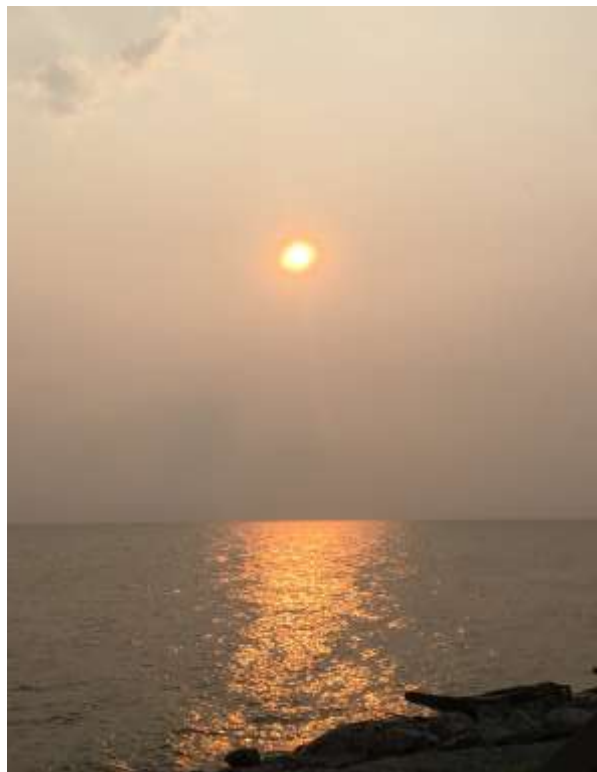


**AND
STAND
FIRM.**

Lake Erie



Part of my vacation this year was at a beach house on Lake Erie. It provided a beautiful opportunity to sit in awe of God's creation, spend time in prayer, and get a little rest and relaxation. Looking out over Lake Erie, listening to the waves crash upon the rocks and watching boats glide across the water was quite calming. Each day was the same: peaceful on the lake.

As I was enjoying the time by the lake, I could not help but imagine what it would be like if there was a storm. The calm waters turning choppy. Boats trying to navigate to safety. Would the birds attempt to venture out to find food?

My thoughts then wandered to life and its turmoil. Life is full of turmoil. On this vacation, we had the car break down, almost got hit, big feelings among family members that needed to be navigated through, and a power outage. When life has turmoil, stress is experienced. When stress is experienced it is easy to sin. Maybe you have had an experience like me. Maybe you are going through something right now where your life is in turmoil.

As I was reflecting on my vacation experience and time at the lake, I decided to look up the word "sea" in the Bible. I was curious to see what God's word said about seas. I then came across Psalm 65:5-7. Not only did it mention about seas but also what God does in turmoil. The Psalmist writes, "By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas; the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might; who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy."

Too often, when life is filled with turmoil, we forget how awesome God is and what He can do for us in the midst of the chaos. The Psalmist reminds us today that God is in control and there is hope in times of turmoil. Almighty God is the God of our salvation who sent His one and only Son to die and rise for us. He is the one who created all things. He is the one who calms roaring seas and tumult of the peoples. He truly brings joy. So when life is full of turmoil, may we never forget who God is and what He has done for us. Thanks be to God, He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Blessings,

In Christ,
Rev. Zach Holdorf

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

August 1	Jean Bobert 1125 Spruce St. 54401
August 1	Nancy Hoeppner 409 N 4th Ave. 54401
August 1	Kay Kellbach 2415 Marshall St. 54403
August 3	Elmer Kufahl 151954 Tanager Ln. 54401
August 4	Roger Urban
August 6	Beatrice Doede 221350 Buttercup Rd. 54401
August 7	Russell Nielsen 150582 Lynx Rd. 54401
August 8	Arlene Jank 3826 Henry St. 54403
August 10	Delores Fitzsimmons 914 S 21st Pl. 54401
August 11	Katherine Froehlich Wausau Manor 3107 Westhill Dr., Rm. 101-1 54401
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August 24	Dorothy Wiesman 4604 Huntington Ct. 54401
August 27	James Smith 244308 Deer Creek Ln. Athens, WI 54411
August 28	Gerald Erdmann 1601 Cherry St. 54401
August 28	Beverly Krueger
August 28	Ann Jaecks 1121 S 50th Ave., Apt. 35 54401

