

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the
 LORD,
 the people whom he has chosen
 as his heritage!
 ~Psalm 33:12*



In God We Trust

But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." ~Psalm 31:14

People usually say the more seasoned you are, the faster time flies. I know I'm not the only one typing and thinking, "Wait. It's almost the 4th of July already?!" As I type this, it is mid to late June, meaning the year is almost half over. And yes, fireworks, food, and festivities are just around the corner. 2026 has been dotted with many "America 250" events, since this year we celebrate the 250th "birthday" of this nation. From the founding of the United States, the importance of Christianity has always been recognized. The landscape in 2026 might seem like morals in general, and Christianity in particular, are under attack more than it is recognized. We used to know that America was a strong, Christian nation. Today, it might be hard to see Christianity in action. With high unrest and sharp divisions among people now, and with markers of our history being taken down each day, some may wonder if the windows and steeples of churches are the next targets.

Believe it or not, most of us carry around every day a reminder of the foundation of our nation. I realize that people don't carry cash, paper money, or even coins with them like they used to. If you can, take out a coin from your pocket or a dollar bill from your wallet, what do you see? The motto "In God We Trust." Here's a brief history of how this motto came to be. From the days of the colonies until Civil War times, coins were the only form of money. It was during the Civil War that an interest in a religious inscription on coins came to light. Many citizens and ministers wrote the Treasury expressing the opinion that by not having an inscription on coins we were disowning God and our religious heritage. Secretary of the Treasury Solomon Chase instructed the Director of the Philadelphia mint to come up with a motto for all coins used at the time, which were one-, two-, and three-cent coins. Director James Pollack came up with the 4 simple words "In God We Trust." With a March 3, 1865, act of Congress, In God We Trust was first put on the two-cent coin. With only small interruptions, that motto has appeared on all minted US coins ever since. It has appeared on all coins uninterrupted since 1916. It wasn't until a bill passed by Congress and signed by Pres. Eisenhower on July 30, 1956, that In God We Trust has appeared on all paper money printed by the Treasury. What does it mean for this country and its' people to have the words In God We Trust on all our money? I believe it means that not only are people in America still free to express their religion in an appropriate way, but they are also still free from the tyranny or oppression of others who believe differently. Not every American will be a Christian, even though we may wish all to be. Not every American will believe in a religion at all. As long as people exist, atheists and agnostics will also exist. As Christians, let us thank God that as citizens of this country we are free to proclaim with our lips and lives In God We Trust. Thank God that His Word is not bound but has free course still in America. Thank God for the opportunities He gives us to share that Word. As we celebrate the birthday of this great nation, let us not forget the religious freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States. Let us boldly proclaim with words and actions In God We Trust.

Serving our Lord Together,

Pastor Sundbom

Here's What's Happening

A New School Year with New opportunities!

As summer continues, we look ahead with anticipation to the blessings and opportunities of a new school year. God provides new chances to learn, grow, serve, and strengthen our faith, all while reminding us that our true renewal comes through Christ. We thank God for His faithful guidance and pray that He will continue to bless the students, families, teachers, and congregation of Trinity as we prepare for another year of growing together in His Word.

A New Theme!

A new school year also means a new school theme. This year the theme is "Built Up in Christ" with the Bible verse to accompany it being Colossians 2:6-7...

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

Imagine a construction site. Before the walls go up, before the roof is added, workers spend countless hours making sure the foundation is strong. If the foundation is weak, the entire building is at risk. But when the foundation is solid, the structure can withstand storms, wind, and the test of time. In the same way, our lives are built on a foundation. Colossians 2:6-7 reminds us that Jesus Christ is that foundation. As we spend time in God's Word, worship, prayer, and Christian fellowship, God continues to build us up in faith. Challenges may come, but when our lives are grounded in Christ, we have the strength and stability that only He can provide.



Colossians 2:6-7
"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Dates to Remember

- July 20th—23rd: Vacation Bible School
- August 13th—21st: Meet the Teacher Visits
- August 24th: First day of School for 7th & 8th grade
- August 25th: First Day of School (all school)

A Great Finish to a Great Year

What a great last week of school! We finished our year with 8th Grade Graduation on Thursday night, then closing chapel, celebrating with Kindergarten at their graduation, and recognizing the Trinity 8th grade class of 2022 as they graduated from high school. We ended the day with our traditional picnic, thanks to all the volunteers that made this event happen.



