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TRINITY—A MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

January 2021

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord
Jeremiah 29:11

A large, stylized graphic for the New Year. The numbers "2021" are rendered in a thick, white, hand-drawn style with horizontal lines. Below the numbers, the words "HAPPY NEW YEAR" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background is a soft-focus image of a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range, with a large, bright sun partially obscured by the mountains.

Grace, mercy and peace be to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Well, 2020 is officially over, and for many it was an awful year filled with disease, death, and loneliness. Yet for others, it was a time when family came together and friendships grew closer. 2020 will forever be a year filled with a lot of emotion and passionate feelings that elicit both fear and love, and now as it ends we have the opportunity to reflect back and see what went right and what went wrong. What we as individuals and what we as Trinity Lutheran Church and School did well and what we did poorly.

Yet, through all of our reflections, we can never forget that Christ was with us throughout the entirety of 2020, both the good and the bad. God was there when our loved ones died, and when babies were born. He was there in the stress and anguish, and he was there when new relationships were starting. He was with Trinity through all the funerals, and he was with Trinity through all the new additions to staff that have made this team such a good one. God was there in the good and the bad, in the great and the poor. As we look to the future, towards what 2021 could or will mean, we look forward in faith knowing that Christ was with us through 2020, and will be with us through 2021 no matter what. As the psalmist writes,

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling." (Psalm 46:1-3)

May we look forward to 2021 not in fear but in hope. Not in worry or trepidation, but in confidence and assurance, knowing that Christ is in control and that he is with us. We may never all agree on what should or should not have been done in 2020, but what we all can certainly get behind is that Christ is ruling, and he has everything under control.

May we all trust and honor God in all that we do, knowing that he will never forsake us. This is our confidence, our sure and certain hope. God bless you all in the coming year!

In Christ,
Rev. Timothy D. Smith

MILESTONES MINISTRY

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

January 1	Arthur Kickbusch 224262 County Ln. 54401
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January 22	Clarke Wilcott 913 W Strowbridge St. 54401
January 28	Mercedes Myszkowski
January 31	Richard Gehrt 1508 Merrill Ave. Apt. 412 54401

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

♥ Terry & Kathy Page	January 10
♥ Donald & Sandra Voight	January 20
♥ Dave & Gertrude Johnson	January 23
♥ Kenneth & Beverly Ziegel	January 24
♥ Dale & Mary Andreas	January 30

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

• Vernon Hohn	November 22
• Sonja Holdorf	November 23
• Charles Luedtke	November 25
• Carol Leubner	November 26
• Virginia "Ginny" Edwards	November 26
• Roger Luetschwager	December 3



STAY UP-TO-DATE ON EVERYTHING TRINITY! Find our Trinity Lutheran Church & School—Wausau Facebook page by searching “@TrinityWausau.” We also have a YouTube channel, “Trinity Lutheran Wausau.” If you would like to receive important news via email and be added to our church email list, please share your email address with the church office (info@trinitynet.org or 715-842-0769). If you do not have internet or Charter TV, you can still watch the weekly worship services! A limited number of DVD recordings of each worship service will be made available each week. Please call 715-843-7023 to request a DVD.

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For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

Love the Lord, all his saints! The Lord preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord. Psalm 31:23-24

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

National Lutheran School Week: This is scheduled for the week of January 24-30. There are special dress-up days with daily devotions, a service project and fun class pictures planned. More details will come in the middle of the month.

Enrollment: The Childcare has been blessed with several new families enrolling in the Trinity Childcare. The children have joined in multiple different classrooms. Welcome to these new children and their families.

Free Hot Lunch: We are blessed that the free hot lunch will continue to be available to the end of this school year for all children in the school and childcare. See flyer for more details on the family information board in your child’s classroom or outside the childcare office.

ECC Registration: There is no school on Monday, January 18th. All day care will be provided for school age children. Registration in advance is required. Deadline to sign up for care is Wednesday, January 6th.