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

♥ Rev. Orville & Arlene Jank	August 1
♥ Ervin & Nancy Krahn	August 3
♥ James & Ruth Gauerke	August 3
♥ Arthur & Bernice Kickbusch	August 6
♥ Lester & Judith Stankowski	August 6
♥ Stephen & Eunice Mann	August 9
♥ James & Sharon Adamski	August 10
♥ Hugh & Jan Deverell	August 10
♥ Daniel & Ellen Oelke	August 10
♥ Robert & Mary Zuleger	August 19
♥ Terry & Shirley Tabaka	August 22
♥ Dale & Sharon Volkman	August 24
♥ Robert & Verna Schalow	August 30

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

† Deacon Thoma June 27

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

• LaVila Imm	July 4
• Gertrude Feiberg	July 12



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH
8:00AM - 4:00PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH
9:00AM - 2:00PM

DROP OFF DATES IN THE GYM:

Saturday, August 7th — 12pm-7pm

Sunday, August 8th — 9am-1pm

Monday, August 9th — 10am-6pm

Tuesday, August 10th — 10am-6pm

Wednesday, August 11th — 10am-6pm

Friday, August 13th — 10am-7pm

****Bakery Items & Plants ONLY****

We will accept the following donations in like new or gently used conditions.

- Home Décor—Furniture (*no sinks*)
- Books (*no health, training or encyclopedias*)
- Sporting goods (*no golf clubs or skis*)
- Small exercise equipment - Bikes
- Holiday items (*no trees*) - Bedding, rugs
- Hand tools - Gently-worn clothing
- Toys - Baked & canned goods

We will NOT accept:

- Large appliances - Mattresses
- Microwaves - Luggage
- Computers - Belts
- Televisions - Offensive Tapes, DVD's, CD's
- Stained or worn out clothing
- Any item with a compressor
- Large exercise equipment (bikes, treadmills...)

*The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.
My heart leaps for joy and I will give
thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7*



Enrollment: Working to be as full as possible with current limited staff. Continue to work on hiring staff to be able to accommodate enrolling more children into the classrooms.

Staffing: Had an assistant teacher resign—she left for a full-time position elsewhere. Four college students have fulfilled their summer time with us. We thank them for their hard work this summer—blessings on the journey God has for you. The childcare has multiple positions open both full-time and part-time. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. Inquiries can be directed to Penny Swanson at swansonp@trinitynet.org or 715-848-0166, ext. 348.

August Activities: The children have been enjoying their summer with having water fun days, going for walks, playing at Marathon Park, searching for painted rocks and hiding their own painted rocks, and having chapel with the school-age children giving the message. The childcare will be going to the fair to see the farm animals on Thursday, August 5th. Some of the themes for this month are: manners, dinosaurs, circus, zoo and back to school.

Early Childhood Conference: Trinity will be hosting the North Wisconsin District Early Childhood Conference on Friday, August 6th. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teachers to receive continued education and connect with other teachers in the district. The childcare will be closed this day for our teachers to attend.

Last Day: Tuesday, August 24th is the last day of the summer school-age program. The 2021-2022 school year starts on Wednesday, August 25th.



Here's What's Happening

What's New

- All 5-8th grade students have 1:1 Chromebooks this year.
- Grades 3-6 have a new math curriculum.
- Grades 6-8 have new ELA curriculum.
- Our 4K has a morning and afternoon session this yr.

Meet Mr. Kline

Hello! My name is Andrew Kline. I am from Greenville, Wisconsin, where my father works as a pastor and my mother as a counselor (so I suppose you could say talking is in my blood). This spring I graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin (where my father, mother, and sister all graduated) with a degree in Elementary Education with minors in math and theology. I also met my girlfriend, Saylor, at CUW, so I suppose it would be fair to say that the school has been a big part of my life.

My interests (outside of education) come in many different forms. First and foremost, I am an avid Scooby Doo fan. I am also a sports fan, specifically of the Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers, and (sadly) Buffalo Sabres. I played soccer the majority of my life and worked as the CUW Men's Soccer team manager in college. I have participated in theater since I was in 5th grade. And though generally below average at video games, I was the 2-year reigning CUW MarioKart Wii tournament champion.

