

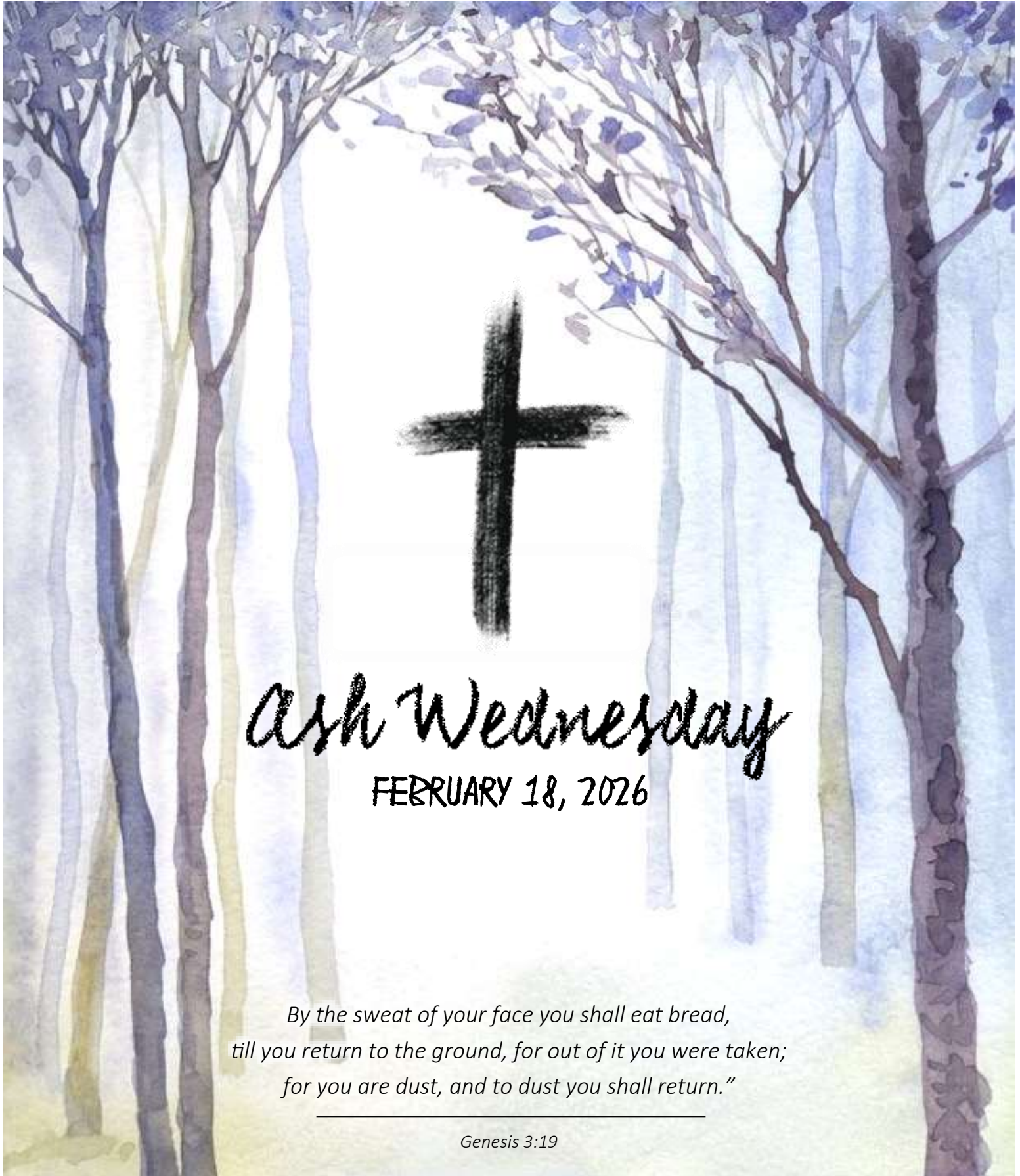


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Ash Wednesday
FEBRUARY 18, 2026

*By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*

Genesis 3:19

FROM THE PASTOR...

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Trinity, we have been blessed! We can look at our school and our church and say, “Look at the good things our Heavenly Father is doing here!” In the midst of such abundant blessings, we should always keep the Lord's work at the fore. At Trinity this is: Teach the Faith, Love the Lost, Connect all to Christ. How might we continue to be a blessing? Is there a point where the work is done?

