

8:00 AM Basketball A Boys Tournament @ Grafton
 5:00 PM Living Praise Worship w/Communion—SLC

Sunday, February 9th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 8:10 AM Adult Bible Study—SLC
 9:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Sunday School—Various Rooms
 9:30 AM 1 Samuel Bible Study—Parlors
 10:45 AM Living Praise Worship w/Communion—SLC
 6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, February 10th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
 4:00 PM Basketball G, BB, AB VS. St. Paul Stevens Point—Gym
 5:30 PM STEM Scouts—Lounge
 5:30 PM Praise Team Practice—SLC
 7:30 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, February 11th:

8:00 AM Quilting Group—Parlors
 3:30 PM Afterwork Bible Study—Parlors

Wednesday, February 12th:

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study @ Zimmermann's
 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 1 Corinthians—Parlors
 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study: The Book of Matthew—Lounge
 1:00 PM LWML Meeting—Bethany Rm
 1:00 PM Wednesday Afternoon Worship w/Communion—SLC
 2:45 PM Girl Scouts—Parlors
 5:00 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors
 5:00 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

Thursday, February 13th:

6:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

FEBRUARY 2020

Friday, February 14th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 15th:

7:00 AM Band of Brothers: Base Camp—Parlors

5:00 PM Living Praise Worship—SLC

7:00 PM The River Sports Ministry—Gym

Sunday, February 16th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

8:10 AM Adult Bible Study—SLC

9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School—Various Rooms

9:30 AM 1 Samuel Bible Study—Parlors

10:45 AM Living Praise Worship—SLC

6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

6:00 PM Jr. YAT—Bethany Rm

Monday, February 17th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

5:30 PM STEM Scouts—Lounge

5:30 PM Praise Team Practice—SLC

7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, February 18th:

10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—Sanctuary

1:00 PM JOY Group: Special Presentation—Parlors

6:30 PM Church Council—Parlors

Wednesday, February 19th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 1 Corinthians—Parlors

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study: The Book of Matthew—Lounge

5:00 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors

5:00 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

Thursday, February 20th:

9:15 AM Moms & Tots—Bethany Rm

6:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, February 21st:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 22nd:

5:00 PM Living Praise Worship w/Communion—SLC

Sunday, February 23rd:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

8:10 AM Adult Bible Study—SLC

9:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:30 AM Sunday School—Various Rooms

9:30 AM 1 Samuel Bible Study—Parlors

10:45 AM Living Praise Worship w/Communion—SLC

6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, February 24th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

5:30 PM STEM Scouts—Lounge

5:30 PM Praise Team Practice—SLC

7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, February 25th:

8:00 AM Quilting Group—Parlors

3:30 PM Afterwork Bible Study—Parlors

Wednesday, February 26th:

8:30 AM Women's Bible Study @ Zimmermann's

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 1 Corinthians—Parlors

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study: The Book of Matthew—Lounge

10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

4:30 PM Meals & More—Cafeteria

5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria

5:00 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors

5:00 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 27th:

9:30 AM 4K & Butterfly Rm to Grand Theater

6:00 PM Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, February 28th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 29th:

11:30 AM Blind Outreach Gathering—Parlors

5:00 PM Living Praise Worship—SLC



1 Samuel

Sunday Mornings at 9:30am, Parlors

Who will lead the people of Israel? Judges have come and gone. God's people have done what was "right in their own eyes" and have sinned greatly. Will God finally raise up for the people a King to lead? Come join us for a study on 1 Samuel as we explore the life of the prophet Samuel and how God provides for his people even when sin abounds. This Bible Study will meet in the Parlors at 9:30am on Sunday mornings!

first Corinthians

Wednesday Mornings at 9:00am, Parlors

Pastors Holdorf and Smith are leading a new Bible Study on the book of 1 Corinthians. This study takes place at 9:00am on Wednesdays and looks at what St. Paul had to say to the Corinthians as they struggled with how the death of Jesus affected their daily lives. Come and join us as we study God's Word and the power that it has for us and our lives!



