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TRINITY—A MISSOURI SYNOD LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

May 2023



#### FROM THE PASTOR...

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is such a joyful time in the church. In fact, it's what church is all about. When we gather together, we do so on Sunday to celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Sunday, the day after the Sabbath, is the day of Jesus' resurrection. We heard on Easter Sunday, from the Gospel of Matthew: "Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week." (28:1)

You see, the connection between the day of Jesus' resurrection and the first day of creation are a rich source of understanding the significance of Sunday. The first day of the new creation when Christ rose from the dead is rooted in the first day of creation. It's not just any old first day. The day of His resurrection is referred to as the "eighth day." It's the beginning of a new creation, new life. And yet the old is still there as well.

It's kind of like Baptism. St. Paul tells us "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?... For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." (Romans 6:3,5) That's why many baptismal fonts, including the one here at Trinity Lutheran Church & School, has eight sides. It represents the eighth day, the new creation.

One of the great things about Easter is that it's not just a one and done day. There are seven Sundays of Easter. Why you may ask? Well, after His resurrection, Jesus didn't simply ascend into the heavens. No, he hung around for 40 days. That's why the church always celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord on a Thursday, 40 days after Easter. But that's not seven weeks. No, the Season of Easter ends with the feast of Pentecost.

The name Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fiftieth. In the Old Testament, Pentecost was a harvest festival, the ingathering of winter wheat (known as Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks). It began on the fiftieth day after Passover. It was also a day to celebrate Moses receiving the Law and God's Covenant on Mt. Sinai amidst wind and fire. Acts 2 records the first Pentecost after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Again there was a mighty rushing wind, fire, God's Word, and a harvest. This time the fire came in flaming tongues over the disciples' heads. St. Peter declared God's Word to thousands who had gathered in Jerusalem from around the Mediterranean. Each person heard in their own language that Jesus had died and rose for them. And it was a joyous harvest of people instead of wheat.

Of course, every Sunday is a little Easter. We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection every week when we hear God's Word or receive His body and blood in the Sacrament or when we witness a Baptism. Easter, and by extension every Sunday, is a joyous celebration until the Lord comes again.

Speaking of which, we are now beginning a new Bible study on the End Times, specifically looking at the Lutheran difference. As Lutherans interact with other Christians, we often find ourselves struggling to explain our beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the "what" of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the "why." When confronted with different doctrines, sometimes you cannot clearly state your faith, much less understand the differences between denominations. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. We would love to have you join us and gain the confidence to share the good news of Christ crucified, risen and coming again.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Rev. James L. Mayland

MILESTONES CONTACTS

# Happy Birthday!

To our members who are celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> or more birthday in May! Surprise them with a card or visit.

May 4 Ray Jahns

1507 Kenwood Dr. 54401

May 12 Sharon Jensen

226446 Hummingbird Rd. 54401

May 16 Alan Wesner

935 S 9th Ave. 54401

May 15 Mary Witt

116 Nowak St. 54401

May 15 Melvin Woldt

Riverview Towers,

500 Grand Ave. RM 903, 54403

May 16 Marlyn Fenhaus

232832 N 77th Ave. 54401

May 19 Otto Imm

327 N 11th Ave. 54401

May 25 Edna Gaffron May 31 Beverly Ziegel

1560 Westwood Dr. Apt. 70 54401

# Anniversaries!

Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> or more Wedding Anniversary!

•	Lyle & Ellen Krohn	May 7
•	John & Marlene Sabatke	May 12
•	Gary & Karen Zimmermann	May 12
•	Marvin & Mary Jane Pilgrim	May 12
•	Donald & Grace Chaignot	May 15
•	Thomas & Elaine Wohlfahrt	May 28

# Our Sympathy.

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

•	Paul Radke	March 30, 2023
•	Richard "Dick" Andrus	April 14, 2023
•	Joseph Plautz	April 18, 2023

# Holy Baptism!

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

† Lainey Jo Holzem

April 16, 2023



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on YouTube, Facebook & Instagram!







