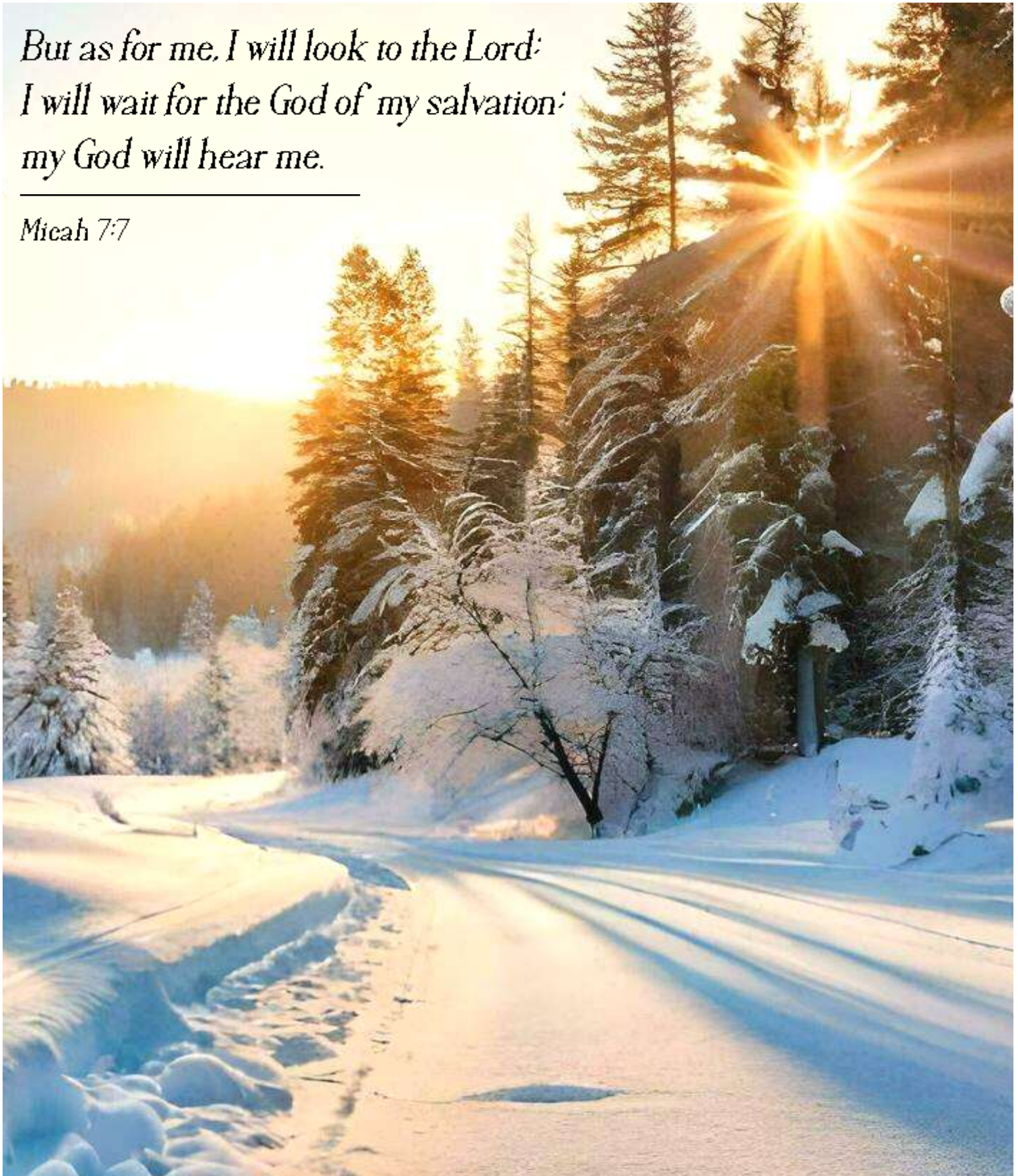


*But as for me, I will look to the Lord:
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
my God will hear me.*

Micah 7:7



Resolute in 2026...And Beyond

What is one of the best and worst things about a New Year? Resolutions. I try to make only 1 each year. I resolve, in the new year, to not make resolutions. I make that resolution, and I've already set myself up to succeed. The good part of a resolution? You've thought about it and determined that there is some part of you or your life in which you want to grow. A new year gives you a new chance to start that growth. The bad part of a resolution? There's a high likelihood that by February 1, that plan of growth is off track, or already left in the dust.