CALENDAR—JULY 2026

Wednesday, July 1:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors

Thursday, July 2:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Friday, July 3: *Childcare Center & all offices are CLOSED
In observance of Independence Day*

Saturday, July 4: Independence Day

No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 5:

9:00 AM All Congregational Blended Worship—
Sanctuary

**Followed by food and Fellowship—
Courtyard**

Monday, July 6: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, July 7:

8:00 AM Blood Drive @ Community Blood Center of
Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau)

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, July 8:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors

Thursday, July 9: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, July 10:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Lounge

Saturday, July 11:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, July 12:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary

12:00 PM Rummage Sale Volunteer Party—Parlors

Monday, July 13: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, July 14:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, July 15:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors

Thursday, July 16: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, July 17:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, July 18:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, July 19:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC

10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary

6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, July 20:

9:00 AM VBS

Tuesday, July 21:

9:00 AM VBS

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

4:00 PM HOGWASH—Courtyard Parking Lot

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, July 22:

9:00 AM VBS

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors

Thursday, July 23:

9:00 AM VBS

Friday, July 24:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, July 25:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, July 26:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary

Monday, July 27: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, June 28:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, July 29:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—Parlors

Thursday, July 30: *No Scheduled Events*

Friday, July 31:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

CHILDCARE UPDATE

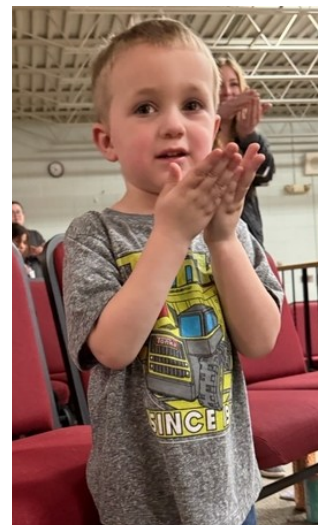
Trinity Child Care has been worshipping twice a week in the Spiritual Life Center for the past several months. This is a new addition to our Child Care offerings that brings corporate worship into the lives of our Trinity childcare students, including those who may not attend church here or anywhere else. We are so blessed to have the opportunity to teach the children basic Bible stories, the Lord's Prayer, and God's will for them through *Our 24 Family Ways* by Clay Clarkson.

It has been a blessing to pastor these young children in our Lutheran tradition and teach them the books of the Old Testament through song, the Lord's Prayer, along with some traditional and modern worship songs. All of these things are pointing our students at Trinity Child Care to Christ and His great love for them. I can hear nearly all the little jubilant voices singing all the books of the Old Testament in order with smiles on their faces. God is good!

We just finished the Old Testament stories in *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. This Bible is a great resource for pointing the kids to God's love, as this is one of its main focuses. It ultimately points every story back to the love of Jesus and His work on the cross.

In this work, we draw near to God's Word, which says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." I ask for your prayers always for all our Child Care children.

Pastor Pete



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MISSED WORSHIP LAST SUNDAY?
Watch Our Worship Services at Home!

Weekly recordings will be available on our YouTube page ("Trinity Lutheran—Wausau") and website (trinitywausau.org), and televised on Spectrum Channel 980 and TDS Channel 14 at the following times:
9pm Wednesday, 2pm Thursday, and 8am Friday



WHAT IS MINISTRY CLARITY?

Ministry Clarity (through Lutheran Church Extension Fund) is a 9-12 month process. A facilitator, with the help of congregational lay leaders and staff, will:

- Define the vision & mission—DONE!
- Align ministry with the vision & mission—UP NEXT!
- Plan for resources allocation
- Streamline communication

In short, the process will clarify what we do and who we are as Trinity Lutheran Church & School.

MINISTRY CLARITY TIMELINE



We are moving in the “MINISTRY PLANNING” part of the process, and we endeavor to have ALL congregation members be involved.

