



# LENT

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## FROM THE PASTOR...

The writer of the book of Ecclesiastes writes, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:... a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance...” (Ecc 3:1,4). These words remind me of the season we find ourselves in: the season of Lent. This season is a time of reflection on our sin and our need for a savior. This season is not to be taken lightly but reverently, deliberately and seriously. The reality is that sin ravages everything. It tears apart, wreaks havoc, and ruins creation, relationships, and even moments in our lives.

With the reality of sin, we are constantly invited to repent of our sin—to literally turn from it.

Therefore, when confronted with our sin, we ought to weep and mourn over it. As the prophet, Joel writes in Joel 2:12-13, “‘Yet even now,’ declares the LORD, ‘return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.’” Join with the psalmist in Psalm 38:18, “I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.”

The good news is that the Lord is slow to anger and abounds in steadfast love. He doesn’t leave us in our weeping and mourning. Almighty God sent His one and only Son to forgive our sins. The psalmist writes of this good news, “For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us” (Psalm 103:11-12).

As we press on through Lent, we continue our time of reflection of our sin and our need of a savior. However, we know that this season will end, and there will be a day when the somberness, reflectiveness, and the sadness of Lent turns to joy, for there will come a time to celebrate, laugh, and dance. Lent will end, and when it does, it will be Easter.

Blessed Lententide!

Rev. Zach Holdorf

*Return to  
the Lord your God*

*Joel* 2:13

# MILESTONES



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

March 3	Gladys Beese 146188 Marmel Dr. 54401
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March 23	John Sabatke 5211 Stewaert Ave. 54401
March 28	Lloyd Beckman 3205 Eagle Ave. 54401
March 30	Darlene Gutknecht 419 N 5th Ave. 54401

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

- Bill Ostberg February 7
- Verna Baneck February 20

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

- ♥ Dale & Rosemary Kanitz March 5
- ♥ Jim & Judy Bartel March 7
- ♥ Wesley & June Wilcott March 9
- ♥ Ron & Elaine Strasser March 29
- ♥ Jerald & Sandra Ermeling March 31

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

- † Tyler Clayton Lemma January 31

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Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!  
Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.  
Don't give up...Moses was once a basket case.  
Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?  
Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.  
Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place!  
Prevent truth decay—brush up on your Bible.

### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL CONTACTS

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**STAY-AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL—SPRING SEMESTER** will continue through May 2021. It's not too late to register for the spring! Please visit [www.trinitywausau.org](http://www.trinitywausau.org) > Ministries > Children > Sunday School to fill out a registration form.

Please consider donating in support of our Sunday School! The following supplies are needed: card stock paper, Christian-themed or child-friendly stickers, cotton balls, gallon-sized Zip Lock bags, clear punch-sized plastic cups. Donations can be brought to the church office.

For questions or for more information, please email Kimberly at [kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com).

**CONCERT** Join on us on Mon., Mar. 29 at 6:30p, in the Sanctuary for a concert presented by The A Capella choir and Chamber Ensemble instrumentalists from Living Word Lutheran High School, Jackson, Wisconsin in the South Wisconsin District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The ensembles are under the direction of Katie Hoven and Shannon Krueger. A freewill offering will be received at the door.

**REMINDER TO DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS BY MARCH 31ST** Thrivent Financial members have until March 31st to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. *Don't let them expire!* Designate your Choice Dollars and support the ongoing ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church, Trinity Lutheran School, or Trinity Childcare. Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help with the Thrivent site, contact your Thrivent representative. *Support the ministry through charitable donations!* Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to an area of Trinity Lutheran Church and School today!

**THANK YOU** A huge THANKS to everyone who participated in this year's Penny War! We had two class winners this year - 5th Grade and 5K! As a school we raised a record breaking - \$2,435.16! That amount will be matched by a generous donor, which means we will be able to send \$4,870.32 to help the schools and students in Nicaragua!!! We are completely humbled by the generosity and dedication of our congregation, students, and families - THANK YOU!

**ENROLLMENT** for the 2021-22 school year is happening now. Enrollment forms are available outside the school office. Some of the lower grades are filling up fast, so turn in your enrollment forms as soon as possible!

Trinity is a participant of the WPCP Program.  
Your child may be eligible to receive FREE tuition!  
Apply online at <https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/>  
February 1 through April 15, 2021

If you would like to know more about the school choice program, please call the school office at 715-848-0166 or email [bellmanv@trinitynet.org](mailto:bellmanv@trinitynet.org).



All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great **will be your children's peace. (Isaiah 54:13)**

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth. (3 John 1:4)

**Enrollment:** The Childcare continues to work with filling classrooms to the capacity available with the current staffing shortage.