Don't get me wrong, thinking about you as a person or your life as a whole and wanting to grow in some area is admirable, noble. And I'm not saying all resolutions are discarded by February. I see in the whole resolution process human nature, both good and bad. Desiring to change & grow is good & healthy. But when desire meets human nature, it seems human nature wins out often. It makes us also confront a couple of biblical truths.

"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out" [Romans 7:18].

"The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak" [Jesus to disciples in Gethsemane].

Sorry, I have no inner Tony Robbins to channel, no great words of wisdom to motivate you to action. I'm not Hans or Frans from Saturday Night Live here to pump [clap] you up. In fact, our human nature shows us that resolutions can set us up to fail. The best humans fail to be totally resolute.

That truth makes it so much sweeter to hear this: God is totally resolute. He is resolute in wanting the best for you. He does not need to make a New Year's resolution, where He resolves to be more present in your life in 2026. He is present already. He has already given you His best present, the gift of a Savior born for you. His presence in your life won't fade away after 3-4 weeks. Where our resolve to grow, to be a better person crumbles, God's character shows Him to be steadfast, resolute.

Maybe a New Year's resolution can be to let go and let God. Want to know where to grow? Look to God, draw near to Him again and let Him show you. Want to be a better person? Look to God, draw near to Him again and let Him show you who He is. Let Him do in you the things you will never be able to do on your own. Our flesh is most certainly weak. But God is steadfast and resolute. He wants for you, and will give you, what is best for you. Trust His good and gracious plans for 2026...and, if He wills, beyond.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul Sundbom

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Watch Our Worship Services at Home!

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

CALENDAR—JANUARY 2026

Thursday, January 1: *New Year's Day*

No Scheduled Events—Offices Closed

Friday, January 2:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, January 3:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, January 4:

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: Book of James—Parlors

10:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class—Rm 212

10:30 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms

6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, January 5: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, January 6:

8:00 AM Trinity Quilters—Parlors

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

10:00 AM Simply Psalms—Parlors

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

5:30 PM Church Council/All Boards—Parlors

6:30 PM Town Hall Meeting—SLC

Wednesday, January 7:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors

10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

5:15 PM TLC Nights—Cafeteria

Thursday, January 8:

5:30 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Music Rm

6:00 PM Trail Life—SLC

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, January 9:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 10:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, January 11:

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: Book of James—Parlors

10:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class—Rm 212

10:30 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms

6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, January 12:

1:00 PM Goetsch/Wadzinski Women's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Legacy Volunteer Meeting—Lounge

Tuesday, January 13:

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

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

10:00 AM Simply Psalms—Parlors

1:00 PM LWML Women's Fellowship—Parlors

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, January 14:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors

10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

5:15 PM TLC Nights—Cafeteria

Thursday, January 15:

5:30 PM JuBellation Handbells Rehearsal—Music Rm

6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, January 16:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, January 17:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, January 18:

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: Book of James—Parlors

10:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class—Rm 212

10:30 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms

6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, January 19: *No Scheduled Events*

Tuesday, January 20:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

10:00 AM Simply Psalms—Parlors

1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

3:00 PM American Guild of Organists Member Concert—Sanctuary

5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, January 21:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors

10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

5:15 PM TLC Nights—Cafeteria

Thursday, January 22:

5:30 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Music Rm
6:00 PM Trail Life—SLC
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, January 23:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 24:

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

Sunday, January 25:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
8:00 AM Pancake Breakfast—Parlors
9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/NLSW Kickoff—
Sanctuary
9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Book of James—Parlors
10:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class—Rm 212
10:30 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, January 26:

1:00 PM Goetsch/Wadzinski Women's Bible Study—
Parlors
3:30 PM School Open House

Tuesday, January 27:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff—Lounge
10:00 AM Simply Psalms—Parlors

Wednesday, January 28:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors
10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary
5:15 PM TLC Nights—Cafeteria

