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February 2021

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Crisis Endurance

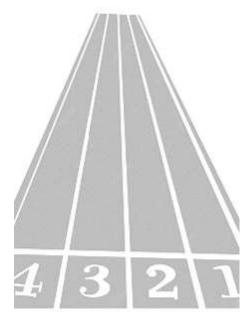
The newscaster used the phrase— "Pandemic Fatigue." What was implied is that people are tired...emotionally drained--by the health crisis before us. Tied to this is the challenge of not seeing an end in sight.

A question for Christians is implied—How now shall we live? Let's reflect on these insights—

- 1. God and His expectations have not changed.
- 2. God's Word remains the timeless Source of truth.
- 3. A central focus of our lives has not changed—to bring God glory.
- 4. We are still called to be "salt" and "light" in the world, just as Jesus taught (Matthew 5:13-16). The final verses says much—""...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.""
- 5. What is especially true of Christ's followers is still applied at such a time as this. It is time to live-out the "fruit of the Spirit'—"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23a). What a time to be "fruity" as a model for others!

We are called to "keep in step with the Spirit" (v.25b). He is the One who guides us to live our lives in the footsteps of Christ. We are to be focused...faithful...fruitful—even now—so others may be attracted to Christ for their lives as well.

Now is the time to—"Love one another with brotherly affection"...
"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation"..."to do what is honorable in the sight of all" (Romans 12:10a, 17b & 12a).



LET US RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE THE RACE MARKED OUT FOR US HEBREWS 12:1

Now is the time for "crisis endurance" so others will know—we are ones who walk with Jesus! They can celebrate with us as together we--"run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1b-2)!

Yes, we will endure this crisis, looking forward to God's plan to be fulfilled. He is the One who placed you here "for such a time as this!"

—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	John Sorenson 1605 Sheridan Rd. 54401
Fabruary F	Irene Bartelt
February 5	401 N 2nd Ave. 54401
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February 5	Robert Stanton
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February 6	Barbara Schultz
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,	R712 Spruce Ln.
	Athens, WI 54411
February 24	Gertrude Johnson
	4702 County Road K 54401
February 24	Harry Syring
i conduny 24	1911 Carol Dr. 54401

Our Sympathy. We extend our sympathy to

the families of those who have passed away.

- RuthAnn "Annie" Jahns
- Dave Erdman

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Constanties! Congratulations to the following

who will be celebrating their 50th or more Wedding Anniversary!

Russell & Judi Nielsen ¥

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- February 11 Roger & Shirley Wolfgram February 15
- Lloyd & Geraldine Wojciechowski ۷ February 28

Holy Baptism! We welcome the following

into the Lord's family through Baptism.

+ Daniel John Bandura

January 24



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL—LCMS

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TRINITY CHILDCARE

SCHOOL-AGE NEWS

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 16)

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift my soul. (Psalm 143:8)

Enrollment: The Childcare has a waitlist for most classrooms. The current staffing shortage is limiting classroom capacity. Inquiry calls come in regularly.

ECC Registration: There is no school on Friday, February 19th. All-day care will be provided for school-age children. Registration in advance is required. Deadline to sign up for care is Thursday, February 4th.

Thank You to all families for your patience and understanding as we continue to work through this pandemic together.

Reminder: Please keep your child home if they are ill or if someone in the household is ill. We will continue to follow the CoVID-19 health screening checklist. Please communicate these illnesses to the childcare office.

Childcare Committee: Has not had a need to meet recently. The School Board continues to work out the details of the Childcare Committee working under them. Working through the new governance details.

Hiring: The childcare has multiple positions open both full-time and part-time. Inquiries can be directed to Penny Swanson at <u>swansonp@trinitynet.org</u> or 715-848 -0166, ext. 348.



ENROLLMENT

Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is happening now. Enrollment forms are available outside the school office. We were blessed to have a wait list for our younger grades last school year, and 4K-3rd grades are looking to be wait-listed again this year. Turn your enrollment forms in as soon as possible!

Trinity is a participant of the WPCP Program. Your child may be eligible to receive FREE tuition! Apply online at <u>https://apps4.dpi.wi.gov/ChoiceParent/</u> 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 <u>bellmanv@trinitynet.org</u>.