Childcare Committee: Working with the School Board on the Childcare Committee functioning as a committee of the School Board. It is a process to put on paper with the new governance. It is wonderful working together through this process and the new opportunities it has given.

Hiring: The childcare is looking to fill the 4 year old lead teacher position. This is a full time position with benefits. To apply, contact Penny Swanson at 715-848-0166, ext. 348 or swansonp@trinitynet.org.



Here's What's Happening

"What's New At Trinity?"

While we open up a new year and a new chapter in life, I would guess many of you reading this would like to put 2020 far behind you and hope that with the new year will come new hope for better things down the road. While things have not been easy here at school, the struggles that 2020 has given us made us look at many things in many new ways.

We as teachers, staff, students and parents have had to find ways to handle and do things that certainly required some creativity and a whole lot of patience. We had to deal with less than favorable circumstances and situations. We had to leave our comfort zones while social distancing. We had to find new ways to communicate, teach, and learn. Some of these things were quite a challenge, some of these things will in the end make us stronger.

While there have been different opinions since mid-March on how things should be handled, we have for the most part been respectful and kind to each other even when our "last nerve" was being poked.

Through it all, God has been walking with us, even carrying us when we needed that. I am not sure what 2021 will bring us, but as long as we continue to have God walking beside us, we can be assured that He will guide us to the place He wants us to be. May God bless and keep you in this new year.

Time to Think 2021-2022

With temperatures dropping and snow in the forecast, it may be hard to think about fall of 2021 and the start of a new school year, but plans are already being made for that. Due to CoVID, we will not be having the annual 4K/5K Open House at the end of January this year, but please watch for information on 4K and 5K along with information on re-enrollment and the WPCP program enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.

Dates to Remember

- **January 15**—End of Quarter 2
- **January 15**—Start of Re-enrollment for 2021-22 school year
- **January 18**—Inservice Day (No School)
- **January 24-30**—National Lutheran School Week
- **February 1**—Open Enrollment for 2021-22 school year, Open Enrollment for WPCP starts

Substitute Teachers Needed!

If you or anyone you know of is interested and able to serve our school as a substitute teacher (need to have a teaching degree and current license), please contact the school office at (715) 848-0166.

Teacher Assistants Needed

We are still in need of Teacher Assistants to help out in our school and the classrooms. This is a part-time position, hours are flexible. TAs work in conjunction with teachers to help out in the classroom, playground, lunch room, etc. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact the school office at (715) 848-0166.

Wisconsin School Choice

Your child could be eligible for the school choice program and attend Trinity Lutheran School for FREE. There are eligibility, income and residency requirements as outlined on the website: dpi.wi.gov/choice. Online applications begin on February 1st and run through April 15, 2021. If you are interested in more information or if you have questions, please contact the school office by phone: 715-848-0166 or by email: bellmanv@trinitynet.org or janzn@trinitynet.org.



CALENDAR—JANUARY 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.

Friday, January 1st, 2021:

New Year's Day—Offices Closed

Saturday, January 2nd:

5:00 PM NO Blended Worship

Sunday, January 3rd:

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

Monday, January 4th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

Tuesday, January 5th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, January 6th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary

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

Thursday, January 7th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, January 8th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 9th:

8:00 AM Sunday School Supply Assembly—Parlors

5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 10th:

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 House

Monday, January 11th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

Tuesday, January 12th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, January 13th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary

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

Thursday, January 14th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, January 15th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 16th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 17th:

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 House

Monday, January 18th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC

Tuesday, January 19th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

CALENDAR—JANUARY 2021 (CONT.)