Thursday, January 29:

5:30 PM JuBellation Handbells Rehearsal—Music Rm
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, January 30:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, January 31:

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

WE ARE HIRING

Growth at Trinity Lutheran Childcare has created the need for more qualified staff. We are seeking Childcare teachers to care for and guide children in a Christ-centered environment. Responsibilities include planning and supervising classroom activities as well as modeling strong faith and Christian values to students and their families. Prior childcare experience is preferred. We offer opportunities to complete necessary certifications and the potential for bonuses when certifications are completed. We are hiring for the following positions:

—Lead Childcare Teacher

10am-4pm, Monday—Friday, \$18/hour*

—Childcare Teacher Assistants, classrooms vary

6:15am-12:15pm or 12pm-6pm, Monday—Friday;
\$14 until certified, then \$16/hour*

Applications can be submitted through indeed.com, search Trinity Lutheran Wausau.

*Pay based on qualifications. Ask us about Retirement, PTO, Tuition Assistance, and Certification Bonuses.

WELCOME

We are delighted to introduce Tiffany "Tiff" Laffin as the newest member of our childcare family! With a heart for children and a gift for creating joyful, nurturing spaces, Tiff is excited to bring her energy and love into our program.

In her role, she'll be working closely with our staff and families to ensure every child feels safe and cared for. Her passion for helping little ones grow and thrive shines through in everything she does, and we can't wait for you to meet her.

Please join us in giving Tiff a warm welcome! She will be starting in mid-January. Be sure to stop by, say hello, and share in the excitement of this new chapter for our childcare ministry.

Here's What's Happening

With winter weather comes a new sports season! We are blessed having 2 basketball teams this season at Trinity. What a wonderful opportunity to develop their skills and compete against other Lutheran schools in the area.



School Open House

Our School Open House will be held on January 26, 2026, 3:30-6:00pm. Take a tour, meet the teachers, and get a personal look at what sets Trinity apart! At Trinity, we educate for character as well as intellect; for faith as well as citizenship; for virtue as well as knowledge. We partner with families to meet needs and develop disciples. Please spread the word about the 2026-2027 school year—we would love to see a packed house that evening!

School Choice Open Application Starts in February

Tuition Assistance is available! Please contact the school office for more information. Trinity is a participant of the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program** which, if certain eligibility criteria are met, may allow for your student to attend Trinity for FREE!



Dates to Remember

- **January 5**—Classes resume after Christmas Break
- **January 10** —Boys A Basketball Tournament
- **January 12**—Open enrollment for 2026-2027 for current Trinity school families.
- **January 16**—End of Quarter 2
- **January 25**—Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- **January 26**—School Open House 3:30-6pm

National Lutheran Schools Week January 26-31, 2026



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Trinity Lutheran School

A Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Trinity Lutheran School will take place on Sunday, January 25, 8:00-10:30am in the Parlors. On the menu: pancakes, maple syrup, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit, water, milk, orange juice, and coffee. Suggested donations: \$8 adults ages 13+; \$5 for ages 5-12; and 4 years old & under are free. Please plan on attending this breakfast to kickoff National Lutheran Schools Week. The student choirs will be participating in the 9:00am church service that day as well.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

Allen and Shari Schroeder donated the 2025 Christmas tree for the Sanctuary. The Properties Committee and Band of Brothers Men's Bible Study installed and placed lights on the tree. Jen Effinger and Pastor Mayland organized a team of youth volunteers and their families to decorate both worship spaces and the common spaces. Kelly Peterson and Jan Haase do such a nice job of decorating the Lounge for all seasons, and this one is no exemption. The whole building looks lovely! Thank you to all of those whose time, talents and treasure prepared our church for Advent and Christmas.

November Financial Summary

Last year at the same time, we had significantly higher giving to tithes and offerings specifically. We had 5 Sundays in November, but only 4 Mondays. That may have impacted the bottom line this month. If that is the case, we should be much closer to budget after December.

In January, we begin the budget process because we have 6 months of data to consider. When we are under budget after 6 months in the fiscal year, it does impact the following fiscal year in the budget process. We will likely have a *more conservative* budget in the next cycle, given this year's financials. However, we will wait until January to be sure of that prediction.