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#### TUNE IN TO TRINITY ON SPECTRUM CHANNEL 980 AND ON TDS CHANNEL 14

9 PM WEDNESDAY	.Traditional Worship
2 PM THURSDAY	.Traditional Worship
8 AM FRIDAY	.Traditional Worship

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL CONTACTS Office Hours: 7:30AM-4:00PM

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Tina Dickens, Church Administrator.....ext. 304

# CALENDAR—MAY 2023

#### Monday, May 1st:

1:00 PM Church pictorial directory photo sessions

(1:00pm-8:00pm)—Lounge

7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

#### Tuesday, May 2nd:

1:00 PM Church pictorial directory photo sessions

(1:00pm-8:00pm)—Lounge

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Room

3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors 6:30 PM Voter's Meeting—SLC

#### Wednesday, May 3rd:

9:00 AM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

1:00 PM Church pictorial directory photo sessions

(1:00pm-8:00pm)—Lounge

5:30 PM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation

Class—Bethany Room

#### Thursday, May 4th:

1:00 PM Church pictorial directory photo sessions

(1:00pm-8:00pm)—Lounge

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

#### Friday, May 5th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

11:00 AM Church pictorial directory photo sessions

(11:00am-6:00pm)—Lounge

#### Saturday, May 6th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—

Sanctuary

#### Sunday, May 7th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/ Communion—

Sanctuary

9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion-

Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: End Times—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors

10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms

10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House

5:30 PM Junior & Senior Y.A.T.—Bowling Night at

Dale's Weston Lanes (5:30-7:30pm)

#### Monday, May 8th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

#### Tuesday, May 9th:

8:00 AM Blood Drive—Blood Donation Center,

Wausau (8am-6:30pm)

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

1:00 PM LWML—Parlors

3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors

6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

#### Wednesday, May 10th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

5:30 PM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

#### Thursday, May 11th:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

#### Friday, May 12th:

7:00 AM Donuts with Dad—Parlors

8:30 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

#### Saturday, May 13th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship —Sanctuary

#### Sunday, May 14th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship —Sanctuary

9:00 AM Blended Worship —Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: End Times—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors

10:15 AM Sunday School Parents Day—Cafeteria

10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House

#### Monday, May 15th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

#### **Tuesday, May 16th:**

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Room

1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors

3:00 PM Girl Scouts—Parlors

3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Room

#### Wednesday, May 17th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

5:30 PM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

# CALENDAR—MAY 2023 (CONT.)

5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation

Class—Bethany Room

#### Thursday, May 18th:

10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—SLC

#### Friday, May 19th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

#### Saturday, May 20th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—

Sanctuary

#### Sunday, May 21st:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—

Sanctuary

9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—

Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: End Times—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors

10:15 AM Sunday School—End of Year Party—Gym

10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House

6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

#### Monday, May 22nd:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

#### Tuesday, May 23rd:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Room

3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors

#### Wednesday, May 24th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors5:30 PM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors

#### Thursday, May 25th:

6:00 PM 8th grade Graduation

#### Friday, May 26th: Last Day of School

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

8:30 AM Final Chapel/5K graduation—Sanctuary

Picnic Lunch—noon dismissal

#### Saturday, May 27th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

#### **MAGIC PAPER BOX**

#### Sunday, May 28th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Bible Study: End Times—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors

#### Monday, May 29th: Memorial Day

All Church and School Offices Closed
No Childcare

#### Tuesday, May 30th:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Room

3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors

6:30 PM Annual Voters Assembly—Sanctuary

#### Wednesday, May 31st:

9:00 AM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors5:30 PM Bible Study: End Times—Parlors



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## **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

## **BILL ZUELSDORFF, PRINCIPAL**

#### The End is Near!

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year. Please keep watch in mail and emails for information on registration and any other updates we might have over the summer months. May God watch over you this summer, keeping you safe and giving you a time to refresh yourself for the new school year start in the fall.

First day of the 2023—2024 School year: August 23rd!



#### There is Still Time to Enroll

While the window for enrolling for the WPCP (School Choice Program) has closed, you can still enroll your child for school at Trinity for the 2023-2024 school year. Trinity offers well-rounded, Christ-centered curriculum. There are still seats available in several of our classrooms and also Education Grant funds or tuition assistance for qualifying families. Please call the school office for more information or to schedule a tour at 715-848-0166.