**Spring Break:** Trinity School will have Spring Break March 29th through April 5th. All day care will be provided for school-age children during this time except for Friday, April 2nd. Registration in advance is required. Deadline to sign up for care is Friday, March 12th. There is no hot lunch available over Spring Break, so you will need to bring a cold lunch for your child. Childcare for younger children will run the same, except for a cold lunch being needed. If your child will be gone over this week, please let the childcare office know.

**Donations:** The childcare is accepting donations of various art and craft supplies, baby wipes, napkins, paper towels, tacky glue, washable markers, and dry erase markers.

**Childcare Committee:** Has not had a need to meet recently. The School Board continues to work out the details of the Childcare Committee with the new governance.

**Hiring:** The childcare has multiple positions open both full-time and part-time. Inquiries can be directed to Penny Swanson at [swansonp@trinitynet.org](mailto:swansonp@trinitynet.org) or 715-848-0166, ext. 348. The Childcare has recently received some resumes, and interviews will be set up accordingly.

**National Lutheran Schools Week:** Oh, what a fun week we had celebrating our Lord! The children and staff enjoyed all the dress-up days, as you can see from the pictures. We enjoyed a special treat of puff corn during a Veggie Tales movie. We helped raise money along with the school through a Penny War, raising a total of over \$2,000. This money is all being matched and will go to support the schools and children in Nicaragua.

**Outreach:** The childcare had a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Jesus with the residents of Forest Park Village. The children were creative and made Valentine's Day decorations for these seniors, to make their place festive for the holiday.



## Here's What's Happening

### Time to Enroll for 2021-2022

It may still look like winter outside, but now is the perfect time to start thinking of enrolling or re-enrolling for the 2021-2022 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.
- Through it all, schools are a conduit for community connections where the Gospel message is shared.



### Penny War—Well Done!

Students and staff of Trinity School and Childcare raised over \$1400 in our Penny War during NLSW. This money will be doubled by a generous donation and then sent to our friend Francisco in Nicaragua to be used to help support students there. Thanks to everyone on a job well done!

## Dates to Remember

- **March 17**— Spring Pictures
- **March 19**—End of Quarter 3
- **March 29—April 2**—Spring Break

## Fun at Trinity!

### Some of the fun we had during National Lutheran Schools Week



Sledding



Penny Wars



Dress Up Days

# CALENDAR—MARCH 2021

*In-person worship is being held at the following worship times: Saturday 5pm and Sunday 8am, 9:30am & 11am. This calendar is subject to change. Videos on Facebook Live will also be posted to the Trinity Lutheran Wausau YouTube channel.*

## **Monday, March 1st:**

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, March 2nd:**

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm  
6:00 PM School Board Meeting via Zoom

## **Wednesday, March 3rd:**

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
3:00 PM Grief Share— Bethany Rm  
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary  
5:15 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors  
5:15 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 4th:**

*No Scheduled Events*

## **Friday, March 5th:**

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

## **Saturday, March 6th:**

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

## **Sunday, March 7th:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

## **Monday, March 8th:**

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, March 9th:**

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

## **Wednesday, March 10th:**

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
3:00 PM Grief Share— Bethany Rm  
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary  
5:15 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors  
5:15 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 11th:**

*No Scheduled Events*

## **Friday, March 12th:**

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

## **Saturday, March 13th:**

5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

## **Sunday, March 14th:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship —Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
9:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

## **Monday, March 15th:**

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

## **Tuesday, March 16th:**

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm  
1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

## **Wednesday, March 17th:**

8:00 AM Spring Picture Day—SLC  
9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary & Facebook Live



## CALENDAR—MARCH 2021 (CONT.)

12:30 PM 5K, 1st & 2nd grade to Grand Theater  
 3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm  
 5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary  
 5:15 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors  
 5:15 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
 6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

### **Thursday, March 18th:**

10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC

### **Friday, March 19th:**

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors  
 1:00 PM Spelling Bee—SLC

### **Saturday, March 20th:**

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 21st:**

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
 9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
 6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

### **Monday, March 22nd:**

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

### **Tuesday, March 23rd:**

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
 9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

### **Wednesday, March 24th:**

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary & Facebook Live  
 3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm  
 5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary  
 5:15 PM 7th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Parlors

5:15 PM 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
 6:30 PM Midweek Lenten Worship—Sanctuary

### **Thursday, March 25th:**

*No Scheduled Events*

### **Friday, March 26th:**

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

### **Saturday, March 27th:**

5:00 PM Palm Sunday Blended Worship—Sanctuary

### **Sunday, March 28th:**

8:00 AM Palm Sunday Traditional Worship—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
 9:30 AM Palm Sunday Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Palm Sunday Blended Worship—Sanctuary & on Facebook Live  
 6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

### **Monday, March 29th:**

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live  
 6:30 PM Living Word Lutheran High School Concert—Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, March 30th:**

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
 9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

### **Wednesday, March 31st:**

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary  
 3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Rm  
 5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Sanctuary  
 5:15 PM NO 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Classes



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Opportunity for good Trinity fellowship with refreshments provided. Invitation open to all ages—bring a friend or neighbor! For more information or questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074. Please also share any ideas for future programming.