Got questions? God has answers! Join Brett Schwantes for this study as we seek out God's Answers and discover that, although God hasn't given us every answer, He has given us all the answers we need!

Sundays at 8:10am in the Spiritual Life Center

7TH & 8TH GRADERS
are encouraged to help with Sunday School!
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
are encouraged to attend adult Bible Study!



ALL WOMEN in the congregation are invited to attend our February 12th LWML meeting in the Bethany Rm at 1:00pm. We look forward to our February Bible Study, "God's Precious Gift of Time," given by Geri Goetsch. We will also be making plans for preparing the Meals and More Lenten soup supper on March 25th. Please join us for Bible Study and fellowship.

Thank you for the Mite Box donations which Trinity members have donated. One of the International Mission Grants is \$100,000 for "God's Grace for This Generation: LAMP Ministry, Inc." This mission grant will help LAMP expand their staff on full-time missionary pilots, who minister to the nearly one million indigenous people that live in remote villages in northern Canada. Half of this population is under the age of 14, and 15 percent of these will take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. LAMP works to combat this despair by sharing God's spiritual and physical healing.

The Gospel of MATTHEW

Women's Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Wednesday Mornings at 9:00am in the Lounge



Women's Bible Study at the Zimmermanns'

All women are invited to join Karen Zimmermann for Bible Study. It is a great time to share life stories, pray together, and study God's Word. We will read and discuss the book, "Enough for Now" by Sharla Fritz. We will

gather on Wednesdays every other week at the home of Karen Zimmermann at 8:30am, beginning with coffee and something sweet, followed by time to share and our study until 10:00am. Contact Karen at 715-573-3151 (phone or text) with questions or if you are interested in joining! We will meet through Wednesday, May 6th.



BAND OF BROTHERS is a Men's Ministry that exists to help raise up Godly generations of men who will disciple others. One component of this small group ministry is **Base Camp meetings, which are held in the Parlors at 7:00am on the first and third**

Saturdays of each month. The purpose of these meetings is to develop, disciple, and mentor men to lead in their families, workplaces, and communities, complete with Christian fellowship and snacks/breakfast. Attend our next Base Camp meeting, and give Band of Brothers a try! Schedules for Base Camp can be found outside the worship areas.

Music Ministry

The **Sanctuary Choir** meets for weekly rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Music Room. For more information or questions, please contact the Church Office at 715-842-0769.

The **Adult Handbell Choir** meets on Thursday evenings for weekly rehearsals at 6pm in the Music Room. For more information or questions, please contact Director Shannon Grosnick at grosnicks@trinitynet.org or 715-842-0769, ext. 315.

The **Praise Team** meets Monday evenings at 5:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center for weekly rehearsals. Raise your voice—help lead the contemporary worship services!

Meals & More

A FREE meal for our local community and Christian fellowship. Generally, the 4th Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6:00pm in the Cafeteria. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

THE TRINITY QUILTING GROUP

Meets the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays of every month at 8:00am in the Parlors. Join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Answers

BIBLE CURRICULUM

Sunday Mornings, 9:30am
Ages Preschool through Grade 6

No Sunday School February 2, 2020—
National Lutheran Schools Week All-Congregational
Worship at 9:30am

February 9, 16 & 23

Students Meet in Classrooms:

Preschool-4K: ECC/Art/Science Room

Kindergarten-1st Grade: Room 101

***2nd-3rd Grade:**

Library/IMC (*beginning in February*)

4th-6th Grade: Rm 203

****Please note the classroom change.***

Call the Church Office to register your child for
Sunday School! 715-842-0769



The 2020 Altar Flower Chart is now posted outside the Parish Administrator's office—sign up today! Thank you to all who provided altar flowers in 2019—they brighten the worship areas and contribute to our beautiful worship services!