#### **Dates to Remember**

- → April 30—May 6—8th grade class trip
- → May 12 Donuts with Dad
- → May 12 Spirit Day
- → May 19 Track Meet @ Bonduel (grades 5-8)
- May 25 8th Grade Graduation
- May 26 Last Day of School, Final Chapel/ 5K graduation at 8:30am, picnic lunch, dismissal at noon

#### **Farewell**

We wish Mrs. Page God's blessings as she moves on to a new position at St. Mark's Pre-School. Thanks for your hard work and dedication, Mrs. Page. You have been a blessing to us during your time here and we wish you the best as you now begin a new chapter of your life. May God continue to bless you as you continue to serve Him in His kingdom.

#### Welcome

We welcome Ms. Elizabeth Schmidt to our Trinity family as she will be joining our teaching team this summer to take over the 3rd grade classroom. Elizabeth will be graduating this May from Concordia University Wisconsin. She grew up in Bonduel, WI where she attended St. Paul Lutheran School and Wolf River Lutheran High School in Shawano.

**Elizabeth wrote:** I have been blessed to be born into a family with a strong faith background. My family taught me God's love when I was child and I want to share His love to children through my teaching. I have been fortunate enough to attend Lutheran schools where I had wonderful teachers who were passionate about their faith, which also contributed to my inclination of becoming a Lutheran school teacher.

We look forward to Elizabeth joining us!



# **TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

# EARN \$500 IN TUITION CREDIT





Do you know a family wanting to learn more about Trinity Lutheran School? Refer them to enroll and earn a \$500 tuition credit for you and the new family!

#### How can they learn more?

- Visit the website and social media pages to get a feel for Trinity Lutheran School.
- o Schedule a tour with the school to meet the principal, get a feel for the environment, and ask questions.
- Work with our administrative staff to answer any questions about the enrollment process, tuition assistance opportunities, and to learn why Trinity is the right choice.

#### How Can You Earn \$500 in Tuition Credit?

- Current Trinity families refer new families to Trinity's
   4K or Kindergarten-8th grade.
- The referred family completes and submits the Trinity Referral Program application to the school office.
- Once the new student(s) completes their first semester of school, both families will receive up to a \$500 tuition credit.

#### **Program Rules:**

The program may change or be discontinued at any time. Eligibility of referrals is determined by the Principal. Tuition credits are transferable while enrolled within Trinity - either family can choose to transfer their \$500 tuition credit to another Trinity family. Once a student graduates, any unused referral credits can no longer be transferred. Request must be received in writing. Trinity childcare programs are not eligible for the referral credit. Tuition and fee credits have no cash value and will not be redeemed for cash. Referral credits will not be offered for younger sibling enrollment or other members of a referring family's household. Wisconsin Parental School Choice Program families that refer a family, or are referred, will have modified credit amounts as it relates to this program.

Contact the school office for more details.

# SUMMER SCHOOL-AGE CARE PROGRAM

Summer school-age care will be offered to Trinity and non-Trinity students going into grades K-8. This program will run Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Come join us for a fun summer in a Christian environment!

If you have not yet completed a pre-registration form contact the Church office now, to reserve your spot and request your registration packet. For families that have completed pre-registration your full registration packet is due to the church office by Monday, May 15th, along with the registration fee for families using our services for the first time.

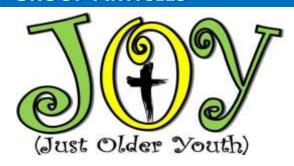
We have lots of fun activities planned for this summer, some of them include:

- ~Water play on campus with sprinklers, small pools and water squirters.
- ~Marathon Park with planned activities
- ~Chapel monthly led by school age students
- ~Daily Jesus Time and interactive reading time
- ~Ice Cream Days
- ~Farmer's Market
- ~Marathon Public Library
- ~Marathon County Fair

Summer care is offered Monday through Friday 6:30 am -6:00 pm. There is no care Memorial Day, Independence Day or Labor Day. Cost is \$5.41 per child per hour for the first child, \$4.47 for the 2nd and/or more child(ren). Field trips may be an additional fee.

Contact Jen Effinger, in the church office, for more information at 715-842-0769 or effingerj@trinitynet.org.