The financial chart includes 4 line items at the bottom that show the "bottom" line for each area within the church. We added a 5th line this year to reflect the school choice reserve liability. We are all one budget, but we do have individual responsibilities for our respective areas. There is also a comparison to last year in the chart. Highlights from last month's financials include:

Childcare:

- Childcare income in November is still trending higher than budget. We have EXCELLENT staff members, and our focus (second to the children) is team building.
- When we have additional children, we often need additional staffing. We have hired 3 new staff members this month, and we hired a new Childcare Director.
- The bottom line for childcare was better than we expected.

School:

- School income in October was right where we expected it to be. Year-to-date is evening out as expected.
- Looking at the YTD bottom line, we are performing better than budget. This is important because some payroll expenses in the Elders section get transferred to the School before the end of the fiscal year (June). It is good to have a buffer here because the budget accounts for the expected transfers, but the actual expenses do not yet.
- We will have less support from the State to the School this year because the State cut some title funding from its budget. We previously used this money for staff education. We will be able to work with this in the next budget, but we need to look forward and plan for this moving forward.

Church:

- Insurance costs are higher in the church than we budgeted. That can fluctuate year-to-year, depending on changes in circumstance or who is covered under each plan. A single plan, for example, is a lower cost than a family plan.

Overall:

- Overall, we are right where we expected to be at this point in the year (we are \$7,737 unfavorable to budget for the bottom line). That is not a bad place to be.
- As always, if you have an idea about how we can be practicing better stewardship of the congregation's funds, or if you feel that we are not being good stewards in one area or another, please discuss that with Chad Schwantes, Chairman of the Congregation (chairman@trinitynet.org). We strive to be good stewards of the LORD's gifts.

FINANCIALS—NOVEMBER 2025

We continue to pay down debt ahead of schedule. Debt is currently:

- Endowment Loan: \$49,885 ← Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years – We are WAY ahead of schedule with interest.
- Thrivent Loan: \$415,023 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
- **TOTAL Debt: \$464,908**

Current account balances (as of Nov 30, 2025):

—Checking: \$52,552 —Savings: \$479,420

****Original Endowment: \$1,128,891** (Original Endowment that disburses annually based on percentages prescribed decades ago – that does not change. You cannot donate to specific areas within this endowment. All income is prescribed just like the disbursements.)

****Pegorsch Education Endowment: \$187,643** (Set up through Trinity by the Pegorsch children to fund Trinity tuition incurred by workers called to serve at Trinity. If there are no children of called workers, the annual disbursement can be used to cover Trinity early childhood or childcare tuition for called workers of Trinity).

****Krienke Properties Endowment: \$107,219** (Set up through Trinity by George H. Krienke, DVM to fund Trinity properties projects that qualify as “capital projects.” Disbursements will be banked year over year if there are no capital projects to fund in the disbursement year.)

****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 you check memo says “Endowment,” your donation will automatically go to the Original Endowment.**

*We are excited about Trinity’s Mission/Vision:
Teach the faith; Love the lost; Connect all to Christ...and we hope you are, too!*