All-Congregational

♥ † ♥ † ♥ **Bible Study**

Sunday, February 2nd
8:00am

Upper Sanctuary

Celebrating National
Lutheran Schools Week



PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Facilities/Properties

We are on the contractor's schedule for the roof/steeple/louver work! Weather permitting, we will start as early as March. Once the work begins, it should take about 8 weeks...since we all know how that goes, we are budgeting to have this work done by mid-Summer. Trinity is getting a face lift, and it is very exciting.

December Financial Summary

As of October, we were coming in at 90% of budgeted Tithes and Offerings...however, after November and December, we are at 97% of Tithes and Offerings for the first ½ of the fiscal year. Many of the Tithes and Offerings came in the way of IRA minimum qualified distributions.

If you have a retirement account, and someone helps you manage that, ask them about the tax benefit of IRA minimum qualified distributions and gifts to non-profits. This has been a huge blessing for Trinity, so thank you to all of you who have directed these distributions to us. We are working hard to be good stewards of your generosity.

We continue to be good stewards. This is evident in the bottom line – we continue to perform very well to budget. We anticipate meeting budget this year...that would be the second year in a row! We also feel confident that we can accommodate the Music Director position with the projected surplus. If we continue to move along this trend in giving and stewardship, we are going to be able to make a larger impact in ministry. **We have truly come a long way from where we were a few years ago.**

We received the minimum distribution on the extended loan terms in December. Until May, we must make interest only payments. However, we are planning to make the budgeted principal payments from Jan-May when we make the May payment. In addition, we will apply a significant amount of Debt Reduction donations as additional principal at that time. Look for a report of balances at that time.

Please pray continually for the future of Trinity – that we may be blessed to be a blessing to others in the community and beyond through a fruitful ministry to those we serve in the name of Jesus Christ. (John 15:5)

Human Resources

John Burns has chosen not to negotiate his contract with Trinity following this school year. As a result, we have assembled a Call Committee for the 8th grade teaching position. Please pray for John and his family through this transition, and please pray for the Call Committee process, that God's will be done, and that our students be blessed with another Middle School Teacher who can carry on the legacy of Christian Education at Trinity.

The Director of Music Call Committee continues to seek a qualified candidate. Please keep the committee in your prayers as they continue that process.