## **JOY GROUP ARTICLES**



# Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities Meets the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month

(during the school year)

Fellowship with refreshments provided.

Open to all ages—bring a friend or neighbor!

Questions? Want more information?

Do you have any good suggestions for programming?

Please contact Pastor Pegorsch.

#### **NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

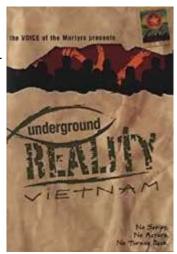
Afternoon Special Presentation of the film "Underground Reality Vietnam"
Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30pm in the Parlors

How to live a faith worth dying for with a focus on the persecuted church in Vietnam. We will watch this powerful story of eight teens learning about faith and courage through life changing teen ministry. How can youth and adults reach out to others with the saving message of Christ crucified and risen for the salvation of souls? Discussion to follow on how we can become better witnesses for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in our troubled world today to all ages of people searching for purpose and meaning and salvation.

Our next Joy gathering will be on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord bless your summer activities and the sharing of your faith!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Dennis Pegorsh



#### **Memorial Day facts and History**

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on Monday, May 29.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Civil War soldiers buried there.

Did you know? Each year on Memorial Day a national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

#### Why is the Poppy a symbol of Memorial Day?

From 1914 to 1918, World War I took a greater human toll than any previous conflict, with some 8.5 million soldiers dead of battlefield injuries or disease. The Great War, as it was then known, also ravaged the landscape of Western Europe, where most of the fiercest fighting took place. From the devastated landscape of the battlefields, the red poppy would grow and, thanks to a famous poem, become a powerful symbol of remembrance.

### In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

#### **TRINITY CHILDCARE**

Childcare Director: The School Board continues to seek our next Childcare Director. Please keep this process in your prayers. The childcare director will serve Trinity Lutheran Church & School, and the Wausau community by developing, coordinating and administering an effective childcare program, and providing leadership to and supervision of staff members and others involved in this ministry. Interested candidates should contact Tina Dickens at dickenst@trinitynet.org

We are also hiring part-time teachers. These positions require 29.75 hours or less per week, schedules can be flexible with Monday – Friday hours between 6:30am-6:00pm. Experience with young children required. Instructional responsibilities include; implementing and carrying out age-appropriate activities, nurturing and caring for children (infant - school age) in a loving, Christian manner, working to solve any discipline problems, communicating effectively with staff and with parents, and demonstrating faith in Jesus Christ to all under his/her direction and care. Trinity is offering new increased wages in our childcare. Qualified candidates should apply online at indeed.com by searching Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Wausau, WI.



#### **Dates to Note:**

May 12th - Spirit Day, wear your Trinity blue & white

May 15th - Summer Care registration due

May 18th - Chapel in Sanctuary with Pastor Smith

Friday, May 26th - Last day of School. Closing Service at 8:30a.m. Hot lunch is available. 12:00 dismissal.

May 29th - Memorial Day

NO CHILDCARE. All Church & School Offices Closed.

May 30th - First day of summer care

#### **VBS** is back

All childcare students ages 3 and up will have the opportunity to participate in vacation bible school this summer. This is sure to be a fun filled week with lots of activities. Save the date for August 7-11. Please also prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer. This event will be 9-12noon daily. If you can lend a helping hand please sign up with the Church office.

Hold my hand
Lead the way
Help me be good
every day
Let me know what's
wrong and right
Keep me safe both
day and night
Let me know what
you have planned
Lead the way God
Hold my Hand





#### **Contact Information**

Classroom extensions and teacher email address:

Little Lambs \*331 or \*332 - Sara at seehafers@trinitynet.org Rainbow Room\*310 - Cara at klingerc@trinitynet.org Butterfly Room \*311 - Amanda at brandta@trinitynet.org Sonshine Room \*321 - Jubilee at sonshine@trinitynet.org School Age Room \*329

Church Office \*320 - Jen at effingerj@trinitynet.org



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While you can explore the content of Ramsey+ on your own, we will also be hosting in-person classes for Financial Peace University throughout 2023. Come join us Sunday mornings for the in-person class. We will be hosting more sessions later in the year.