GUIDING STATEMENT

AS AN ENDURING FAMILY OF DISCIPLES, WE TEACH, LOVE AND CONNECT THROUGH MULTI-GENERATIONAL EDUCATION AND SERVICE.

MISSION PILARS

- TEACH - LOVE - CONNECT -
- SERVE - GROW -

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR DETAIL

Ministry Clarity Progress

Leader: Rev. Eric Kennaugh (VP of Ministry Solutions, LCEF)

Staff Leaders: Rev. Jim Mayland, Tina Dickens, Andrew Hulke, Tiff Laffin

Lay Leaders: Lenore Breit (Council Rep), Todd Hauer (Elders Rep), James Kramer (School Rep)

PART 1: Visioning

- 4 meetings, wrapping up in mid-June
- Process:
 - ◇ Survey
 - ◆ Began Easter Sunday, lasts through 3 total Sundays
 - ◆ Gets people in the right frame of mind about identifying the identity and purpose
 - ◆ Highlights shared at Vision event on May 3
 - ◆ Final report with all details will go to Pastor Mayland
 - ◇ Dedicate Visioning Leadership Team – DONE April 11 & April 12
 - ◇ Vision Event
 - ◆ May 3rd after church service
 - ◆ Gather around tables, 1 leader at each table to take notes, listen (do not drive the conversation, but let the members lead)
 - ✓ Craft an identity statement with calling, purpose and context that uses language from the congregation for familiarity
 - ✓ Who we are and what we do
 - ◆ Write sample statements
 - ◇ Meetings after the event
 - ◆ May 13th - Processing of sample statements and congregational language
 - ◆ The Visioning Team compiled a data base of words and phrases used by the congregation members in the Vision Event on May 3. The team then pulled specific words and phrases that repeated time and time again by members. These became the inspiration for the Guiding Statement.
 - ◆ May 21 - Finalize Guiding Statement
 - ◆ The Visioning Team met to workshop the Guiding Statement, using common words and phrases from the congregation members in the Vision Event on May 3. The final Guiding Statement is to the left.
 - ◆ June 10 - Define Mission Pillars – actionable items that guide the congregation moving forward in ministry
 - ◆ The Visioning Team met for a final time to identify the Mission Pillars. These will be used to define what we do in ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church & School over the next 5-10 years. Again, these pillars were defined using input from the congregation members who were present at the Vision Event on May 3.

Defining the Guiding Statement using words and phrases from the congregation's input at the Vision Event:

"Enduring" reflects the longevity and history at Trinity Lutheran Church & School. Our longevity and history is further defined by word the congregation used: sustaining (Isaiah 50:4), hope (Matt 24:13, James 1:12, Hebrews 10:36), abiding/lasting (Isaiah 40:6-8, 1 Peter 1:25), steadfast (James 1:2-4).

"Family" reflects that our members are united (Romans 6:5) Children of God (John 1:12, Romans 8:16, 1 John 3:1) who serve as one body with many members (1 Corinth 12:12). We are faithful households (Galatians 6:10, 1 Timothy 3:5) who honor a commitment to education (Proverbs 22:6).

"Disciples" are devoted followers (Mark 8:34-9:1, Luke 9:23-24) who abide in truth (John 8:31-32) and spread the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-20).

We **"teach"** by many methods, including worship, Bible study, and Christian education throughout the church, school and childcare.

We **"love"** through outreach/evangelism, supporting missions through financial and volunteer support, human care ministries, and partnering with families.

We **"connect"** through Word & Sacrament ministry and multi-generational education and fellowship.

"Multi-generational" is not caring for people of all ages, but also caring for people in all stages (Psalm 45:17). We come together (Hebrews 10:24-25) to build the ministry so that the next generation can flourish in faith (Genesis 9:12, 17:7, 1 Corinth 16:15) and fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

We engage in **"education"** in support of lifelong learning (Matt 19:14, Mark 10:13-16)...growing in spiritual maturity over time so that we may share knowledge, skills and habits. Our ultimate goal through education is to teach absolute truth (John 14:6).