*And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.*



DECEMBER 2019 FINANCIALS

Trinity Lutheran Church Profit & Loss Budget Performance December 2019

*Restricted
Funds*

	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Dec 18</u>	<u>MTD18- MTD19</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 19</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 18</u>	<u>YTD18- YTD19</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>Jul - Dec 19</u>
Income											
ADMINISTRATION INC	0	12	0	0	100	1,872	90	10	3,744	0	0
ALUMNI INC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	1,120
CHRISTIAN EDUCA- TION INC	0	30	0	0	631	430	0	631	980	0	227
DAY SCHOOL INC	16,008	30,469	33,769	(17,761)	328,382	371,790	349,428	(21,046)	1,115,983	18,338	45,286
DEBT REDUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS	0	3,000	5,646	(5,646)	19,281	18,060	25,221	(5,940)	36,120	0	0
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNIN CTR INC	39,282	39,973	33,926	5,356	237,749	240,423	218,344	19,405	492,760	160	960
EVANGELISM INC	110	110	118	(8)	660	660	668	(8)	1,320	110	660
FELLOWSHIP & PR INC	2,195	260	82	2,113	4,715	1,420	4,548	167	2,840	0	0
HUMAN CARE INC	0	0	0	0	105	0	3	102	0	200	220
LAY MINISTRY INC	0	120	0	0	0	240	0	0	630	888	1,763
OTHER CONGREGA- TIONAL INCOME	512	850	640	(128)	6,658	8,400	8,340	(1,682)	21,100	10,889	49,628
PROPERTIES INC	173	225	133	40	1,560	1,350	1,074	486	2,700	52,510	53,960
STEWARDSHIP INC	1,000	103	83	917	1,655	2,668	1,175	480	9,336	2,168	6,822
TITHES AND OFFER- INGS	119,834	119,211	121,755	(1,921)	579,265	597,083	564,094	15,171	1,129,145	0	0
YOUTH MINISTRY INC	0	0	0	0	80	1,000	1,482	(1,402)	1,600	178	7,082
Total Income	<u>179,114</u>	<u>194,363</u>	<u>196,152</u>	<u>(17,038)</u>	<u>1,180,841</u>	<u>1,245,396</u>	<u>1,174,467</u>	<u>6,374</u>	<u>2,818,258</u>	<u>85,641</u>	<u>167,728</u>
Expense											
ADMINISTRATION EX	13,680	5,305	6,874	6,806	41,411	32,115	36,278	5,133	67,745	0	4,608
ALUMNI EX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	653	678
CHRISTIAN EDUCA- TION EX	165	410	58	107	2,650	2,710	985	1,665	6,120	0	789
Cong. Support - TLSchool Exp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400,220	0	0
CONGREGATIONAL EX	2,642	7,280	485	2,157	16,993	43,680	18,814	(1,821)	87,360	0	3,921
DAY SCHOOL EX	82,946	99,016	80,381	2,565	496,760	531,566	480,764	15,996	1,054,523	12,856	66,308
EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CTR EX	31,377	36,279	31,018	359	211,250	235,488	208,503	2,747	470,221	89	654
EVANGELISM EX	224	250	665	(441)	1,995	1,500	2,412	(417)	3,725	0	327
FELLOWSHIP & PR EX	907	100	582	325	5,837	1,600	3,945	1,892	2,600	0	0
HUMAN CARE EX	0	100	0	0	110	700	470	(360)	1,300	230	1,334
LAY MINISTRY EX	40,644	37,920	38,369	2,275	213,077	238,313	217,708	(4,631)	473,146	1,775	1,967
PROPERTIES EX	10,997	10,340	9,839	1,158	68,430	61,040	60,572	7,858	126,020	23,298	44,253
STEWARDSHIP EX	10,718	9,190	8,311	2,407	54,616	56,740	55,346	(730)	112,810	1,799	1,799
YOUTH MINISTRY EX	574	491	165	409	2,747	8,444	4,647	(1,900)	12,468	419	7,570
Principal Payments on Loans	5,035	4,685	5,016	19	29,777	29,335	31,339	(1,562)		0	0
Total Expense	<u>199,909</u>	<u>211,366</u>	<u>181,763</u>	<u>18,146</u>	<u>1,145,653</u>	<u>1,243,231</u>	<u>1,121,783</u>	<u>23,870</u>	<u>2,818,258</u>	<u>41,119</u>	<u>134,208</u>
Net Income	<u>-20,795</u>	<u>-17,003</u>	<u>14,389</u>	<u>-35,184</u>	<u>35,188</u>	<u>2,165</u>	<u>52,684</u>	<u>-17,496</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>44,522</u>	<u>33,520</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL-CONGREGATIONAL BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP In celebration of National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW), Trinity will be having an All-Congregational Bible Study at 8:00am and one All Congregational Worship Service at 9:30am in the Upper Sanctuary on Sunday, February 2, 2020. ***Please note that we will still have the 5:00pm service on Saturday, February 1st. Please also note that there will be no Sunday School on February 2nd.* NLSW is January 26-February 1, 2020, and our day school will be celebrating with various fun themes and activities throughout the week. NLSW gives nearly 2,000 schools a public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work and many blessings!

CALL COMMITTEE: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC The Call Committee is in the process of collecting names of prospective candidates and looking at their qualifications and experience. Phone interviews have begun. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would guide us to the person that will be able to fill the needs of both Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES If you haven't already, please pick up your 2020 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex.

HIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

—**Part-time Assistant Teachers** for 29.75 hours or less per week. Caring for infants 6 weeks old to 5-year-olds and/or after school care (2:30-6:00 grades K-8th) in a Christian environment & implementing age-appropriate activities. Experience with young children preferred.