Wednesday, January 20th:

- 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary
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 Church Council—Parlors

Thursday, January 21st:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, January 22nd:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
12:30 PM Grades 3-4 to Grand Theater

Saturday, January 23rd:

- 5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 24th:

- 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, January 25th:

- 10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

Tuesday, January 26th:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, January 27th:

- 9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Sanctuary
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

Thursday, January 28th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, January 29th:

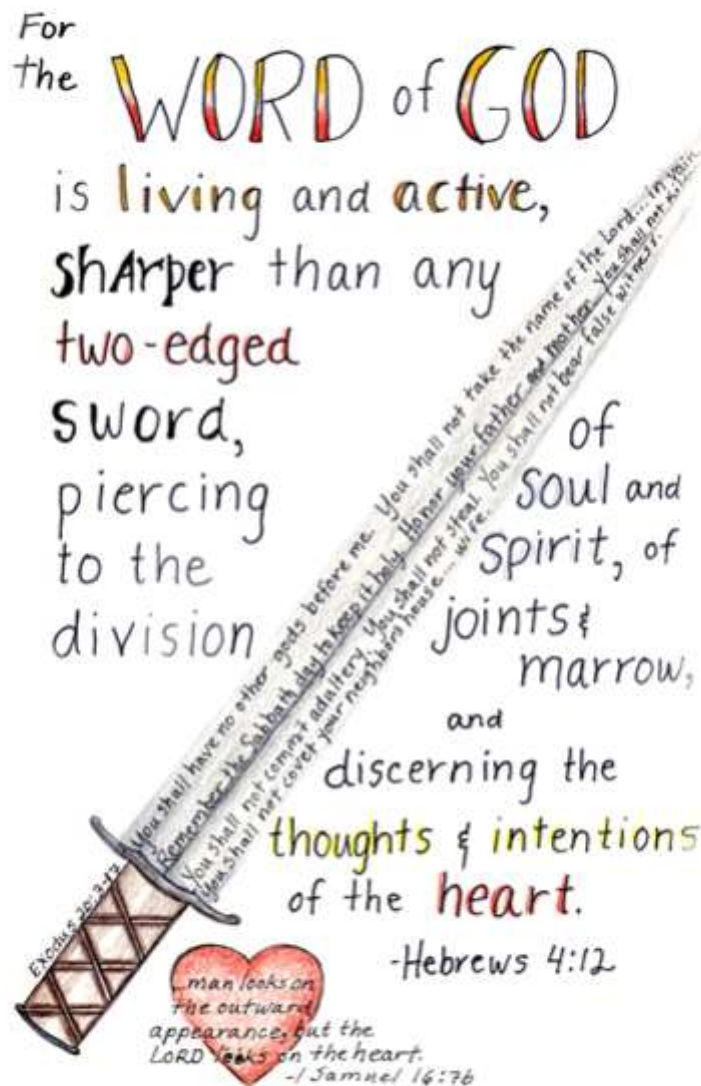
- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 30th:

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

Sunday, January 31st:

- 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 House



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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities

***Meets the Third Tuesday of Each Month
(During the School Year)***

Afternoon Special Fellowship & Presentation: 1:00-2:30pm, Parlors

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, January 19th, 1:00pm in the Parlors

Special Video Presentation: “Angels in Disguise”

True-life stories of faith, hope, and survival against all odds. Are there angels among us? Do they appear at random, or do they have specific assignments? Do they come to save and protect, or are they merely observing the human condition? Discover what angels are doing in your life...and why. (Specially appreciation to Cheryl Hoffman who suggested this DVD and its insight on the work of angels).

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.

GO[O]D COUNSEL

King David had a heart-to-heart relationship with God (1 Samuel 13:14). The king appreciated that God gave him “counsel” (Psalm 16:7a). Since God was “always before [him], he would not be ‘shaken’” (vs.8).

We do well to consider this portrayal as we enter a new year. Now is the time to meditate on what God has planned for the next “chapter” of our lives. Now is the time to seek God for wise counsel in preparation for the unknown days ahead.

It is fascinating to note that the Third Person of the Trinity is referred to as a “Counselor” (John 14:16 & 26; also 15:26 & 16:7, NIV) [The ESV refers to the Spirit as “Helper”]. He is therefore One who comforts, convicts and instructs.

The Spirit is One we have full access to, as He dwells within us—ever since our Baptism (Romans 8:9). He is our 24/7/365 guide.

Consider the implications for the coming year. We each have an ever-present Counselor to respond to our needs. Regardless of what lies ahead of us, we have the Holy Spirit to “counsel” us.