To live a life of **"service"** is to be the salt and light (Matt 5:13-16), to be thoughtful stewards of God's gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11), to protect (Psalm 91:4) and to comfort (Psalm 23:4, Psalm 71:21, Isaiah 40:1, Matt 5:4) others (Galatians 5:13). A faithful servant (Mark 10:45) is what we strive to be.

In summary, our congregation worked together to define our Guiding Statement as:

**AS AN ENDURING FAMILY OF DISCIPLES,
WE TEACH, LOVE AND CONNECT
THROUGH MULTI-GENERATIONAL
EDUCATION AND SERVICE.**

Defining the Mission Pillars using words and phrases from the congregation's input at the Vision Event:

Teach the Truth

With God's Word as the center, true worship occurs when we faithfully teach through regular worship and education, properly distinguishing between the law and the gospel, as spelled out in the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 3:20-22, 2 Corinthians 3:6-9, Acts 2:42)

Love like Jesus

Practicing mercy, grace, and forgiveness, we love others in the same way Jesus demonstrated throughout His life - selflessly, sacrificially, graciously, and truthfully. (John 13:34-35, Ephesians 5:1-2, Philippians 2:3-8, Luke 6:35-36, Galatians 6:2)

Connect with Compassion

Intentionally building relationships with people in a way that reflects Christ's love, care, understanding, and mercy. We strive to see people as God's sees them, as His worthy children. (Colossians 3:12-14, Ephesians 4:2, Psalm 139:13-16, Matthew 9:36, Luke 19:10)

Serve with Purpose

For a church congregation, serving with purpose means using the gifts, talents, resources, and opportunities God has provided to advance His mission and glorify Him. It is serving not out of obligation, but because every act of service is an opportunity to share Christ's love and make Disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20, Romans 12:4-8, 1 Peter 4:10-11, Ephesians 2:10, 1 John 4:19, Galatians 5:13)

Lifelong Growth

Lifelong growth with Jesus is the ongoing work of moving from a casual belief to a daily, kingdom-building walk where He reshapes character and faith. It's a lifelong journey of learning, trusting, and following Him — growing in discipleship and Christ-like living at every stage of life. (John 8:31-32, Colossians 2:6-7, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 5:12-14, Ephesians 4:13-15)

In summary, our congregation worked together to define our Mission Pillars as:

TEACH-LOVE-CONNECT-SERVE-GROW

NEXT STEPS:

PART 2: Mission Planning – team to be established & dedicated in a worship service; more information forthcoming

PART 3: Campus Planning – Properties Committee + ad hoc members

PART 4: Financial Planning – Council + ad hoc members

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

May Financial Summary

In May, we were forced to migrate from Quickbooks Desktop to Quickbooks Online. While there are many enhanced features in the online version, there have been some challenges with the migration. I have figured out how to accurately run payroll, enter and pay bills, and enter deposits.

While I focused on those critical items, the reporting features have been on the back-burner. Unfortunately I cannot run accurate financials out of the new system yet, so I cannot report them here. Because we migrated in the middle of the month, I cannot run those reports from the previous system either.

I am committed to being transparent with all I do at Trinity, first and foremost the financials. At the first opportunity, I will send an email to the congregation with the updated, accurate numbers, but I am asking for your patience and grace in this area as I learn this new system.

The Rummage Sale raised roughly \$9,500! We are forever grateful to the men and women who serve and make that a success year after year. The excess of what we budgeted to raise supplied the funds for the upgraded trash receptacles in the restrooms. While that may not sound very exciting, they will last a long time and keep those spaces clean.

Current account balances (as of May 31, 2026):

Checking: \$202,758

Savings: \$417,126

Original Endowment: \$1,141,509

Pegorsch Education Endowment: \$186,475 *2025 Distribution = \$7,486*

Krienke Properties Endowment: \$106,514

****Please note that you can donate to ANY of the 3 Endowments, so you should specify which endowment you are donating to in the memo line of your check. If your check memo says "Endowment," your donation will automatically go to the Original Endowment.**

Human Resources

One of the items identified through the Vision Event on May 3rd was a feeling that we have a lack of volunteerism, or difficulty finding volunteers. In fact, we have a LOT of volunteers serving in LOTS of different areas. We do not always do a great job of making sure that everyone knows how and where to serve. Ministry Clarity will help us do that. Until then we would like to extend our deepest and heartfelt gratitude to those of you who serve in (at least) one area across the church, school and childcare.