Ministry has always been a part of my life. Obviously, this is the hope for a Christian, but I have seen it very close up, as I had two parents heavily involved in the ministry and always attended Lutheran schools. I have seen the impact of a Christian education on the lives of numerous young men and women. I wanted to be a part of that inspiration. And I'm so glad God has led me to Trinity to do it!



Dates to Remember

- **August 22**— Installation of Andrew Kline/Recommissioning of Teaching Staff at the 9:30am service
- **August 25**— 1st Day of 2021-2022 School Year, 8:30am opening service
- **September 6**— Labor Day—no school
- **October 7**— School Picture Day

Education Grant Fund

Please consider a donation to Trinity's Education Grant Fund. We do have families that attend here that are in need of financial help and do not qualify for the WPCP program. Some families just hit hard times with the loss of a job, for example, and need some help with tuition. Your generous donations help make a Christ-centered education possible for many of our families.

2021-22 Theme "Rise Up!"

"Rise Up" is our theme this year. The Bible verse is Psalm 20:8b which states, "Rise up and stand firm." After the challenges of last year at home, school and work, we need to be reminded that our Almighty God carried us through. See the orange cross on the balloon—we can trust in Jesus to hold us and lift us no matter what troubles we face. In 2021-22 let's look up to Jesus, stand firm in our faith, rise up above our problems and reach out to others.



CALENDAR—AUGUST 2021

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

Sunday, August 1st:

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, August 2nd: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, August 3rd:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

Wednesday, August 4th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Parlors
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Parlors

Thursday, August 5th: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, August 6th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Lounge
9:00 AM NWD Early Childhood Conference (9am-3pm)—
SLC, Parlors, Cafeteria

Saturday, August 7th:

12:00 PM Drop-Off Day for Rummage Sale—Gym
5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 8th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship —Sanctuary & on
Facebook Live
9:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
10:30 AM Brat Fry & Corn Roast (10:30am-1pm)—
Cafeteria
11:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary & on
Facebook Live
6:00 PM NO YAT Events

Monday, August 9th:

10:00 AM Drop-Off Day for Rummage Sale—Gym

Tuesday, August 10th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
10:00 AM Drop-Off Day for Rummage Sale—Gym

Wednesday, August 11th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Parlors
10:00 AM Drop-Off Day for Rummage Sale—Gym
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Parlors

Thursday, August 12th: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, August 13th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
5:00 PM Men's Retreat Weekend Begins (Offsite)

Saturday, August 14th:

8:00 AM Rummage Sale (8am-4pm)—Gym
5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—
Sanctuary

Sunday, August 15th:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—
Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
9:00 AM Rummage Sale (9am-2pm)—Gym
9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—
Sanctuary
11:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—
Sanctuary & on Facebook Live
2:00 PM Jeremy Camp Free Concert @ Marathon Park
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, August 16th:

5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 17th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

Wednesday, August 18th:

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Parlors
5:15 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Parlors

Thursday, August 19th: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, August 20th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC

Saturday, August 21st:

5:00 PM Blended Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 22nd:

8:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary & on
Facebook Live
9:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Recommissioning of
Teachers/Installation of Andrew Kline—
Sanctuary
11:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary & on
Facebook Live
6:00 PM Sr. YAT Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, August 23rd:

5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 24th:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

Wednesday, August 25th: First Day of School

8:30 AM Opening Service for First Day of School—
Sanctuary

9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study—Parlors
5:30 PM* Wednesday Evening Bible Study—Parlors

Thursday, August 26th: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, August 27th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, August 28th

5:00 PM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 29th:

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, August 30th:

5:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 31st:

9:15 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

A NEW SEASON OF MUSIC IN WORSHIP It's August and we are gearing up for our regular ensembles to begin rehearsing soon! We have been blessed this summer with many musicians singing, ringing and playing as soloists or ensembles—**thank you!** If you play, sing or ring, we'd love to have you join us!

Praise Team – Beginning August 16, we meet every **Monday at 5:30pm**. Do you sing? Play piano? Play percussion? Guitar? We've got a spot for you! Contact Brett Schwantes at schwantes.spirit@gmail.com or by phone (715.302.5438) for more information and to set up a time to hear you play/sing.