PENNY WAR

Our day school will be holding our annual Penny War from Monday, January 25th – Monday, February 1st! Each class, as well as daycare and staff, have a penny jar where they collect lose change during the week. They "gain" by adding change to their jars, but can "lower" other class jars by adding bills to their jars. Once it is all tallied up the class that raises the most receives some sort of class party courtesy of our student council. All proceeds raised by the annual event, go to support students and schools in rural Nicaragua by helping provide new building materials, Christian books, and school supplies. Trinity has helped to make a huge difference over the past few years in these communities in Nicaragua and look forward to getting updates from the schools there every year! If you would like to learn more feel free to check out the display down by the school office. If you would like to contribute please feel free to drop off donations at the school/church office or contact Shannon Grosnick (grosnicks@trinitynet.org).

SUNDAY SCHOOL JESUS "YOU! JESUS "YOU! JESUS "YOU!

STAY-AT-HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL—SPRING SEMESTER will continue through May 2021. It's not too late to register for the spring! Please visit <u>www.trinitywausau.org</u> > 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, gallonsized Zip Lock bags, clear punch-sized plastic cups. Donations can be brought to the church office.

Sunday School is also looking for a safe and socially-distanced service project for the kids to do at the end of February if anyone knows of a need we can fill.

For questions or for more information, please email Kimberly at <u>kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com</u>.

MR. BILL ZUELSDORFF, PRINCIPAL

Here's What's Happening

2021-2022 Enrollment Happening Now!

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/studentapplications.

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.

Dates to Remember

- → February 1—Open Enrollment for 2021-22 school year, Open Enrollment for WPCP starts
- → February 19—Inservice Day (No School)
- → March 19—End of Quarter 3
- → March 29-April 2—Spring Break

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.

Fun at Trinity!







CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 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, February 1st:

10:00 AM	Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook
	Live

Tuesday, February 2nd:

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

Wednesday, February 3rd:

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, February 4th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, February 5th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 6th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion— Sanctuary

Sunday, February 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
5:00 PM	Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House
Monday, Fe	bruary 8th:
10.00 414	Wookly Bantar Bible Study on Eacoboo

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

Tuesday, February 9th:

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

Wednesday, February 10th:

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	All Boards Meeting—Sanctuary & Zoom	
Thursday, February 11th: No Scheduled Events		
Friday, February 12th:		
8:00 AM	Bulletin Assembly—Parlors	

Saturday, February 13th:

8:00 AM	Sunday School Supply Assembly—Parlors
5:00 PM	Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, February 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, February 15th:

10:00 AM Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook Live

Tuesday, February 16th:

9:15 AM	MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
10:00 AM	Childcare Chapel—SLC
1:00 PM	JOY Group—Parlors

Wednesday, February 17th: Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study—
	Sanctuary
10:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship w/
	Communion—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	Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship w/
	Communion—Sanctuary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL-LCMS

CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2021 (CONT.)

Thursday, February 18th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, February 19th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 20th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion— Sanctuary

Sunday, February 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, February 22nd:

10:00 AM	Weekly Banter Bible Study on Facebook				
	Live				
10:00 AM	Childcare Chapel—SLC				

Tuesday, February 23rd:

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

Wednesday, February 24th:

9:00 AM	Wednesday Morning Bible Study—			
	Sanctuary			
10:00 AM	Midweek Lenten Worship—Sanctuary			
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, February 25th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, February 26th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 27th:

5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, February 28th:

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

LOOKING Ahead...

Midweek Lenten Worship 10:00am & 6:30pm in the Upper Sanctuary

> Wednesday, March 3, 2021 Wednesday, March 10, 2021 Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Wednesday, March 24, 2021





March 27-28, 2021 in the Upper Sanctuary

Traditional Worship—Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am Blended Worship—Saturday 5pm & Sunday 11am

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021 in the Upper Sanctuary

Traditional Worship—10:00am & 6:30pm Blended Worship—5:00pm

Good Friday

April 2, 2021 in the Upper Sanctuary

Traditional Worship—1:00pm & 6:30pm Blended Worship—5:00pm

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 in the Upper Sanctuary

Traditional Worship— 6:30am, 8am & 9:30am Blended Worship—11:00am



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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, February 16th, 1:00pm in the Parlors

Special Video Presentation: "Back of Beyond"

A living history of the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad. A legend of a train that carries the history of the beautiful Smoky Mountains along its rails. These mountains were the deepest backwoods of a forgotten frontier and a testament to its remoteness. The back of the beyond is where the Cherokee Indian Nation had prospered, but the increasing pressure from settlers, miners, and loggers forced them out. The railroad was built as an economic development, and it opened up the Last Frontier. In 1881, the story of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad is told capturing history through the years. Enjoy the beauty of the historic Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

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.