Here are some critical teams in no particular order, along with a rough estimate of the volunteers in that group (my best guesstimate):

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| ◆ Church Council: 8 volunteers + staff leadership | ◆ Alumni Tutoring Program: 5 High School volunteers |
| ◆ Elders: 12 volunteers | ◆ Bookkeeping: 1 volunteer |
| ◆ School Board: 9 volunteers | ◆ Communications Editing: 1 volunteer |
| ◆ Quilters: 9 volunteers | ◆ VBS: 8 volunteers |
| ◆ Blind Outreach: 2 volunteers | ◆ Sanctuary Cleaners: 4 volunteers |
| ◆ Sunday School: 7 volunteers | ◆ Altar Guild: 8 volunteers |
| ◆ Youth: 8 volunteers | ◆ Ushers: 20 volunteers |
| ◆ Coffee Hour: Numerous volunteers | ◆ Properties Committee: 6 volunteers |
| ◆ Legacy: 8 committee members + other volunteers | ◆ Funeral Ladies: 10 volunteers |
| ◆ Carnival: 7 committee members + other volunteers | ◆ TLC Nights: 15+ volunteers |
| ◆ Music program (Choir, Praise Team, Handbells, unpaid Guest Musicians): 20+ volunteers | ◆ Christmas Parade: 12 volunteers |
| ◆ Bulletin Stuffers: 6 volunteers | ◆ Christmas Decorating: 10 volunteers |
| ◆ Newsletter Preparers: 1 volunteer | ◆ TrailLife/American Heritage Girls: 6 volunteers |
| ◆ Gardeners: 3 volunteers | ◆ Athletics: 20+ volunteers |
| ◆ Ministry Clarity: 30 volunteers when all said and done | ◆ Field Trip Drivers: dozens |
| | ◆ Childcare Committee: 3 volunteers |

FINANCIALS—MAY 2026

Facilities/Properties

We are currently working on several Facilities projects.

ELEVATOR REPAIRS

Problem:

The hydraulic cylinder is leaking fluid, likely into the ground.

This requires the elevator company to dig out the cement between the ground and the elevator, clean out the leak, and replace the cylinder.

We are currently able to keep fluid levels up by adding fluid. The elevator passes inspection because of this.

In short, this is a much-needed repair that must be done with urgency.

Expected downtime:

2 weeks, best case scenario

Could be up to 3 months if there is a major problem that requires additional work. We will not know that until they get down there.

Option 1: Otis

Quote is \$85k

Does NOT include additional costs up to \$5k for the hole closing in on itself

Does NOT include up to \$30k for potential drilling by a 3rd party company (this is where a 3-month issue lies)

Does NOT include additional costs of \$160/hr if it take longer than 1 business day to install the cylinder

Up to \$125k total

Option 2: VTE (RECOMMENDED)

Quote is \$68k

INCLUDES \$5k for hole clean-out (which we may not use...if we do not need this, we get this money back)

INCLUDES 2 days of cylinder placement and then \$80/hr after that if needed

Does NOT include up to \$30k for potential drilling by a 3rd party company (this is where a 3-month issue lies – same for both companies)

Up to \$100k total

New company, but very familiar with the equipment and trying to ethically price and build their business on that premise

Troubleshooting: We are tossing around the idea of offering valet parking during this period of no elevator, however long that might be.

The congregation voted to move forward with the recommended vendor (VTE). Work is expected to begin this fall. There is a spring under the cement pad, and it will be driest at that time. Work is expected to be completed by Thanksgiving to avoid Advent.

BATHROOMS

We have ended a partnership with Aramark/Vestis and have entered into a partnership with Bay Towel. Bay Towel is now providing paper products for the restrooms, mop heads, etc. All previous paper towel holders with continuous paper towels have been replaced with paper. The dispensers were a different size, so one of our summer projects is to patch holes and repaint restrooms.

While we understand and hear that the restrooms are not inviting, we are waiting until the Ministry Clarity process is complete to make major updates and changes, as that process will help us prioritize the many facilities updates people would like to see happen here. For now, we have upgraded to paper towels, new trash receptacles, and a fresh coat of paint. Further updates are NOT off the table, just deferred for now.