Lesson 1: Baby Step 1 & Budgeting—March 19

Lesson 2: Baby Step 2—March 26

Lesson 3: Baby Step 3—April 2

Lesson 4: Baby Steps 4,5,6 & 7—April 16

Lesson 5: Wise Spending—April 23

Lesson 6: Understanding Insurance—April 30

Lesson 7: Building Wealth—May 7

Lesson 8: Buying and Selling your home—May 14

Lesson 9: Outrageous Generosity— May 21



# Your last chance for Church Pictorial Directory Photography sessions will be May 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

If you haven't already, sign-up for your session RIGHT NOW by going online to **trinitywausau.org** 

and clicking the directory scheduling link on our home page or by using your phone to scan the above QR code. For assistance please contact the church office at 715-842-0769. You don't want to miss this chance to be recorded as part of our church family. There is no cost to you and all members photographed get a free print of their directory photo.



## **CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS**

#### **Facilities/Properties**

Save the date for a Special Meeting of the Voters on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30pm in the SLC to discuss moving forward with BRICK RESTORATION on the exterior of the whole campus, with special emphasis on the church!

We are looking forward to several projects this Summer, including a poured rubber surface for the playground, which is fully funded by Legacy 2022 and Alumni! This will be a long-lasting investment for our outdoor play space.

#### **March Financial Summary**

March financials are not great, but they are consistent with previous years when Easter did not fall in March. The chart includes 4 line items at the bottom that show the "bottom" line for each area within the church. 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 January financials include:

#### Childcare:

- o Childcare is performing at 96% of budget.
- o We have created NEW position descriptions in Childcare, and are working to bring on additional qualified staff at a competitive wage. We are hoping to have 20 Childcare staff this Summer all Childcare staff will attend a 4-6 week training and orientation program this Summer, regardless of tenure at Trinity. This will provide a higher quality program with a Christ-centered focus so that we can provide children with a safe and Christ-centered environment to grow and learn!

#### School:

o March looks a little rough. We have less School Choice students than we budgeted, and that impacts the bottom line. There isn't much we can do to change the expenses in the school for this budget year, so we need to be creative about how to cover this deficit. Cash flow is not a problem right now, so we are not sounding any alarms.

#### Church:

- o Tithes and offerings are 96% of budget after March, which is consistent with previous months.
- o We have seen some generous gifts to restricted accounts in the past couple of months...while this is very helpful when we have specific needs, it is hard to concentrate funding to areas of special interest when we aren't meeting budget, which considers monthly bills, salaries/benefits, school advancements, and support for the childcare. Please consider giving to the general fund when you are able...we are committed to being good stewards of your generous gifts.

#### **OVERALL:**

o Overall we are in a good position at this point in the financial year. I had an error in the insurance bill payment in February that had to be corrected in March, so the expenses for March are high across the board as a result.

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

Endowment Loan: \$89,747 ← Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years

Thrivent Loan: \$527,147 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!

TOTAL Debt: \$617,426 ☺

#### **Current account balances:**

Checking: \$243,369 Savings: \$651,210 Endowment: \$816,171

Jenna is officially out on medical leave, and will return in June part-time for a while. She is doing great! With the Childcare Director position open and a temporary staffing deficit in the church office, Jen, Vanessa and I are working around the clock (quite literally) to meet the needs of the congregation. If we drop the ball, please be gentle...we really are doing our best to keep up. Prayers are appreciated!

May God continue to work within you to continue to support the ministry at Trinity with time, talents and treasure...we are excited about gathering people to grow in faith, and we hope you are, too!