I Choose Hope

ARTICLE

Written by K.S., a Trinity Member

I choose hope in the Father,

I choose hope in the Son,

I choose hope in the Holy Spirit,

I choose the "Three in One."

I choose hope in a warm sunlit day-

I choose hope in the moonlight over the bay-

I choose hope in the warm breeze that tickles my skin-

I choose hope in the Father's love, just count me "in"

I choose hope on the rainy and blustery day—

I choose hope when the snow is blowing, yes, even that way—

I choose hope when my heart is breaking-

I choose hope when the tears fall-

I choose hope during these times, My Savior died for all.

May my hope be contagious as I speak and I love-

May I walk beside thee and feel the Peace from above-

Amen



February 2021

Why Go To Church?

If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!

If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it.

If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!

A church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote:

"I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

If you cannot see God in all, you cannot see God at all!

B. I. B. L. E. simply means: <u>B</u>asic <u>Instructions</u> <u>B</u>efore <u>L</u>eaving <u>E</u>arth!



The above article is a "food for the soul" article given to me by a member of our Trinity Church family who also experienced the death...or should I say the "Heavenly Homecoming" of a loved one. The original author of the article above is unknown. In addition to "food for the soul," we could say it is a "spiritual thought" for us today.

-Pastor Dennis W. Pegorsch

A Quick Look At GriefShare

The journey of grief is personal and unique to each sojourner. The daily walk is awkward and filled with unknowns.

GriefShare is a structured support system to promote progress in this journey. It has three, interwoven parts—(1) A video seminar (2) Group discussion, and (3) A personal workbook. Joined together these provide a pathway back to peace and joy.

Trinity is offering GriefShare starting on Wednesday, February 24th, 3:00-4:30pm. It is 13 sessions, with each having a unique theme, so a person does not have to attend all the sessions. Personal sharing is always voluntary.

There is no cost for this program.

Come and let GriefShare help you find hope and healing led by Christ.

—Pastor Dan Kohn, Facilitator



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL-LCMS

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Facilities/Properties

After several delays in the Stewart Avenue steps project, we are excited to announce that the materials have arrived onsite and the contractors are scheduled to complete the steps by the end of January. Handrails will be installed and painted to follow. The project was fully funded last summer. 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 continue to carry out disinfection protocols every day after school and church to ensure 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.

December Financial Summary

December financials are actually better than they appear, and that should balance out after January. This is because the first payroll of 2021 fell on a bank holiday, which pushed the payroll to December 31. We budgeted for 2 payrolls in December (but had 3) and budgeted for 3 in January (but now had only 2).

We do continue to struggle to fill vacancies in Childcare due to CoVID, which is impacting the Childcare Net Income by about \$20,000 to date (projected to have a \$40,000 variance from budget by the end of the fiscal year). 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.

Highlights for December financials include the following:

- -We are falling about 4% short of budget for tithes and offerings. This is a significant increase in tithes and offerings from earlier in the fiscal year, which is typical for the Advent and Christmas season.
- -Childcare is operating at 44% of budgeted income 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: \$145,272
 - Thrivent Loan: \$649,507
 - TOTAL Debt: \$794,779
- —Not reported here...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! These payments will be reported in next month's report.

Overall we are in a good financial position to budget. Our finances are a reflection of the overall health and generosity of our congregation.

DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIALS

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. 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!