Now there is a reason to enter the new year with confidence and hope!

Pastor Dan Kohn



A Thought for the Day (H. Johnson)

*“I stood on the highest mountain top and tried to reach to God,
With arms outstretched toward the sky, but I could not leave the sod.
Then I knelt in the lowest valley among the cedar and pine,
And up and up my soul, it flew—God’s hand had again touched mine.*

—Author Unknown

“A Devotional Thought For Our Daily Remembrance in the New Year 2021”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If I were to ask you whose birthday did we celebrate the past month on December 25th? No doubt you would say, “It was Jesus Christ’s birthday!” That is so true, but for me also, I could say it was my cousin Carol’s birthday on the 25th...no doubt there are others that can claim that day also as their birthday. Yet how many have focused on the worldly aspects of Christmas...the decorations, the family gatherings, the gifts, and the Christmas carols. For so many, it was “our day,” and the true meaning of Christ’s birth is pushed into the background...especially now with the continued fear of the CoVID-19 virus. It may be easy for us to say Christmas was Christ’s day—His birthday—and then focus on the personal involvements of family and friends.

There is the example of a pastor visiting in the home of some friends on Christmas Day. He expected to find everyone happy and joyful. But the little boy (we will call him Jimmy) was very disappointed! Jimmy had not received what he asked Santa for. He had wanted a bicycle. Although he had been given many other wonderful gifts, he was very disappointed...and even a little bit angry...because according to him, he had been a very good boy. The way Jimmy acted disappointed his parents and also the visiting pastor and his wife.

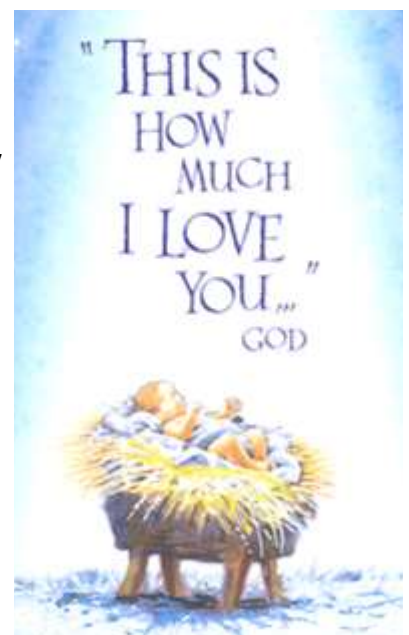
This little boy, Jimmy, found no joy in Christmas because he didn’t get what he wanted. He had forgotten one thing which is necessary to have a happy Christmas. He had forgotten that Christmas is Christ’s Day, not his day.

You and I have to remember that despite the CoVID-19 virus, Christmas was not only a day with a focus on the physical gifts we receive, but on Jesus Christ, the Son of God who was born in that little manger in Bethlehem. It is the day on which our loving Heavenly Father gave us the greatest and eternal gift we could ever ask for—He gave us His Son, Jesus Christ to save us from ourselves...from sin, death, and the power of the devil. So it wasn’t our day—no matter how young or old we are—it is Christ’s Day with an eternal promise! We remember how He was true man: born in a stable as a little baby, growing up in the little village of Bethlehem. Jesus worked as a teenager in His step-father’s carpentry shop. He went out among people as a teacher and a friend, a healer and a helper, and at last how He took our deserved punishment, suffering and dying on Calvary’s cross to save us from our sins and eternal damnation. On the third day (Easter morning), Jesus victoriously arose from the grave in victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil.

No wonder the heavens opened and the angels sang for joy at the hour of His birth! “Glory be to God in the highest” and “Peace on earth, good will to all people.” May we DAILY think of Jesus as our Lord and Savior and not our often self-centered selves. May we daily thank and praise Him throughout each new day for His great love for each one of us. Be reminded that Christmas is Christ’s Day with a view of an empty cross and tomb...a victory for you and all mankind...if only we believe and put Him and His will for us daily in first place with the guidance of the Holy Spirit!