Adult Handbell Choir – We are looking for a few ringers high school age and up to complete our ensemble! While music reading is a plus, it is not a requirement. We meet **Thursdays at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary. Rehearsals for the 2021-2022 season begin **September 2**.

Sanctuary Choir – All singers high school age and up are welcome to join us! We meet **Thursdays at 7:00pm** in the sanctuary and sing in a variety of styles from Baroque to Gospel and everything in between and beyond! Rehearsals for the 2021-2022 season begin **September 2**.

Do you play an instrument? Contact Matt and we'll find a time, place and opportunity for you!

Please call or email if you have any questions about or would like to participate in our Music Ministry – Matt Hoehne would be delighted to speak with you. Contact him at hoehnem@trinitynet.org or 715-842-0769, ext. 303.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY will continue throughout the summer at 9:00am and 5:15pm in the Parlors. The evening time will switch to 5:30pm beginning August 25th.

FELLOWSHIP & PR COMMITTEE

Upcoming Event in August: Brat Fry & Corn Roast on Sunday, August 8th, 10:30am-1:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Coffee Hour is Back This Fall! Hosts are needed on Sunday mornings throughout the year. This is a wonderful opportunity to provide treats and fellowship between church services! Sign up at the Reception Desk today! For any questions, please contact Sue Thiel at sjtpeanuts@gmail.com or 715-297-6189.

LWML CONVENTION NEWS The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) met with 2787 people attending the National convention in Lexington, KY, in June with the theme **"Running the Race...Looking to Jesus."** The voting body adopted an amazing \$2,150,000 mission goal for the next 2 years. By the grace of God, that will fund 28 mission grants. We welcome your gifts to these missions by depositing them in our mite box or giving them to Women's Fellowship members to turn in at our meetings (Sharon Hanke, Sharon Kautzman & others).

Watch for descriptions of these missions in coming months. You can read more about each one by visiting lwml.org.

Here are just a few:

- Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys & Girls' Ranch
- Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses
- Thirst to Learn: Bible Book for Africa's Children – Lutheran Heritage Foundation
- Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach
- Hope of Christ for Cancer Patients – Phil's Friends

THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS is seeking the following donated items for the 2021-22 school year:

- 4 child sized camping chairs
- Used/Working, medium sized camping tent
- Extra child sized gloves & mittens
- Scale
- Fake fall leaves
- Christmas cookie cutters

Any donations can be dropped off at the school office. Thank you for helping to bring more learning, more fun, and more Jesus to our upcoming Kindergarten class!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) was a blast! We learned to always "Study God's Word" & "Follow Jesus." We will fondly remember Plaid Man and Polka Dot Gal. A BIG THANKS to the children, helpers & leaders that made this event so special.

Brat Fry & Corn Roast: Sunday, August 8th, 10:30am-1pm.

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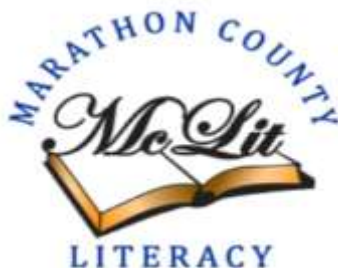
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NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Tuesday, September 21st, 1:00pm in the Parlors

Video Presentation: "Gaining a Heart of Wisdom" (Finding Meaning in the Autumn of Your Life's Journey)—Plan ahead to join us!

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.

R-E-L-A-T-I-O-N-S-H-I-P-S

The key to ministry to the homebound is found in the word "Relationships"

Respect—age, wisdom, dignity and humanity

Encouragement—in all their endeavors

Love—sacrificial concern

Attitude—upbeat and positive

Trust—as a true friend

Intercession—prayer is key to daily growth

Oppportunity—seize the moment to connect

Nurturing—provide the means to grow

Servanthood—serving others

Hope—offer a vision for their life

Invovement—stay in touch

Patience—don't give up

Scripture—the basis for faith and practice

*For age is opportunity no less
than youth itself, though in another dress,
and as the evening twilight fades away
the sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.*

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I Believe Hope Is Found

From the book: Hitch Your Hope to a Star, by Nan Zastrow (copied with permission)

I believe hope is found in:

Saying yes instead of no;

Loving the concept of living; dying can wait.