	Nov 25	Budget	ACTUAL TO BUDGET	Nov 24	Jul - Nov 25	YTD Budget	ACTUAL TO BUDGET	Jul - Nov 24	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	49,323	44,352	4,971	35,392	253,227	240,210	13,017	199,862	607,141
COUNCIL INC	80,008	110,601	(30,593)	93,369	421,669	480,711	(59,042)	467,888	1,174,918
ELDERS INC	0	65	(65)	0	166	325	(159)	258	780
SCHOOL INC	164,950	170,596	(5,646)	167,303	504,792	495,254	9,538	504,978	1,365,135
Total Income	<u>294,281</u>	<u>325,614</u>	<u>(31,333)</u>	<u>296,064</u>	<u>1,179,854</u>	<u>1,216,500</u>	<u>(36,646)</u>	<u>1,172,986</u>	<u>3,147,974</u>
Gross Profit	294,281	325,614	(31,333)	296,064	1,179,854	1,216,500	(36,646)	1,172,986	3,147,974
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	49,417	52,397	2,980	57,407	291,644	280,488	(11,156)	249,277	667,457
COUNCIL EX	8,591	16,872	8,281	16,387	69,695	85,682	15,987	84,129	567,470
ELDERS EXP	41,022	38,653	(2,369)	47,960	219,897	209,380	(10,517)	199,295	497,912
SCHOOL EXP	99,365	101,724	2,359	127,177	555,203	589,798	34,595	564,145	1,365,135
Total Expense	<u>198,395</u>	<u>209,646</u>	<u>11,251</u>	<u>248,931</u>	<u>1,136,439</u>	<u>1,165,348</u>	<u>28,909</u>	<u>1,096,846</u>	<u>3,097,974</u>
Net Income	<u>95,886</u>	<u>115,968</u>	<u>(20,082)</u>	<u>47,133</u>	<u>43,415</u>	<u>51,152</u>	<u>(7,737)</u>	<u>76,140</u>	<u>50,000</u>
CHILDCARE Net Income	(94)	(8,045)	7,951	(22,015)	(38,417)	(40,278)	1,861	(49,415)	(60,316)
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	71,417	93,729	(22,312)	76,982	351,974	395,029	(43,055)	383,759	607,448
ELDERS Net Income	(41,022)	(38,588)	(2,434)	(47,960)	(219,731)	(209,055)	(10,676)	(199,037)	(497,132)
SCHOOL Net Income	65,585	68,872	(3,287)	40,126	(50,411)	(94,544)	44,133	(59,167)	0
School Choice Reserve Balance									50,000

BIBLE STUDIES, MINISTRIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS—a study of the Book of Proverbs, held at **9am on Wednesdays** in the Parlors, led by Pastor Sundbom. Wisdom is given by faith in God and the Holy Spirit working through His Word.

THE BOOK OF JAMES—is a book worthy of examination aside from Luther's preconceptions. We will be walking through the Book of James and its implications for us as believers and a church. Join us **Sundays at 10:30am** in the Parlors for this study, led by Pastor Williamson.

Women's Ministry

LWML Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, January 13 at 1pm in the Lounge. Jeff Kelm will join us to tell about his mission trips to Latvia and other countries. Come and hear about how God has worked in these countries as we begin the new year.

LWML Mission Grant Focus Lutheran Braille Workers Millions of people around the world are blind or visually impaired & are seeking to strengthen their Christian faith but find it difficult to access scripture-based reading materials. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is committed to providing Christian materials in braille and specialized large print worldwide at no cost.

This \$100,000 grant will allow LBW to produce and freely distribute approximately 10,000 additional volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials. With a part of the grant funds, LBW will establish five new Ministry Production Centers in the United States. This is a mission that touches us locally. Trinity has a Blind Outreach luncheon and program bi-monthly. Greater Wausau Christian Services use the FREE LBW large print song books at all the senior living centers in the Wausau area as pastors provide a time of worship at their facility.

Many of us are finding larger print allows us to continue reading devotionals and scripture. A large print version of our bulletin is provided here at Trinity.

Men's Ministry

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.

Youth, Children & Family

YOUTH AT TRINITY Youth grades 6-12 are invited to attend these weekly gatherings in the Youth House, 6:00 to 7:30pm. Stay connected through the TeamReach app, using the code: **YouthatTrinity24**.

December was a short but wonderful month for Youth Group! We had several youth show up to help decorate our sacred spaces as we prepared for the Christmas season. Our Bible Study focused on what happens when our relationships fall apart, and yet we are still beloved by God. Then we ended the year with our Christmas party, which included games and a white elephant gift exchange.



Looking ahead to January: We'll be continuing our Bible Study going through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew. We'll also be doing a servant event. Please check the app for the further details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL We kick off again Sunday, January 4, 2026. Whether you have participated in the past or you are new to Sunday School, we invite children pre-K through 6th grade to join the fun! Register online or use a paper form located outside the worship areas. Questions? Please email Kimberly at kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com.

CHRIST-CENTERED SCOUTING GROUPS AT TRINITY
AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) is for girls ages 5-18. We meet the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month at 4:00pm in the Parlors. Connect with us online at <https://americanheritagegirls.org/find-a-troop/>.