A blessed Christ-centered and spirit-filled New Year for you and your family!

Pastor Dennis W. Pegorsch



CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

Although the Stewart Avenue Step project is fully funded, the project has been put on hold at least until after Christmas due to delays caused by CoVID at the materials level. This is a great exercise in patience for members and staff who have contributed so much effort to see this project through each phase.

We have started a Building Restoration Fund that members can donate to as we look to the future needs of the church.

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.

November Financial Summary

The new Chart of Accounts is finally completed, and we are confident that there are little to no errors. It looks dramatically different, and this has simplified the financials for the congregation, the administrative staff, and the auditors. We will make every effort to continue to be transparent, but **for one year there will be no comparison data from year over year**. This is because the accounts are so different, it would be immensely difficult to show true comparisons.

Highlights for November financials include the following:

- We are falling about 8% short of budget for tithes and offerings. This is mildly concerning as we close out November. Typically, we would see an increase in giving in November, but this year it was not a remarkable increase. We will have to consider this during the new budget cycle, which will begin in early 2021 as we plan for the next year.
- Childcare is operating at 53% of budgeted income (down from last month) due to CoVID. This has a big impact on the bottom line and is in process of being evaluated.
- We are under budget for expenses...we continue to be good stewards of the resources we are given.
- We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:
 - Endowment Loan: \$149,844
 - Thrivent Loan: \$661,198 (We budgeted to pay additional principal this year, but since our income is lower than expected, we will start paying only the required principal/interest.)
 - TOTAL Debt: \$811,042

PPP Loan Update:

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 that money is covering ongoing operations as a result of lower Tithes and Offerings than we budgeted. 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 is being spent as staff members must stay home for CoVID-related care or quarantine. We are in process of evaluating what portion of that money remains and how it is best served in ministry.

Overall we should be in a good financial position to budget, but we will have a better picture of this after Christmas. Our finances are a reflection of the overall health and generosity of our congregation.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIALS

	Nov 20	Budget	% of Budget	Jul - Nov 20	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
Income							
CHILDCARE INC	18,093	42,965	42%	113,602	215,421	53%	516,776
CONGREGATIONAL INC	95,953	104,401	92%	451,853	491,090	92%	1,205,596
LAY MINISTRIES INC	36	50	72%	679	250	272%	600
SCHOOL INC	133,838	142,705	94%	413,742	428,795	96%	1,232,807
Total Income	247,920	290,121	85%	979,876	1,135,556	86%	2,955,779
Gross Profit	247,920	290,121	85%	979,876	1,135,556	86%	2,955,779
Expense							
CHILDCARE EXP	28,494	63,162	45%	159,040	242,456	66%	577,207
CONGREGATIONAL EX	17,474	18,416	95%	85,774	87,059	99%	584,609
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	54,965	51,772	106%	215,023	202,941	106%	490,042
SCHOOL EXP	111,260	131,014	85%	508,091	550,522	92%	1,303,921
Total Expense	212,193	264,364	80%	967,928	1,082,978	89%	2,955,779
Net Income	35,727	25,757	139%	11,948	52,578	23%	0

5 BIBLE TRUTHS TO DECLARE WHEN FEARFUL OF COVID-19

I AM DETERMINED AND CONFIDENT IN GOD.

"Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you where you go." (Joshua 1:9)

I FEEL GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD AND LOVE.

"Hold firmly to the true words that I taught you, as the example for you to follow, and remain in the faith and love that are ours in union with Christ Jesus. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who lives in us, keep the good things that have been entrusted to you." (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

I TRUST THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME.

"Be determined and confident...Your God, the Lord himself, will be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

I HAVE VICTORY OVER FEAR.

"For the Spirit that God has given us does not make us timid; instead, his Spirit fills us with power, love, and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7)

I KNOW I AM PROTECTED AND SAFE IN GOD.