Turning the sad memories to stories of the living soul;

Forgiving the unforgivable, not planning for revenge;

Counting your blessings; not your challenges;

Mending relationships instead of replacing them;

Saying, "I'll always remember," not "I'll never stop missing you;"

Getting up instead of laying down;

Giving in gracefully when you have nothing to gain;

Letting go when you can't change the outcome;

Looking for the miracle; not just waiting for it to happen;

Strengthening your spiritual self, not being angry at God for your lack of faith;

Counting your steps forward; not the ones that sometimes drift back;

Saying, "What next?" instead of "Why me?"

Hope begins your journey. Believe in it. Trust in it. Imagine it. Feel the energy.

Our Prayer Life—A Daily God-Given Opportunity

Do we often forget the God-given "Treasure" that is available to us 24 hours a day? Is prayer an optional habit in your daily life? How often do you think of praying...when you are sick or when you are worried or have personal problems to deal with or solve? I contend—prayer is not an optional habit! God commands us to pray as the Second Commandment teaches... "to call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." Martin Luther made an interesting statement: "Praying is the work of Christians alone; for before we are Christians and believe, we know neither for what or how we are to pray" (p. 1077, What Luther Says, Volume II). Meaningful prayer takes a faith relationship confidently believing God hears us and answers our prayers in the way He knows best for our eternal welfare, A true prayer takes a commitment in that whatever happens, we trust God's answer and actions in our lives. The bottom line is found in Acts 2:42... "They (Christians) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." I pray that you and I daily assess the faithful use of our prayer life.

—Pastor Dennis Pegorsch

A Handy Prayer Guide (Author Unknown)

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

A Humorous Tale of Churches and Squirrels

Squirrels had overrun three churches in town. After much prayer, the elders of the first church determined that the animals were predestined to be there. *Who were they to interfere with God's will?* they reasoned. Soon, the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the second church, deciding they could not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside of town. Three days later, the squirrels were back.

It was only the third church that succeeded in keeping the pests away. The elders baptized the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now they only see them on Christmas and Easter.

—Submitted by E. T. Thompson

MEN'S RETREAT

August 13-15, 2021

Open to All Men Ages 16+

Registration: \$40* per person (*food & workbook included)