TRAIL LIFE is for boys ages 5-18. We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 6-7pm in the SLC. Learn more at <https://trinitywausau.org/ministries/children-and-youth-at-trinity/trail-life-usa/>.

Ministries & Service Opportunities

"SIMPLY PSALMS" Join facilitator, Terry Page on Tuesdays, 10-11am in the Parlors to read the Psalms with Martin Luther.

WATCH FOR OUR NEXT GRIEF SHARE offering, beginning on February 2, 2026, and held Mondays at 3:15pm in the Parlors. All are welcome who are seeking hope & healing after a major loss. Each of the 13 sessions has its own theme, so come as you are able. Questions? Contact the church office.

DIVORCE CARE Begins February 2, 2026 and runs Mondays for 13 weeks, 6:00-7:30p in the Parlors. Divorce Care is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of separation or divorce. You'll find helpful counsel to manage the emotional turmoil and practical tools for decision-making. People at Divorce Care understand how you're feeling and what you're struggling with—because they're facing similar challenges.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held on January 13 at the Community Blood Center of Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau) 8:00am to 6:00pm. Join us!

TRINITY QUILTERS meets at 8am in the Parlors on the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays of the month. Join us in making beautiful creations that honor God and help our community!

MUSIC AT TRINITY

JuBellation Handbells will resume rehearsals on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm in the Music Room. Rod Riese will direct for the remainder of the season. New ringers are always welcome!

Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm in the Music Room. Kyle Wiskow will direct for the remainder of the season. New singers are always welcome!

Praise Team rehearses on Tuesday nights at 5:15pm in the SLC under the direction of Pastor Williamson and Brett Schwantes. We are always looking for more singers and musicians!

SAVE THE DATE: LEAVE A LEGACY BENEFIT AUCTION will be held on April 18, 2026 at the Greenwood Hills County Club.

Announcements & Events

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: 7:30am-3pm M-F. Scrip gift cards will be sold 7:30am-2pm, as well as on the weekends between services. Offices and childcare will be closed on January 1 for New Year's.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2026 are available for *pick-up through the end of the month in the Narthex*. They are arranged in alphabetical order—thank you to Lynn Wadzinski for volunteering to set them out! If you are one of our homebound members and would like to receive your envelopes via mail or visiting pastor, please let the church office know. If you are not currently assigned offering envelopes and would like a box for 2026, please let the church office know.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2025 will be mailed out at the end of January, you should receive your statement within the first couple weeks of February. **If we do not have your correct address on file, the Post Office will send your statement back to Trinity.* To update your address, please call the church office. Statements for which we have an incorrect address or no address on file will be placed in the Narthex for pick-up.

COFFEE HOUR We are looking for volunteers to help make it a success! Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Please consider volunteering and being part of this welcoming tradition. If interested or have any questions, feel free to contact Kelly at 715-574-1584.

ALTAR FLOWERS Thank you to all who provided altar flowers in 2025—they really brighten the Sanctuary and make our worship experience even more beautiful! The 2026 Altar Flower Sign-Up chart is now posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign up today to get your preferred dates for this upcoming year!



RIGHTNOW MEDIA Every person at our church has free access to over 25,000 biblical video series for adults, youth, and kids.

Start streaming today on your favorite device (android, iphone/ipad, Apple TV, chromecast, Roku, or FireTV).

Scan the QR code to create your free account and start browsing.



ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

SAVE THE DATE: February 5—Katie Coblentz, once identifying as transgender and undergoing medical transition in her early adulthood, later returned to living as a woman and embraced her Christian faith. Now residing in Wisconsin with her husband, she shares her testimony in churches, addressing sensitive topics like transgenderism and LGBT identities while emphasizing the hope she finds in Jesus Christ.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS—ANNUAL RENEWAL If you were a subscriber to The Lutheran Witness in 2025 and would like to remain a subscriber for 2026, please send a check for \$27.65 to the church office **no later than Friday, January 23**. Checks can be made out to “Trinity Church.” If you subscribed in 2025 but would like to cancel your subscription for 2026, please let the Church Office know by January 23. **Your subscription from 2025 will be automatically renewed for 2026 unless you contact the Church Office.**

If you have not subscribed to The Lutheran Witness in the past but would like to subscribe for 2026, please let the Church Office know before January 23. The Lutheran Witness is the official publication of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times per year (March-February), keeping you updated with news from around the Synod and addressing topical issues with feature articles, columns, Q&As, and more that will both inform and inspire.