	Dec 20	Budget	% of Budget	Jul - Dec 20	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Annual Budget
Income							
CHILDCARE INC	18,942	42,965	44%	132,544	258,386	51%	516,776
CONGREGATIONAL INC	122,035	113,487	108%	573,888	604,577	95%	1,205,596
LAY MINISTIRES INC	153	50	306%	832	300	277%	600
SCHOOL INC	22,759	35,922	63%	436,501	464,717	94%	1,232,807
Total Income	163,889	192,424	85%	1,143,765	1,327,980	86%	2,955,779
Gross Profit	163,889	192,424	85%	1,143,765	1,327,980	86%	2,955,779
Expense							
CHILDCARE EXP	31,761	45,541	70%	190,854	287,996	66%	577,207
CONGREGATIONAL EX	17,025	17,957	95%	102,829	105,016	98%	584,609
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	43,174	37,996	114%	258,389	240,937	107%	490,042
SCHOOL EXP	144,532	111,550	130%	652,926	662,072	99%	1,303,921
Total Expense	236,492	213,044	111%	1,204,998	1,296,021	93%	2,955,779
Net Income	-72,603	-20,620	352%	-61,233	31,959	-192%	0

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...On Wednesday, August 18, 1937 Trinity experienced their heaviest property loss in our history. At about 11:00 in the morning the ceiling of the auditorium/gymnasium came crashing down with a deafening roar. Falling large sheets of plaster, weighing many tons, crushed fifty wooden folding chairs to splinters, breaking portions of the grand piano and piercing the hard maple wood floor in places. Equipped with a balcony and stage, on several occasions the room had been occupied by six hundred or more people, but by the grace of God no life was lost and no one sustained any injuries. The ceilings of the schoolrooms were reinforced immediately, so that no simi-

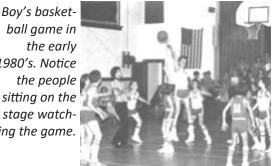
lar accident might occur. ...now you know!



The only picture we have of the aftermath of the ceiling collapse. Although the picture is blurry you can still see the piles of rubble.



ball game in the early 1980's. Notice the people sitting on the stage watch ing the game.



Boy's basketball game in the early 1980's. If you look close in the upper left hand of the picture you can see someone in the balcony.

Did you know...When the 1925 building committee was presented with an initial sketch of a six room school building they asked that the architect make a new sketch that included an attached gymnasium, bowling alley and a suitable clubhouse. The clubhouse and bowling alley were constructed under the gymnasium/auditorium and the cost of the four bowling lanes was underwritten by building committee chairman O.C. Lemke and who was repaid over a period of years out of bowling receipts. Total cost to construct the alley was \$13,000. On November 15, 1926 fifty-five men and women met and organized the "Trinity Bowling Club". A board of directors was elected, a constitution was adopted and rules for the bowling alley were put in place. In its prime the alleys were operating seven nights a week. Pinsetters, typically 14 or 15 year old boys, were paid a nickel a line and could head home with \$1.50 after two and a half hours of work. As interest faded, inability to find reliable pinsetters and the cost to maintain the alley continuing to increase, the lanes officially shut down in 1979 after fifty-three years of operation and were finally put to rest in the demolition of the building in 1983. ... now you know!



Men's team from 1935. Pictured from left to right C. Hassel, P. Grotelueschen, E. Radant, W. Baumgardt, G. Beilke, Sr.



Women's team from 1929. Pictured from left to right Mrs. Kiekhoeter, Mrs. Radant, Mrs. Zastrow, Mrs. Erdman, Miss Cole



Clarence Hoffmann, president of the bowling club since 1969, is pictured looking down the unused lanes in 1979 when the lanes were shut down.

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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The 2021 Annual Trinity Family Camping Trip is planned for July 23-25, 2021. This is the last full weekend in July. If you would like to camp an extra day and include Thursday (July 22nd), a number of those planning on camping will be staying Thursday through Sunday. If you desire to add the extra day, we will need to know sooner than the payment deadline date of May 19th. Like last summer, the group will be at Farmer Gene's Campground (info@farmergenecampground.com). More information will be coming....plan ahead since the campground fills up quickly. For more information, see next month's newsletter or call Doug Beisner (715-845-3095) or Pastor Dennis Pegorsch (715-675-4074).

SAVE THE DATE Join us on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Upper Sanctuary for a concert presented by the A Capella choir and the Chamber Ensemble instrumentalists from Living Word Lutheran High School in Jackson, Wisconsin, under the direction of Katie Hoven and Shannon Krueger.

REMINDER TO DESIGNATE YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOL-LARS 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!

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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Love is palient, Love is kind. It does not envy, Vit does not boast, It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8