"Whoever goes to the Lord for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, can say to him, 'You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust.' He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases. He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you." (Psalm 91:1-4)

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...School enrollment continued to grow, and already in 1922, just seven short years after the construction of and expanding the school into Meyer's School, there was need for more classroom space. There was a Methodist chapel next door and to the south of Meyer's School, and it was decided to rent the building for \$25 per month. The third and fourth grade students were moved into the building, and the school occupied the chapel until the construction of a new school building in 1925. The Methodist Chapel was eventually converted into apartments and then in 1996 was purchased by Trinity and later demolished with the expansion of our current school building in 1997. ...now you know!



Notice the school children and Meyer's School on the right.

Remodeled into an apartment building.



Construction of our current gymnasium. Old Methodist Chapel apartment building prior to demolition.

Did you know... When rent for the Methodist Chapel was raised from \$25 per month to \$30 per month, serious discussion started about consolidating the school into one building that at the time was conducting classes in three separate buildings. On January 4, 1925 the congregation authorized the building of a new school, and a building committee was appointed. The architects were Oppenheimer and Obel of Wausau and Green Bay, and the contractor was Mr. F.W. Krause, president of the congregation at the time, who until then had built most of the schools in Wausau. Groundbreaking was held on May 24, 1925, the cornerstone was laid on July 12, 1925 and the new school was dedicated on January 31, 1926. The total cost of the building was \$85,000, and in order to fund the construction there was an assessment of \$100 per voting member. Following the demolition of the building in 1983 the original cornerstone of the 1925 school was salvaged and resealed in the wall near the main entrance to the current gymnasium. ...now you know!



Groundbreaking on May 24, 1925. Meyer's School and the Methodist Chapel in the background along 5th Avenue.



Completed 1925 School looking south-west. Cornerstone located on the north-east corner of the building.



Laying of the cornerstone on July 12, 1925. Meyer's School and the Methodist Chapel in the background. Notice the children under the platform and the Trinity Band in the background "inside" the school.

Original 1925 school building cornerstone. It was gifted to Trinity by the Marathon Granite Company.



Completed 1925 School looking west. The shorter portion of the building to the south was the gymnasium auditorium.

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GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES 2020 has been a stressful year for GWCS, just as it has been for our member churches, as we strive to do ministry with the constraints of CoVID-19. Worship services at the nursing and assisted living facilities were not allowed. During the summer, as some of the CoVID-19 numbers were decreasing, Ray was able to provide worship services on patios at some of the facilities, but that has ended as the weather is colder and the numbers of new cases are rising. Ray does provide a Zoom service to Azura Memory Care and an on-site in person service at Sylvan Crossing, and is trying to arrange Zoom services at two other facilities. Classes at the jail have now reopened and Ray is allowed to visit. So far there has not been an outbreak of COVID-19 at the jail. Kids Count, which provides Christmas gifts for children of inmates at the jail, will be delivering the gifts this week. There is a Life Recovery Bible study offered at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (but currently on ZOOM). If anyone is interested contact Shane Luedtke at 715-571-0197. The Board of Directors is looking for a treasurer. The treasurer would ideally be a member of the Board, but not necessarily. If anyone is interested, contact the GWCS office at (715) 842-5635. GWSC is appreciative of the contributions from our member churches which allow us to continue our ministry.

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES If you haven't already, please pick up your 2021 Offering Envelopes in the Narthex. If you are not assigned offering envelopes and would like a box, please call the church office at 715-842-0769.

STAY-AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL—SPRING SEMESTER will continue through May 2021. If families registered in the fall, they will continue to receive materials through the spring. They will receive an email when their next bag of craft and supplemental supplies are ready for pick-up before the first lesson of the new year—January 17th. If families did not register this fall, it's not too late to start. Registration for the spring is happening now. ...Please visit www.trinitywausau.org > Ministries > Children > Sunday School to fill out a registration form. Paper copies of the forms are also available outside the church office.

THANK YOU to everyone who provided altar flowers in 2020! They brightened our worship spaces and added another element of beauty to our worship services. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

The 2021 Flower Calendar is now posted outside the Church Administrator's office, and sign-up is now open!



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