**Tuesday, March 16th, 1:00pm in the Parlors**

***Special Video Presentation: “A Smile for Today”***

Join us for a special presentation by Ken Davis.

“Under the Influence”...but it is not what you think!  
Hilarious stories... “The Speeding Ticket,” “Strawberry Underwear,” and “a Declaration of Ken’s Faith.”

Join us, and bring a neighbor or friend! You are asked to wear a mask, and the seating will be set up for social distancing. If there are any further questions, please contact Pastor Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

Do you remember what day is celebrated on March 17th? St. Patrick’s Day! This was his “Breastplate Protective Prayer”...

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I bind unto myself the Name,  
The strong Name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same.  
The Three in One, and One in Three,  
Of whom all nature hath creation,  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.*



**A God-given Blessing...Anytime...All the Time!**

Our lives are filled with all kinds of feelings...joy, sadness, hope, fears, anticipation, peacefulness, uncertainty, worry, confidence...? No matter where we are at in our feelings and concerns, we can find direction as St. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 3:3... “But the Lord is faithful, and will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.” If only we daily come to him and trust in His wisdom. It has been said...when you are overcome by the worries and challenges of life, use prayer as guidance, hope, protection, and confidence, for “all things work out for good *(even if we don’t understand how)* to those who trust the Lord.”

Here are some suggestions for your daily life challenges, troubles, joys, and hopes:

Psalm 5:11-12; Rom. 12:2; Phil. 4:8; Eph. 6:10-12  
Remember daily that the Lord is your keeper, protecting you from all evil and guarding your going out and your coming in.

John 10:10; 2 Thess. 3:3

The storms of life exist for all of us, and we can easily be overwhelmed if we don’t go to the right place.

Luke 12; Matt. 19:16-30

Remember our treasures are in heaven, not on this temporary earth.

Num. 6:22-27

No matter what the challenges of each new day are, remember these words, known in the Bible as the Priestly Prayer or the Aaronic Benediction.

Please take the time to read the passages listed above in your Bible...it is your source book for the “good life here while on earth” and the coming perfect life in heaven.

“Just a suggestion for this coming week and the rest of your life as you prepare for the life to come.”

—Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Pegorsch

# TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND



## TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

July (22) 23-25, 2021



The 25th Annual Trinity Family Camping Weekend will be held July 23-25, 2021. \* 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. The final update of information will be in the May Newsletter. 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 22nd 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 by Wednesday, April 14th.* The total payment for all campers needs to be brought to the Church Office by **Wednesday, May 19th.**

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.)

Once again, your reservation forms with attached payment are due to the church office by Wednesday, May 19th (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.

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(Please turn in the below form with attached payment to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, May 19th.)

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_
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# CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

## Facilities/Properties

In an effort to recover any credibility lost over the past few months over the Stewart Avenue steps project, we will refrain from saying that it will be completed by any specific time. Instead, we will say that manufacturing and weather delays have been a hindrance, but that we are confident that the finished project will have been worth the wait. The project is fully funded.

If you feel passionate about facility updates, you can continue to give to “Building Restoration,” which should help fund the ceiling repair in the sanctuary, brick restoration along Stewart Avenue, and new carpet where necessary. We are in process of quoting the projects, and our hope would be that the ceiling project and the carpet could be completed as complementary projects, giving our Sanctuary a restorative facelift.