From Luke 12:

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Such a rich text is so apt for Trinity. We are blessed in ways many other churches are not. These blessings come through monetary gifts, our volunteers, our pastors, our teachers, etc. Even still, we should flee contentedness. We should caution ourselves from storing up treasures on earth. Even the church must remember these words of Christ. We may see the church's financial health and be tempted to sit back. We may see new faces and say God is good, I can finally take a break. These are the moments when Jesus says, “Let's store up more treasures, not here but in heaven.”

Trinity continues in blessing our members and our community in being faithful to our mission: Teach, Love, Connect. There will be conversations forthcoming and decisions made regarding the church and the work to be done. Let us all come together in standing with Christ and devoting ourselves to the mission of Jesus. Let us continue to devote ourselves to sharing Christ with others, to inviting others to our fellowship, and to be rich toward God.

Jesus has blessed – let us bless because he first blessed us.

Thank you to all of you who serve Trinity and are a blessing to this place.

—Pastor Pete Williamson



CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday, February 1:

- 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, February 2:

- 3:15 PM Grief Share—Parlors
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care—Parlors

Tuesday, February 3:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
- 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, February 4:

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

Thursday, February 5:

- 5:30 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Music Rm
- 6:00 PM From Trans to Truth: Katie Coblentz
Speaker—SLC
- 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, February 6:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
- 4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, February 7:

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

Sunday, February 8:

- 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 Community Service Project—
Cafeteria
- 5:30 PM Youth Group: Super Bowl Party—Youth
House

Monday, February 9:

- 1:00 PM Goetsch/Wadzinski Women's Bible Study—
Parlors
- 3:15 PM Grief Share—Parlors
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care—Parlors

Tuesday, February 10:

- 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
- 1:00 PM LWML Women's Fellowship—Parlors
- 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
- 6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, February 11:

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

Thursday, February 12:

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

Friday, February 13:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, February 14:

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

Sunday, February 15:

- 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, February 16:

- 3:15 PM Grief Share—Parlors
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care—Parlors

Tuesday, February 17:

- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
- 1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors
- 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Wednesday, February 18:

- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors
- 10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Worship—Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
- 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 19:

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

Friday, February 20:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
- 4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, February 21:

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study—Parlors
- 9:00 AM Quarterly Sanctuary Cleaning—Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, February 22:

- 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, February 23:

- 1:00 PM Goetsch/Wadzinski Women’s Bible Study—Parlors
- 3:15 PM Grief Share—Parlors
- 6:00 PM Divorce Care—Parlors

Tuesday, February 24:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
- 9:30 AM MStaff—Lounge
- 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
- 6:30 PM Altar Guild—Parlors

Wednesday, February 25:

- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Proverbs—Parlors
- 10:00 AM Midweek Lenten Worship—Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
- 6:00 PM Midweek Lenten Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, February 26:

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

Friday, February 27:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors
- 9:00 AM School Geography Bee—SLC

Saturday, February 28:

- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study—Parlors
- 11:30 AM Blind Outreach Gathering—Parlors
- 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Childcare Director Installation

Join us in worship on Sunday, February 1 at 9am in the Sanctuary as we celebrate the installation of our new Childcare Director Mrs. Tiff Laffin. Be sure to stop by, say hello, and share in the excitement of this new chapter for our childcare ministry.

Our Hearts are Full, As Are Our Classrooms

Trinity’s Childcare Center currently has a waitlist for every one of our classrooms. While we understand that this can be stressful for families in the community that are in search of quality childcare, we are very grateful for current “fullness.” It gives us an opportunity to slow down and count our many blessings. We are grateful to the families that are referring their friends and family to Trinity, giving us confidence that our current families feel cared for, loved, and supported in our center. We are thankful for the growth of our current families. We get to see the Church growing each time a family in our care brings a new little brother or sister in Christ into the fold. Not only do full classrooms give us the best opportunity to be profitable, it gives our childcare team an opportunity to strategically plan for the future. We have several staff members working to complete trainings or certifications, pursuing every opportunity to learn and grow in their education and faith. It also gives us an opportunity to grow our team, seeking childcare teachers to care for and guide children in a Christ-centered environment, offering 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.

Here's What's Happening

Our Winter Sports Season has come to an end! We had two boys teams represent our school on the court. Great season! Thank you to all our coaches for their time and talents to support our basketball program. Go Eagles!



Our 7th & 8th grade girls volunteering as bell ringers for The Salvation Army before Christmas!



2nd grade class leading chapel in January!