SIDEWALKS

The city did let us know they were replacing sidewalks this summer, but they did not tell us when. The work began Thursday, Jun 25 and is expected to be completed the last week of June. We apologize for the inconvenience, but Door #16 on 5th Avenue will be locked until the new sidewalks are installed and dry.

FOOD TRAILER UPDATES

Trinity is officially in the commercial food business!

In May 2026, one of our members found a 2024 food trailer for sale. The purpose of this purchase is to provide a means of fund-raising and outreach. For example, we can respond on the ground of disasters and serve food to volunteers if we can support that. Because this was feedback we received through the Ministry Clarity process that was important to our members, we were able to get encouragement and support from the Ministry Clarity Facilitator to move forward with the purchase. The member who found the trailer offered to contact the owners for information, and ultimately Council approved the purchase of the food trailer using funds from multiple church, school and childcare funding.

Funding sources included: Unrestricted Endowment Distribution: \$7,675 (Council approved); Evangelism: \$5,000 (Elders approved); Childcare Savings: \$2,000 (Tiff approved); School Savings: \$5,500 (Andrew approved); 2024-25 Legacy Funds*: \$10,000 (School Board approved); remainder in private donations and a \$6,000 in-kind donation from the seller. Total cost to Trinity was \$34,000.

*Legacy Funds were leftover after the Wi-Fi project because during install, the vendor determined that we did not need to replace cables as originally planned. There was a significant savings from the original estimate. Legacy did fund 87% of that total project, as anticipated.

We are pursuing a license that will allow us to use the food trailer to serve food to the public. This license is more extensive than the previous food trailer, as the new one is equipped with a full kitchen, heat, A/C, refrigeration, and stainless steel everything! The license we are pursuing is a Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) license.

Licensing process:

- ✓ Obtain a letter from Marathon County Parks about using their dump station. *DONE*
- ✓ Research the differences in the available licenses and meet with the health inspector for a walk through. *DONE*—Recommendations were made and requirements were given, and we are working on those...
- ✓ We have to have some specific signage in the trailer at all times. Those have been created and printed. *DONE*
- ✓ We have to have a binder with specific items in it when the trailer is in use. This has been created. *DONE*
- ✓ The current water receptacles are not big enough for the type of license we want. We are in process of replacing those and installing an RV drain set-up. The trailer is currently at King's Campers for this work after looking at several options with the Properties Committee, this was felt to be the best option. *IN PROCESS*
- ✓ We have to get an adapter for the electric. This will be done at King's as well. *IN PROCESS*
- ✓ The empty 100lb propane tank was delivered. It will be filled at King's. *IN PROCESS*
- ✓ *After those things are completed*, we will schedule the health inspector to come in for a *pre-inspection* of both the trailer *and* our kitchen. We are going to have to commercially license our kitchen to get the Mobile Food Establishment license that we want. Our kitchen will serve as a home base for the trailer, which has some added benefits (and costs).
- ✓ *After the pre-inspection*, we can apply for the Mobile Food Establishment (MFE) license.
- ✓ *Then there is an inspection of the fire suppression system and another inspection of the electrical system.*
- ✓ *Then there is another inspection by the Health Inspector.*
- ✓ *Then there is training for the people managing the internal process of booking the trailer for use/events.*
- ✓ *Then there is training for anyone who will be a "lead person" when the trailer is in use.*
- ✓ Throughout this process, we are also working on getting the insurance finalized. Our property insurance does NOT cover the trailer. It must be insured separately.
- ✓ Throughout this process, we are also writing a charter and policies for using and operating the trailer for "events."
- ✓ Something to think about...we may need a back-up generator, which we didn't consider previously. The health inspector said that it will use more power than we expect it to.

FOOD TRAILER UPDATES

Once licensing is complete and insurance is secured, we will brand the trailer as "TLC on the go." We will be using context from Ministry Clarity to insure that the branding is aligned with our mission pillars since the trailer will be used for fundraising, as well as for outreach. While we are still in process, current design proposal images are featured here.