What to Bring: tents, campers, kayaks, canoes, fishing gear, Bibles

~~~ Sleeping under the stars is allowed ~~~

Please refrain from attending if you are sick or experiencing COVID-19 or Flu-like symptoms. Please follow social distancing guidelines during the retreat.

*Worship . Fellowship . Devotions . Serve . Recreation . Relaxation*

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I can drive: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many passengers? \_\_\_\_\_

**For a full schedule of the weekend's activities, please see the detailed registration/information form in the Narthex.**

**Checks can be made payable to Trinity Lutheran Church.**

**Please turn in registration form with attached payment to the Church Office no later than Wednesday, August 11th.**



# CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

## Facilities/Properties

Restoration work on the ceiling above the balcony has been completed. This critical area over the organ pipes was repaired and will preserve the integrity of the pipes for years to come.

We are looking at a few major projects that will total over \$300,000 – these projects have been outlined in detail over the past few months in this newsletter article. We would hope to complete these in the next two years if possible. If you feel passionate about facility updates, you can give to “Building Restoration,” which will help fund these upcoming projects.

## June/End of Fiscal Year Financial Summary

June financials far exceed what we would have expected to see:

- We continue to struggle to fill staffing and student vacancies in Childcare due to CoVID, which has impacted the yearly Childcare Net Income by \$113,476 (Childcare was budgeted to lose \$60,431, but lost an additional \$53,045 unbudgeted loss at the end of the fiscal year). Childcare income ended at 54% of budget for the year, while expenses are much higher at 68% of budget for the year.
- We ended only 2% short of budget for tithes and offerings. We increased the Tithes and Offerings budget this year by 5%, so the fact that we are so close to budget (let alone during a pandemic) is truly a blessing.
- We are well under or right at budget for expenses in *all* areas...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: \$135,118
  - ◆ Thrivent Loan: \$628,274
  - ◆ **TOTAL Debt: \$763,393 (This is the same as last month because I ran the report late last month and it included June's numbers. Please forgive the misprint.)**

In summary, we have 4 main sources of income for general/budgeted expenses:

- Tithes and Offerings are budgeted tightly and support general operation expenses such as salaries & benefits (roughly 70% of our cost to operate, which is normal for any organization), overhead costs like utilities, computers, trash, building maintenance, etc., and consumables like paper and office supplies.
- School Tuition: Comparatively low to our Wausau parochial school counterparts but comparatively high to other Lutheran schools. All of this money supports School operational costs. Tuition does not come close to covering these costs, and we budget annually for Tithes and Offerings to support the School somewhere between \$350k and \$500k.
- School Choice payments: This is a significant dollar amount that supports school operations. This amount varies significantly year to year, and is based on the enrollment of School Choice students. School Choice (WPCP) is a State-funded program that allows students to attend private schools. Students who qualify can attend a school of their choice for free, and the public school dollars are reallocated to the school of choice.
- Childcare Tuition: Childcare tuition is budgeted to support everything in the Childcare *except* overhead expenses. These costs are supplemented by Tithes and Offerings and make up the annual budgeted loss in Childcare. Childcare is expected to and budgeted to break even outside of this budgeted loss in overhead.

This year we brought in enough Tithes and Offerings, School Tuition, and School Choice dollars to cover all budgeted costs for Church and School. We did not, however, bring in the \$53,000 that Childcare is over budget. That money ate into the excess from the PPP Loan we obtained last year. That money is now gone. If this continues, Trinity is projected to see a financial backslide that has taken years to recover from. This is a major focus of the leadership right now.

Regardless of any struggle, we have been quite blessed this fiscal year. The outlook could have been significantly different through this last year. May God continue to work within you to continue to support the ministry at Trinity. We have a lot of wonderful things in the works, and we cannot wait to share them with you! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

# JUNE 2021 FINANCIALS

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

|                           | <u>Jun 21</u>  | <u>Budget</u>  | <u>% of Budget</u> | <u>Jul '20 - Jun 21</u> | <u>YTD Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> | <u>Annual Budget</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Income</b>             |                |                |                    |                         |                   |                    |                      |
| <b>CHILDCARE INC</b>      | 30,629         | 42,965         | 71%                | 279,745                 | 516,776           | 54%                | 516,776              |
| <b>CONGREGATIONAL INC</b> | 103,046        | 83,794         | 123%               | 1,173,799               | 1,205,596         | 97%                | 1,205,596            |
| <b>LAY MINISTRIES INC</b> | 0              | 50             | 0%                 | 886                     | 600               | 148%               | 600                  |
| <b>SCHOOL INC</b>         | 50,480         | 390,459        | 13%                | 848,936                 | 1,232,807         | 69%                | 1,232,807            |
| <b>Total Income</b>       | <u>184,155</u> | <u>517,268</u> | <u>36%</u>         | <u>2,303,366</u>        | <u>2,955,779</u>  | <u>78%</u>         | <u>2,955,779</u>     |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>       | 184,155        | 517,268        | 36%                | 2,303,366               | 2,955,779         | 78%                | 2,955,779            |
| <b>Expense</b>            |                |                |                    |                         |                   |                    |                      |