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

- **February 2**— WPCP Open Enrollment begins
- **February 11**—NWD Spelling Bee
- **February 16**—No School/In-service Day
- **February 27**—Geography Bee

Time to Think 2026-2027

It may still look like winter outside, but now is the perfect time to start thinking of enrolling or re-enrolling for the 2026-2027 school year. Save your spot now! This is also the time to apply for the WPCP program. Those students new to Trinity or entering into the 4K, 5K, or 1st grade could potentially come to Trinity for \$0. Want to know more? Please call the main office 715-848-0166. Remember we also offer tuition grants through our Education Grant Fund. Please feel free to call the school office if you have questions. We would love to see you here in the fall. Help spread the word to your family, friends, and neighbors about the value of a Christ-centered education at Trinity!



Saturday April 18th ~ You're Invited to our annual Leave a Legacy Auction. This adults-only event with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails & spectacular auction items provides much-needed fellowship & fundraising to enhance the educational programming at Trinity Lutheran School for years to come. Past projects funded by this event include security, technology, playground, and curriculum upgrades. Our goal is to have 150-200 attendees and to raise \$20,000 at this event, and we need your help! Tickets are \$40 each or 2 for \$75 and can be purchased in the school office. If you are unable to attend but feel moved to donate please contact the office.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

NEW INFO

In January, Church Council hosted a Town Hall to announce that Trinity is in excess of \$1.6 million of Estate Funding, much of which came in December from a single bequest. There are no restrictions on any of these remaining estate funds. We want to make sure that the congregation is informed about a few things:

- Estate funds are typically not spent on budgeted items or items that should be budgeted.
- The Church Council, per our Constitution and Bylaws, can only approve up to \$50,000. Anything more than that must be approved at a Voters Assembly.
- Currently the money is invested across multiple banks, but funds are 100% managed by our bank. All funds are currently FDIC insured and liquid, but gaining interest.
- If you have ideas about how this money can help us reach our mission of “Teach the faith, Love the lost, Connect all to Christ,” please send that to a currently elected Board Member – School Board, Elders, or Members of Council can receive that information.
- Please make every effort to come to Town Hall Meetings – there was a suggestion to offer childcare at those meetings to make them easier for our members with children to attend. We are committed to working on that very reasonable solution.
- We will continue to be good stewards, and we pray that this does not replace the generosity to the General Fund, which provides the funding for budgeted staff, programs and services.

Facilities/Properties

A new digital sign will be installed before the end of January. The sign will feature color and moving graphics, but more importantly we will be able to update it regularly! The current sign is no longer serviceable.

There was an accident that resulted in damage to the planter wall by the East 5th Ave. Doors. We will be working this Spring to rebuild it.

December Financial Summary

The generosity of our congregation continues to amaze us. Last December, giving was roughly \$130,000. This year, you gave \$180,000 in Tithes and Offerings. In November, Tithes and Offerings totaled 88% of our budget, but after December, we are sitting at 100% of budget! Because of that, we are able to practice excellent stewardship and move over half of our annual budget of \$50,000 into a reserve account for School Choice. This allows us to participate in the program without financial risk.

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 *similar* budget in the next cycle, given this year’s financials.

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 a new Director, Tiff Laffin. She comes to us with valuable experience and education that will help to build the reputation of our childcare center for years to come.
- The bottom line for Childcare was better than we expected.

School:

- School income in the first half of the fiscal year is 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.
- We are spending more money than we had budgeted to support the Music Ministry.

Overall:

- Overall, we are right where we expected to be at this point in the year.

FINANCIALS—DECEMBER 2025

- 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.

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

- Endowment Loan: \$47,209 ← 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: \$411,835 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
- TOTAL Debt: \$459,045**

Current account balances (as of Dec 31, 2025): —Checking: \$79,216 —Savings: \$494,133

****Original Endowment: \$1,131,157** (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: \$187,768** (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: \$107,291** (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 your 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!*