We know everyone is excited to use the trailer, but it simply isn't Trinity-ready. We plan to have a launch event when it is, but if you miss that, we are planning to use the food trailer at Festival of the Arts in September.



BIBLE STUDIES, MINISTRIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study

THE BOOKS OF GALATIANS & EPHESIANS 9AM ON WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARLORS

Join us as we take a look at Paul's Epistles to the churches in Galatia and Ephesus. We will examine these books through both historical and theological lenses, while applying them to every day living and the life of the Church.

THE BOOKS OF RUTH & ESTHER 10:30AM ON SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY

These two Old Testament narratives have quite a bit to tell us about God. Join us as we walk through these sometimes overlooked narratives.

Ministries & Service Opportunities

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS Our LWML-North Wisconsin District convention was held in Marquette, MI in June. We approved a biennial Mite goal for mission grants of over \$130,000. Watch for updates on which grants were approved in the yellow pages and August newsletter. As always, we appreciate your financial support of LWML Mites either online or to our Women's Fellowship members here at Trinity.

Women's Fellowship will meet for brunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 11 at Blissful Bites in Rothschild near Cedar Creek. Please let Sharon Hanke know if you are joining us so that we give Blissful Bites an accurate number.

SUMMER HYMN SINGING Join us in signing familiar favorite hymns at local nursing homes on July 23 (location to be announced) and August 13 at Wood Aven (formerly Benedictine). No experience necessary, watch your yellow-sheet for details as the dates approach.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Saturdays, 8-8:45am, Parlors All men are welcome to come for fellowship and to spend time in God's Word. Contact Dave Christian at 715-410-7012 with any questions.

UNDIE SUNDAYS Help us collect NEW underwear and socks for Orphan Grain Train to send to those in need. We are in need of all sizes; kids, adults, boys and girls! Trinity will have collection boxes outside the worship areas and in the reception area. The collection will run now through August. Learn more about the work Orphan Grain Train does at www.ogt.org.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held on July 14 (and the second Tuesday of every month) at the Community Blood Center of Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau) 8:00am to 6:30pm. Please join us! www.communityblood.org

THE 2026 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART is posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign up today! Thank you to all who provide altar flowers—they really brighten the Sanctuary and make our worship experience even more beautiful!

Announcements & Events

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: 7:30am-3:00pm Monday-Friday. Scrip gift cards will be sold 7:30am-2pm, as well as on the weekends between services.

SCRIP will be sold from 8am-2pm weekdays in the office as well as Saturday evenings after worship service outside the SLC and Sunday mornings between worship services in the Narthex. Remember you can shop SCRIP anytime with the RaiseRight app or online at raiserright.com. Never shopped with SCRIP online before? No problem, it is quick and easy to sign-up, just chat with the church office and we can help you get started.

trinitywausau.org/welcome/scrip

TRINITY TOURS—BREWERS GAME We have a full crew signed up to go with us to the Brewer's game on August 6, vs. the Pittsburgh Pirates. If you are joining us and have not returned your complete payment please get that to the church office as soon as you are able. We will announce travel details in the yellow-sheet as the date approaches.

"MAGIC PAPER BOX" We want your newspaper, junk mail, magazines, and catalogs! Trinity will earn cash for your trash—and you help keep paper out of the landfill! The Magic Paper Box is located in the main parking lot, near the garage, next to the other dumpsters. **Please note: the Magic Paper Box is not secure and should not be used for confidential info.*

RUMMAGE SALE Thank you to all those volunteers that made the rummage sale a success. We raised roughly \$9500 at our sale this year. We could not have done it without the dedication and skill of each one of our volunteers. On Sunday, July 12 we will have a wrap-up and Thank you party for all of our rummage sale volunteers in the Church Parlors at 12:00 noon. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE (OBB) FUNDRAISER At the time of this newsletter printing we have a few remaining bottles left to be returned. If you have one of these please bring it to the church office as soon as you are able.