—**Full-time 4-Year-Old Lead Teacher:** Planning and implementing curriculum for 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.

Part-time Lead Teacher for school age program: Planning and implementing curriculum for K-8th grade students in accordance with the mission, purpose, and philosophy of Trinity Lutheran Church. 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.

BIBLE VERSE CHALLENGE

I was on pins and needles; would any verses be submitted? On my way to work the week before Christmas, I discovered submissions in the Stewardship mailbox—so exciting! That night, I couldn't wait until I got home—I had to read them before leaving work. Then, I was in trouble—such good verses—how to pick just one! It's like getting presents to receive and read the submissions. And actually, they are: gifts from God. I hope you read them as gifts from God as well.

—Audra from the Stewardship Ministry

The theme for March is Hope. Please drop your verse selection off to the office by February 20th for inclusion in the March yellow sheets. You can also drop submissions in the wicker boxes or offering plate at church, send them in the mail, or email them to stewardship@trinitynet.org. Please include the verse and your name and address. The selected verse will be featured in the yellow sheet with all verses received featured on an insert for your contemplation throughout the month. The winner of the featured verse will receive a little prize as a "thank you." Join the fun!

TRINITY TOURS This year, they will travel to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson, a Brewer game in Milwaukee, and the Creation Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky! Detailed packets with registration forms are now available outside the worship areas and at the Reception Desk.

Travel to the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson, WI to see the Church Basement Ladies "A Mighty Fortress" on Thursday, May 14, 2020. In this installment of the series, the year is 1960 and a reformation is underway. Against changing tides, a variety of characters stand strong in their faith and in their friendships with more crazy antics, more great songs, and more lessons reluctantly learned. Total Cost of the trip is \$95 with a \$25 deposit due on March 1st to secure your spot!

THANK YOU A huge thank you to all who donated to the Childcare's Kitchen Drawer Drive! We were able to donate five huge boxes of wooden spoons, can openers, and other kitchen utensils! The Neighbor's Place is very appreciative and delighted to have so many items!

YAT SUPER BOWL PARTY will be held on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at the Youth House beginning at 5:00pm. Root for your favorite team and enjoy some snacks with your friends! Open to all 7th-12th graders.

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8TH GRADE TEACHER CALL COMMITTEE has pulled names of possible candidates already in the field and is identifying any interest they may have in the position. They are also submitting our name to receive possible candidates from the Concordia colleges. If you have a name of an individual to be considered, please fill out the candidate forms, which can be found by the SLC, Narthex, or Reception Desk, and return to the wicker boxes no later than Monday, February 3rd. For any questions, please contact Jami Olcott at 715-574-0134.

THANK YOU A huge thank you to the Altar Guild for the cleaning in the Upper Sanctuary on Saturday, January 11th. The Chancel was cleaned, pews were "Pledged," floors were vacuumed, and dust was flying. Thank you again for making our Sanctuary "shine"!

JOIN US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 10:00am or 6:30pm in the Upper Sanctuary.



DINER'S OUTING at the Wausau Mine Company will be **Tuesday, February 11th**. Join us for fellowship at 4pm with dinner at 5pm. Remember to **buy SCRIP** at the Church Office to pay for your dinner! All are invited!

SNOW REMOVAL HELP NEEDED! We need a group who is willing to commit to clearing the sidewalks in winter 1 hour prior to services on Saturday and Sunday and for any weddings or funerals that are scheduled on the weekends. We do this with the riding mower and a brush attachment. If you'd like to be considered, please call 715-842-0769 or email dickenst@trinitynet.org.

Trinity Worship Services

On the Local TV Channel 980 (Charter Spectrum) weekly!

9pm Wednesday...Traditional Worship

2pm Thursday...Traditional Worship

8am Friday...Traditional Worship

Or watch online at waam.viebit.com

MEALS & MORE Wednesday, February 26th, in the Cafeteria from 4:30-6pm for a free meal & fellowship.



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*We love
because
he first loved us*



1 John 4:19