# **March 2023 Financials**

			% of Budg-		Jul '22 - Mar	YTD	% of	Jul '21 - Mar	Annual Budg-
	Mar 23	Budget	et	Mar 22	23	Budget	Budget	22	et
Income									
CHILDCARE INC CONGREGATIONAL	20,145	24,528	82%	19,729	210,964	220,517	96%	213,031	293,799
INC	90,154	91,851	98%	97,945	840,977	875,924	96%	870,400	1,190,096
LAY MINISTIRES INC	0	50	0%	0	0	450	0%	1,530	600
SCHOOL INC	13,739	31,065	44%	34,114	690,090	767,099	90%	663,775	1,345,449
Total Income	124,038	147,494	84%	151,788	1,742,031	1,863,990	93%	1,748,736	2,829,944
Gross Profit	124,038	147,494	84%	151,788	1,742,031	1,863,990	93%	1,748,736	2,829,944
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP CONGREGATIONAL	32,098	28,545	112%	25,840	273,535	276,878	99%	281,189	371,400
EX LAY MINISTRIES	19,533	16,551	118%	18,625	168,081	156,829	107%	175,747	584,292
EXP	46,386	39,572	117%	32,682	385,347	388,465	99%	326,025	528,108
SCHOOL EXP	103,930	102,524	101%	99,644	1,029,928	1,015,070	101%	972,799	1,346,144
Total Expense Net Income	201,947 -77,909	187,192 -39,698	108% <b>196%</b>	176,791 <b>-25,003</b>	1,856,891 -114,860	1,837,242 <b>26,748</b>	101% -429%	1,755,760 -7,024	2,829,944 <b>0</b>
CHILDCARE Net	-11,909	-39,090	190 /6	-23,003	-114,000	20,740	-423 /0	-1,024	
Income CONGREGATIONAL	-11,953	-4,017	-7,936	-6,111	-62,571	-56,361	-6,210	-68,158	-77,601
Net Income LAY MINISTRIES Net	70,621	75,300	-4,679	79,320	672,896	719,095	-46,199	694,653	605,804
Income	-46,386	-39,522	-6,864	-32,682	-385,347	-388,015	2,668	-324,495	-527,508
SCHOOL Net Income	-90,191	-71,459	-18,732	-65,530	-339,838	-247,971	-91,867	-309,024	-695

We will once again be hosting our annual church rummage sale the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get rid of items cluttering up your basements, attics and storage spaces as well raise funds for our church and school. Start saving your items now.

#### **Donation Collection Schedule:**

Saturday, June 3rd—2pm-7pm
Sunday, June 4th—10am-1pm
Monday, June 5th through Wednesday, June 7th—10am-6pm
No collection on Thursday, June 8th
Friday, June 9th—10am-7pm for plants & bakery items only

We will feature a \$5 bag sale on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Questions: Contact Mary Cota at 715.432.6411.

We will accept: Home décor items, furniture, Small exercise equipment, bikes, holiday items (no trees), bedding, rugs, hand tools, gently worn clothing, toys, plants, baked and canned goods, sporting goods (no golf clubs or skis), family friendly books (no health or training books or encyclopedias please)

**We will NOT accept:** Large appliances, microwaves, computers, TVs, inappropriate books, CDs or movies, stained, ripped or worn out clothing, large exercise equipment or any items with a compressor.



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFICE HOURS** are 7:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday during the school year. Summer Office Hours will be 8am-3:00pm beginning May 30<sup>th</sup>. Door #1 (the main door) will be open during those hours, anything else will need to be scheduled through the church or school offices. Childcare families will need their badges all day every day to access the secure areas of the building.

**SCRIP** will be sold 7:30am-2:00pm weekdays, as well as after worship services on the weekends. Thank you to those volunteers that make it possible for us to continue to offer this program.

**BAND OF BROTHERS** invites all men to join in fellowship and bible study as we explore the Bible as a remarkable manual for our everyday lives. We meet Saturdays 8-8:45am in the Parlors. Come as you are able, guests are always welcome.

#### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES**

SEE THE MAY CALENDAR FOR DATES & TIMES

#### The End Times Bible Study

Sundays in the Sanctuary & Wednesdays in the Parlors

#### Sunday School

Room 209: 4K, 5K & 1st Grade; ECC Room: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Grades; Room 212: 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th Grades

#### High School Bible Study

Each Sunday we will take time exploring other world religions and comparing and contrasting them to Christianity and the One True God. We'll be looking at Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Shinto, Confucianism and Daoism, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Scientology, The New Age, Satanism, Rastafarianism, and Atheism. Hope you can join us!

TRINITY TOURS RIVERBOAT TWILIGHT CRUISE is taking a four day trip September 13-16, 2023 to Le Claire, IA. Tour includes Lamers transportation, 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, Field of Dreams farmhouse tour, Riverboat Twilight 2 day cruise package with entertainment and activities on board, Entry to National Mississippi River Museum, 2 night stay at Holiday Inn Express in LeClaire, IA, 1 night stay at Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque, IA, trolley tour at Starved Rock Lodge, stop at Wollersheim Winery, all taxes and tips. Tour description and sign up information are on the table in the Narthex and by the reception desk. If you need further information call Tim Rock 715-359-5849.