If you missed the opportunity to fill a bottle, but still feel moved to donate you can scan the QR code or go online hopewi.org/donate



BRIDGE STREET MISSION GOLF OUTING Save the date for Friday, August 21 and then register using the QR code or at www.bridgestreetmission.org/golf-outing

THE HAGAR HOUSE 5K COLOR RUN/WALK Saturday, September 19 at Doepke Park. This event will help raise money to support The Hagar House and its mission to help free single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community. As always this event will be Kid & Stroller friendly so please bring out the whole family to enjoy and help support a great cause. Sign-up online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/WI/Wausau/AnnualHagarHouse5KColorRunWalk> or use the QR code provided here.



Youth, Children & Family

YOUTH-AT-TRINITY Save-the-dates for Youth Group soda sales at the Wisconsin Valley Fair August 4th – 9th, 2026.

Youth Group is open to all students in grades 6–12. Stay connected through the Team Reach app, using the code: **YouthatTrinity24**. Sign up & receive updates on everything happening with Youth Group!

HOGWASH Fundraiser supporting Trinity's Youth Group 4-7pm, Tuesday, July 21, 2026 in Trinity's Courtyard Parking Lot. Grab a slow roasted BBQ plate and we will wash your car while you eat.



Volunteers can sign-up online at trinitywausau.org/event/hogwash-2026 Or by following the QR code

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR is ongoing! Tuition Assistance is available! Trinity is a participant of the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) which, if certain eligibility criteria are met, may allow for your student to attend Trinity for FREE! Please contact the school office, or follow the QR code for more info.



REMINDER Current Trinity school families that refer new families to enroll at Trinity can earn up to \$500 tuition credit for themselves and another \$500 for the new family through our Family referral program.

CHRIST-CENTERED SCOUTING GROUPS AT TRINITY
AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) is for girls ages 5-18. This month, we meet the 3rd Friday of April at 4:00pm in the Lounge. Connect with us online at americanheritagegirls.org.

TRAIL LIFE is for boys ages 5-18. We meet every other Thursday, 6-7pm in the SLC. Learn more at traillifeusa.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Tropical Trek:

Jesus Comes to Seek and Save

***Monday, July 20—Thursday, July 23,
2026 from 9am—12noon daily***

Join us for a Tropical Trek where we will learn how Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10)! As we traverse fun and exciting places (like a dormant volcano and island caves), we'll discover how God finds us and helps us in every challenge we face.

Volunteers (adults and youth 6th grade and older) and participants (children in 4k-5th grade) can register by using the QR code or with VBS mate online at



<https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityWausau/32523>

Questions: Contact Pastor Peter Williamson by phone at 715-842-0769 ext. 302 or by email at williamsonp@trinitynet.org



Summer Celebration Sundays

You are invited — Sunday, July 5th

9:00AM Combined Worship Service

NO other worship services on July 4th or 5th

We then invite the congregation to a time of food, fun and fellowship in the Church courtyard, weather permitting
(rain won't stop us but it may move us indoors).

We will provide a picnic lunch featuring brats, burgers, chips, and treats. Please feel free to bring your lawn chairs, and yards games.

Mark your calendars for the next celebration on August 2nd and then September 6th.



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MILESTONES AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50th or more wedding anniversary!

- ♥ Thomas & Bev Goetsch July 5
- ♥ Roger & Sharon Hanke July 17
- ♥ Tom & Kris Schult July 21
- ♥ Bill & Carol Zastrow July 23
- ♥ Rod & Pam Riese July 24
- ♥ Robert & Katherine Stanton July 31

Our Sympathy

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

- Vaam Meej Hawj (Meng Her) April 18

Happy Birthday

To our members who are celebrating their 80th or more birthday in July!

- 🕊 Janna Hamann July 13
- 🕊 Karen Meurett July 15
- 🕊 JoAnn Plautz July 16
- 🕊 Shirley Sorenson July 27
- 🕊 Robert Burton July 29
- 🕊 Sandra Hintz July 30

Holy Baptism

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

- † Hailey Grace Hansen May 24



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HOGWASH

Fundraiser supporting Trinity's Youth Group

4-7pm, Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Trinity's Courtyard Parking Lot

ADULTS.....\$12
CHILDREN (12 & UNDER).....\$8

Grab a BBQ Plate (smoked pork, potato salad, baked beans, chips & drink) and we'll wash your car while you take a seat & eat!