| <b>CHILDCARE EXP</b>      | 34,602         | 45,217         | 77%                | 393,221                 | 577,207           | 68%                | 577,207              |
| <b>CONGREGATIONAL EXP</b> | 21,036         | 392,697        | 5%                 | 217,360                 | 584,609           | 37%                | 584,609              |
| <b>LAY MINISTRIES EXP</b> | 49,520         | 43,497         | 114%               | 533,599                 | 490,042           | 109%               | 490,042              |
| <b>SCHOOL EXP</b>         | 110,317        | 96,904         | 114%               | 1,217,686               | 1,303,921         | 93%                | 1,303,921            |
| <b>Total Expense</b>      | <u>215,475</u> | <u>578,315</u> | <u>37%</u>         | <u>2,361,866</u>        | <u>2,955,779</u>  | <u>80%</u>         | <u>2,955,779</u>     |
| <b>Net Income</b>         | <b>-31,320</b> | <b>-61,047</b> | <b>51%</b>         | <b>-58,500</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>100%</b>        | <b>0</b>             |



## In Person Sunday School Is Back!

*Rally Day, September 12—Classroom Instruction Begins September 19*



Registration Forms are available in the Narthex and at the reception desk.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Sunday School (*See page 15 of this newsletter to sign up!*)



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## TRINITY HISTORY: DID YOU KNOW?

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

Did you know...Already in the mid 60's there was a desire to provide for new communion vessels for the distribution of the Lord's Supper. The vessels were to be specifically handcrafted for our congregation and not simply purchased from a catalog. Rev. Theo. G. Schoech took on the task and sought out Mr. Otto Dingeldein of Dingeldein Silver-smiths in Cape Girardeau, MO. Pictures of the interior of our sanctuary were sent to him so that the vessels could be made to reflect the architecture of the chancel. Mr. Dingeldein indicated that in making the pieces he took into consideration the strong vertical lines in our structure and the tall dominant chancel wall; thus specifically designing the chalice to be tall. The chalice and the ciborium from which the wine and the bread are served, are made of silver with gold overlay. The pyx in which extra bread is stored is silver with gold lining on the inside. The chalice and ciborium also have Wausau ruby red granite inlaid in the stems for the purpose of incorporating some prominent local element representative of our locality. The granite was selected, cut and shipped to Mr. Dingeldein by Anderson Bros. & Johnson Monument Company here in Wausau. The late Ethel (Johnson) Behnke Bohl was the daughter of Julius Johnson, owner. Upon arrival the granite was not thin enough and eventually had to be sent to a gem cutter in Germany for final finishing. The chalice has the words "TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH" in large letters on one panel of the stem. On the opposite panel is the Chi Rho (XP) symbol. Chi Rho are the first letters of the Greek word for Christ. This symbol is most appropriate for vessels used in celebrating the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. The ciborium and the pyx also have the symbol as a handle on their covers. The cost of these new vessels was completely underwritten by special gifts and memorials and is a fitting memorial to fellow members who have died in the Lord. The vessels were dedicated and used for the first time on February 2, 1969. Sometime later, in the summer of 1976, Pastor Schoech once again contacted Mr. Dingeldein to have a second chalice made that would be identical to original and would be in memory of Rev. E.H. Bertermann, who served Trinity from 1919 until his passing in 1974. Although Mr. Dingeldein had drawings of the original, he suggested that we send him the chalice so he could be sure that the second one would be identical to the first. The price of silver had tripled and gold had quadrupled since, but it did not matter, special gifts and memorials to the memory of Pastor Bertermann was more than enough to cover the cost. ...now you know!

*Newly crafted communion vessels just prior to their dedication in 1969. Pictured left to right are the Ciborium, Pyx and Chalice.*



*Mr. Otto F. Dingeldein of Dingeldein Silver-smiths was a noted craftsman in the area of sacramental vessels. Commenting on his work for us Mr. Dingeldein wrote in a letter to Pastor Schoech,*

*"The making of the pieces was very difficult. There are five different thicknesses of metal on the chalice and each one worked differently in the fire when they were joined. The finishes for the lettering and the surfaces for the Chi Rho had to be produced prior to and protected throughout the entire assembly. This is about the most elegant piece I ever made."*



*The engraving on the bottom of the second chalice, in memory of Rev. E.H. Bertermann, was crafted to be identical to the original.*



*Our sacred vessels as they appear today. Pictured are the two chalices, pyx and ciborium.*





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## SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

The fall semester of Sunday School will resume on Rally Day, September 12. We will be meeting in person, so we will be in need of volunteers to help with Sunday School. Below is a Sunday School volunteer form for the fall, which has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Forms are also available at the reception desk and outside the Upper Sanctuary. Completed forms can be returned to the church office or emailed to the Sunday School Director, Kimberly Schwantes, at [kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com).

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

TEXT? (Please circle)    Yes    or    No

Here are a few roles and their time commitments:

Adult Class Teacher/Instructor (*weekly*)

Service Project Assistance (*once over 2 months*)

Materials Preparation/Help (*1-3 hours per week outside of Sunday Morning*)

Christmas Program Assistance (*duties will vary*)

Please circle the area(s) below you would be most interested in helping out in:

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Teaching            | Substitute |
| Classroom Assistant |            |

Circle all age groups you are willing to volunteer with:

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Age 0-Preschool | 4K-5K      |
| Grades 1-3      | Grades 4-6 |



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