TOWN HALL MEETING We are inviting members of the congregation to join us on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30pm in the Spiritual Life Center for a town hall meeting. As in the past, we are looking to have a discussion on what the congregation would like to see us focus on in terms of continuing to forward the mission of Trinity as we strive to be good stewards of the generous gifts God continues to provide Trinity through our members. This is not a Voters’ Meeting and no decisions will be made—we are just looking for feedback at this time. If you have any questions or feedback please feel free to contact the chairman, Chad Schwantes (chairman@trinitynet.org).

JOY GROUP will be meeting Tuesday, January 20 at 1pm in the Parlors. We will be welcoming a representative from Habitat for Humanity of Wausau. We’ll hear about what Habitat is doing in and around Wausau and how people can help them out. Join us for information, fellowship, and refreshments!

TLC NIGHTS

TLC Nights ✨
Teach the Faith; Love the Lost; Connect All to Christ

Wednesday Nights (January 7 - February 11)
5:15pm—FREE Meal & Fellowship in the Cafeteria
6:00pm—Educational Program / Bible Study

“Wonder Kids” Kindergarten through 2nd Grade

Led by Kim Kramer and Shannon Egner; Room 104

The world often tells children, “You’re too young” or “Wait until you’re older.” But kids in the Bible are frequently part of God’s plans. Wonder Kids, a 6-week Children’s Ministry Curriculum will teach kids the truth: They are never too young to share in God’s work.

“Hard Questions for Pastor” 3rd-5th Grade

Led by Rev. Peter Williamson; Music Room

Students will choose our topics, asking hard questions that they may have wanted to ask a pastor, and God’s Word will be used to answer.

Parents are welcome to come to hear our discussion. Questions like: What is it like when people die? Why does that happen? Why should we pray; does God hear us; does He ever change His mind?

“Mental Health Toolkit” 6th-12th Graders & Adults

Led by Shannon Grosnick in Room 202

Using RightNow Media’s “Mental Health Toolkit,” we will look to understand and navigate mental health challenges through a faith-informed lens. The toolkit features Christian counselors who help educate about topics such as trauma, childhood trauma, grief, anxiety, and depression from both a scientific and biblically grounded perspective. We will explore not only how these mental health challenges present in the day-to-day, but also how we can support and encourage not only ourselves, but others who may face the same challenges.

“Apologetics” High School & Adults

Led by Andy Kline; Room 204

Learn how to defend your faith and support faith-based discussions at home. This session of Apologetics will go through many battles Christians are facing in society today. We will discuss difficult topics and what God has to say about things like life, identity, marriage, non-humans, God’s plan for our lives, and more.

“Mission Stories” Adult Bible Study & Presentation

Led by Jeff Kelm, Elder; Room 203

Jeff Kelm served on 12 overseas short-term mission trips to Latvia, Poland, and Nicaragua. He will relate how those mission trips touched the lives of people for Jesus. Come hear how God can use s’ mores and how He loves to change the mission plan, as well as about the young man who came to laugh at the Christians, and more.

“With All Your Heart (Video Series)” Adult Bible Study

Led by Bob Popelka, Elder; Spiritual Life Center

Join us as renowned teacher and historian, Ray Vander Laan guides us through the land of the Bible, illuminating the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred scriptures. Come see the Bible alive! Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, this series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

***0-4-year-old childcare offered in Room 102 (6-6:45p).**



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MILESTONES

Happy Birthday!

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

January 10	Norma Wageman
January 12	Jan Deverell
January 21	Hugh Deverell
January 23	Janice Haase
January 27	Verna Schalow
January 28	Mercedes Myszkowski
January 31	Richard Gehrt
January 31	Joanne Pyan

Anniversaries

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

♥ Terry & Kathy Page	January 10
♥ Dale & Mary Andreas	January 30

CHURCH OFFICERS & BOARD CONTACTS

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

† Roy Messerschmidt	December 7
† Bowyn Calmes	December 21

Our Sympathy.

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

• Judi Nielsen	December 7
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