We continue to carry out disinfection protocols every day after school and church to insure the safety of our staff, students and visitors. Extra measures have also been implemented in childcare. We are using non-toxic cleaning materials when possible to reduce exposure to potentially harmful chemicals. All cleaning materials that we are using have been researched and are on record with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to kill human coronavirus according to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

## January Financial Summary

January financials are reflective of what we expected to see:

- We continue to struggle to fill vacancies in Childcare due to CoVID, which is impacting the Childcare Net Income by about \$23,000 to date (projected to have a \$40,000 variance from budget by the end of the fiscal year). Childcare income is at 51% of budget for the year, while expenses are much higher at 73% of budget for the year. This is a big financial impact, which is causing us to look at solutions that need to be in process sooner than later. We have space for more children, but have an equal struggle in filling open positions...there is an important balance of these struggles that we hope to achieve.
- We are falling 6% short of budget for tithes and offerings. This is a significant decrease in tithes and offerings from the recovery we saw in the Advent and Christmas season. In short, with less people attending church, we are seeing a dip in tithes and offerings that will likely impact our operating budget next fiscal year, meaning that we expect to have less funds to allocate to the overall ministry and must be able to account for that in spending. We are projecting a \$70,000 decrease from budget this year. That is a significant number.
- We are under budget for expenses...we continue to be good stewards of the resources we are given.
- Expenses for all wages look out of whack this month due to some adjustments that were made. If you look closely, you can see that the School wages are lower than budgeted and other areas are higher...that is because shared wages get allocated to the school at the end of the fiscal year (June). This will balance out.
- We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:
  - Endowment Loan: \$144,233
  - Thrivent Loan: \$645,287
  - TOTAL Debt: \$789,520
- We paid \$10,000 in January due to the generosity of our congregation and the commitment to paying down debt! We are making great progress in this area!

In contrast to the report in December, our financial outlook for this financial year is not great. We continue to be good stewards, but CoVID-19 is impacting our operations in more ways than we imagined. The future feels uncertain in the current political climate, but we are faithful that God’s plan will be for Trinity to continue ministry for generations to come.

## PPP Loan Update (in case you’ve missed this over the last couple of months):

In April, we applied for and received a Payroll Protection Program loan from the Small Business Association in the amount of \$227,600. The purpose of that “forgivable” loan was to provide relief during the Stay-At-Home period, when continued income was unpredictable. Because of the loan, we were able to continue providing income and benefits for all of our staff during that 8-week period.

We were able to apply for loan forgiveness in September. The SBA had 90 days to review our application and determine if any of our loan could be forgiven. We are so blessed! We found out in early November that **100% of our PPP Loan was forgiven, which means that we don’t have to pay any of it back!** Some of that money is covering the loss that we are experiencing in childcare as a result of families staying home due to lost jobs, working from home, etc. Some of the money has been spent on salaries and benefits that fell outside of the 8-week eligible expense period. Some of that money went to staff bonuses in December since we were unable to budget wage increases this year. We are in process of evaluating what portion of that money remains and how it is best served in ministry.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

	Jan 21	Budget	% of Budget	Jul '20 - Jan 21	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>							
CHILDCARE INC	21,017	43,265	49%	153,561	301,651	51%	516,776
CONGREGATIONAL INC	90,687	103,353	88%	664,575	707,930	94%	1,205,596
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	832	350	238%	600
SCHOOL INC	60,840	27,355	222%	497,341	492,072	101%	1,232,807
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>172,544</b>	<b>174,023</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,316,309</b>	<b>1,502,003</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>2,955,779</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>172,544</b>	<b>174,023</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>1,316,309</b>	<b>1,502,003</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>2,955,779</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
CHILDCARE EXP	52,211	45,314	115%	242,410	333,310	73%	577,207
CONGREGATIONAL EX	20,185	16,902	119%	123,254	121,918	101%	584,609
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	44,847	38,546	116%	321,304	279,483	115%	490,042
SCHOOL EXP	71,963	103,228	70%	726,478	765,300	95%	1,303,921
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>189,206</b>	<b>203,990</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>1,413,446</b>	<b>1,500,011</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>2,955,779</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-16,662</b>	<b>-29,967</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>-97,137</b>	<b>1,992</b>	<b>-4,876%</b>	<b>0</b>



Vanessa Bellman, School Office Administrative Assistant  
*If money were no object, what would you do all day?* I would own a Bed & Breakfast and Tea Room



Cara Clemens, Childcare Teacher Assistant for the Little Lambs Room (infant/toddler room)  
*What is your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?* Boating & camping



Sue Giebel, Childcare Teacher Assistant  
*If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?* A nice ride in the car, in the fall especially, and end up at an antique store and browse.



Marilyn Lissack, School Teacher Assistant  
*If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?* To play bass guitar



Heidi Smith, 4th Grade Teacher  
*If you could live anywhere, where would it be?* I would live in Germany!



Carmen Zuelsdorff, 2nd Grade Teacher  
*Does your family have a "moto"—spoken or unspoken?* "Remember who you are, and who you represent."