**TRINITY TOURS** will be hosting a bus trip to a Brewers home game on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> vs. the Colorado Rockies. The cost of this trip will be \$90. Sign-up forms are available in the Church Narthex. For more information please contact Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095.

ANNUAL VOTERS' ASSEMBLY on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Topics outside of the required elements (budget, membership/transfers, strategic plan, etc) include; Peaceful Release - Cathy Page, Changes in Calls - Holly Prahl, Andy Kline

**TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND** July 21-23, 2023. A weekend of fun and fellowship at Kinney Lake Campground in Marion. Please contact Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095 or djbeisner@charter.net with guestions.

PRAYER is essential for our daily walk with God. Here at Trinity we have an opportunity to lift up the needs of others who request prayers on the friendship pads or to our church office. Please consider joining Trinity's prayer team. All that is required is a willing heart to lift up each prayer request to the Lord. Please provide your email address to <a href="mailto:prayers@trinitynet.org">prayers@trinitynet.org</a> if you would like to participate. As a member of our Prayer Team, each week prayer requests will be sent out to the email you provide. The power of prayer is effective!

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** is held Mondays in the Gym, 7-9pm. May 15th is the last day for this school year.

You're Invited to the Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School May Mystery Mixer, Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Dale's Weston Lanes. Doors open at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$40 per person, silent auction, tropical island mystery activity and heavy hors d'oeuvres provided. Come dressed for a tropical island mystery adventure, bring your friends, have fun and help us celebrate God's blessings. Reservations must be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact the WVLHS office at 715.693.2693 with questions.

**GRIEF SHARE** is a friendly and caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. All are welcome who are seeking hope and healing after a major loss in their life. Our current session meets weekly on Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:30pm in the Parlors, now through May 30<sup>th</sup>. Each session has its own theme, so come as you are able. Please contact Pastor Mayland with any questions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)**

LWML Convention News: One wonderful part of the LWML National Convention in June will be the selection of Mission Grants for the next 2 years. There are 45 mission grant proposals from all over the US and the world. While they are all worthy missions, only about half can be funded even with a Biennial Mission Goal of over \$2 million dollars. You can read about them on the website *lwml.org* or in the *Spring 2023 Quarterly*. Our Zone 11 delegate, Lynn Wadzinski, would appreciate your prayers for God's guidance, as she casts her votes. It's not too late to register for the convention. You might even want to sign up to be a worker since North & South Wisconsin and Northern Illinois are the 3 host districts.

Registration link: *lwml.org/2023-convention*Special events on Wednesday, June 21 before the convention include many Milwaukee area tours, a **Tee Up 4**Mites golf tournament, or a **Brewers – Diamondbacks** 

game at 1:10. Go to the Tours Registration part of the registration link. We hope to see you in Milwaukee to "Celebrate the Lord

of the Nations!"



#### **CHURCH OFFICERS & BOARD CONTACTS**

**CHILDCARE COMMITTEE** The School Board is in need of people to be on the Childcare Committee. This committee would work on the childcare financials, as well as find ways to hire needed staff. If you are interested or want more information, contact James Kramer at schoolboard@trinitynet.org or 715.212.0518.

**VBS is back!** August 7-11, 2023. Vacation bible school is sure to be a joy filled week with lots of fun activities. Please prayerfully consider being a VBS volunteer. This event will be 9-12noon daily. If you can lend a helping hand please sign up with the Church office.

**COME CHEER ON THE TRINITY SOFTBALL TEAM** Tuesday nights May 16-August 9 at the Sunnyvale Softball Complex. Our game schedule will be published in the Yellow Sheet when it is available. Questions? Contact Heidi Smith: 715-966-1298.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are needed for 2023! The Altar Flower Chart is posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign-up today to ensure you get your preferred date! Thank you!

A PART-TIME MUSIC TEACHER is needed for the 2023-24 school year. Please contact Bill Zuelsdorff at 715.848.0166 or zuelsdorffb@trinitynet.org for more information.

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