Amanda Brandt, Childcare Lead Teacher for the Rainbow Room (2-year-old room)  
*What did you want to be when you were small?* I wanted to be a teacher or a veterinarian



Michelle Dickinson, Food Services Manager  
*When you have 30 minutes of free time, how do you pass the time?* Sewing, card-making, and scrapbooking



Jenna Hansen, Church Office Administrative Assistant  
*Who was your favorite teacher in school and why?* In college I had Prof. Meier for creative writing. The class would go for walks outside to write poetry!



Gina Maroszek, Assistant Principal and Reading/Title 1 Teacher  
*What's the best gift you have given or received?* A handmade wooden desk from my grandfather



Rev. Timothy Smith, Associate Pastor  
*If you had a warning label, what would it be?* Warning: May randomly and without provocation spout theological utterances.



Amy Bryant, Childcare Teacher Assistant for the Little Lambs Rm (infant/toddler room)  
*If money were no object, what would you do all day?* I would love to stay at home, spend time with my family, and do more crafts.



Katrina Erdman, 5K Teacher  
*What did you do growing up that got you into trouble?* I ate ice cream for breakfast. And got my sister to do it with me.



Matthew Hoehne, Director of Music  
*What is your favorite indoor/outdoor activity?* Hunting, hiking, canoeing, and biking



Sara Seehafer, Childcare Lead Teacher for the Little Lambs Room (infant/toddler room)  
*What is your favorite outdoor activity?* Visiting waterfalls and listening to the water—flowing and crashing.



Penny Swanson, Childcare Director  
*What did you want to be when you were small?* I wanted to be many different things—archaeologist, florist, farmer, forest ranger

## Staff Get to Know You

## TRINITY HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW?

*Recently we have been publishing a history tidbit each Friday on our Facebook page. We are going to put a couple in the newsletter each month for those who don't have Facebook or may have missed the postings. 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...Following the construction of the 1925 school building enrollment continued to grow. By 1948 enrollment had climbed to over 350 students and lack of classroom space began to be an issue. When the building was built in 1925 only four classrooms were needed, but they provided for six. Thanks again to the farsightedness of the original building committee; it was possible to erect an addition above the gymnasium. To make plans for future growth heavy steel over the gymnasium ceiling was used in case a second story was ever needed. At the time it seemed like a wasted effort, but how well they built in 1925! The Oppenhamer and Obel firm again served as architects and Mr. Edmund E. Schield was chosen as general contractor. The new addition was dedicated on June 5, 1949 and provided three more classrooms, a library and other utility rooms, with a total of nine excellent classrooms in the entire building. ...now you know!



*The building as it appeared in 1925 with available space above the gymnasium for a future addition.*

*The building as it appeared in 1949 after the addition was complete.*



*The program cover for the dedication of the 1949 School Addition.*



Did you know...Shortly following the construction of the 1925 school, at a cost of \$85,000, the congregation was genuinely concerned about the financial debt that was incurred. They worked tirelessly over the ensuing years to be debt free. On January 1, 1934 the debt stood at \$33,275 with a 4% interest rate. Mr. J.H. Kleinschmidt presented a plan to solicit non-interest bearing loans from members of the congregation, the plan aiming at a loan of \$25.00 from each communicant member. Even in the midst of the Great Depression and a World War many did what they could, eventually developing an additional plan in 1939 called the "Penny-A-Meal" where each communicant member would give a penny towards paying down the debt for each meal each day. By 1942 debt stood at only \$3,565.80 and on April 12, before a happy gathering in the school auditorium, Mr. O.H. Jahns, treasurer of the congregation, handed Mr. J.H. Kleinschmidt, the last note of indebtedness on the school to which Pastor E.H. Bertermann touched a match, signifying the complete payment of the debt on the school. ...now you know!



*Mr. O.H. Jahns, treasurer of the congregation, hands Mr. J.H. Kleinschmidt a check for the last note on the school as Pastor E.H. Bertermann holds a match to the note, signifying the complete payment of debt on the school.*

*School building constructed in 1925.*





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# 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 Monday, March 8th.***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or Honor of:

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Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ Pick Up? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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**Palm Sunday**  
March 27-28, 2021

*Traditional Worship:*  
Sun. 8am & 9:30am

*Blended Worship:*  
Sat. 5pm & Sun. 11am



**Maundy Thursday**  
April 1, 2021

*Traditional Worship:*  
10am & 6:30pm

*Blended Worship:*  
5pm



**Good Friday**  
April 2, 2021

*Traditional Worship:*  
1pm & 6:30pm

*Blended Worship:*  
5pm



**Easter Sunday**  
April 4, 2021

*Traditional Worship:*  
6:30am, 8am, 9:30am

*Blended Worship:*  
11am