	Dec 25	Budget	ACTUAL TO BUDGET	Dec 24	Jul - Dec 25	YTD Budget	ACTUAL TO BUDGET	Jul - Dec 24	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILD CARE INC	47,831	40,802	7,029	44,794	301,058	281,012	20,046	244,656	607,141
COUNCIL INC	180,138	121,974	58,164	129,030	601,808	602,685	(877)	596,917	1,174,918
ELDERS INC	35	65	(30)	0	201	390	(189)	258	780
SCHOOL INC	19,973	32,000	(12,027)	16,452	524,765	527,254	(2,489)	521,430	1,365,135
Total Income	247,977	194,841	53,136	190,276	1,427,832	1,411,341	16,491	1,363,261	3,147,974
Gross Profit	247,977	194,841	53,136	190,276	1,427,832	1,411,341	16,491	1,363,261	3,147,974
Expense									
CHILD CARE EXP	48,801	52,547	3,746	43,619	340,599	333,035	(7,564)	292,896	667,457
COUNCIL EX	25,093	17,225	(7,868)	15,812	94,814	102,907	8,093	99,941	567,470
ELDERS EXP	43,382	39,353	(4,029)	50,507	263,279	248,733	(14,546)	249,802	497,912
SCHOOL EXP	103,572	104,874	1,302	101,430	659,055	694,672	35,617	665,575	1,365,135
Total Expense	220,848	213,999	(6,849)	211,368	1,357,747	1,379,347	21,600	1,308,214	3,097,974
Net Income	27,129	-19,158	46,287	-21,092	70,085	31,994	38,091	55,047	50,000
CHILD CARE Net Income	(970)	(11,745)	10,775	1,175	(39,541)	(52,023)	12,482	(48,240)	(60,316)
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	155,045	104,749	50,296	113,218	506,994	499,778	7,216	496,976	607,448
ELDERS Net Income	(43,347)	(39,288)	(4,059)	(50,507)	(263,078)	(248,343)	(14,735)	(249,544)	(497,132)
SCHOOL Net Income	(83,599)	(72,874)	(10,725)	(84,978)	(134,290)	(167,418)	33,128	(144,145)	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 be touring Bridge Street Mission and will meet at 1pm on Tuesday, February 10 in Trinity's east parking lot near the basketball hoop to carpool there. Please bring donations like canned fruit, vegetables, or meat. See (bridgestreetmission.org) for a complete list of donations they accept. Please let Sharon Hanke know if you plan to attend, so we know who is carpooling, and can let them know how many will be in our group (srhanke60@gmail.com / 715-581-8259).

Our Women's Fellowship group will serve for the **Lenten Soup Supper on March 11**. We are thinking of Chicken Wild Rice soup and gluten-free vegetable bean soup. We will make soup, sandwiches, and desserts. Watch for an email on items to donate.

LMWL Mission Grant #6 is for \$100,000 for **"Christ Centered Hope for Cancer Patients" through Phil's Friends**.

The core of the Phil's Friends mission is based on *Matthew 25:36, I was sick and you visited me*. In the past 18 years, Phil's Friends has sent 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope. This ministry supports anyone with cancer regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or income level. The grant helps to pay for shipping and mailing.

If you would like to refer someone to get a care package, and 12 months of Cards of Hope, go to their website: <https://philsfriends.org/care-packages/>

Ministries & Service Opportunities

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.

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! *We are looking for additional volunteers to sew squares for 72 x 90 quilts at home. We will provide all the needed materials. Contact us in the church office for more details.*

MUSIC AT TRINITY

JuBellation Handbells rehearses 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 rehearses 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!

JOY GROUP will be meeting on Tuesday, February 17 at 1pm in the Parlors. Pastor Sundbom will lead a discussion about Artificial Intelligence (AI). Where do we encounter it already? What is good about it, and what might cause us to pause? Join us for information, fellowship, and refreshments!

QUARTERLY SANCTUARY CLEANING Please consider joining us on Saturday, February 21 for some light cleaning in the Sanctuary. Meet at 9am using the 5th Avenue entrance. Please bring a pail & cloth—we have the soap. Thank you to all past helpers!

BIBLE STUDIES, MINISTRIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Youth, Children & Family

YOUTH AT TRINITY January was another short month for Youth Group! Our 1st meeting of the year was cancelled due to inclement weather. We took the youth group ice skating over at Marathon Park, and they had a wonderful time. Our Bible Studies focused on what trust does for a relationship and does retaliation really make things better, and what is God's role in our lives through each of these.



Looking ahead to February: We'll be continuing our Bible Study going through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew. We'll also be having a Super Bowl Party and decorating cookies and serving them at Coffee Hour. More details on the app.

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

TRINITY KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL is launching two donation drive service projects, collecting **now through February 8** (please see below).

HOPE Pregnancy Resource Center in Wausau DIAPER DRIVE

Accepting Donations for new, packaged diapers, sizes P (preemie) through 4.

United Way Marathon County CLOTHING DRIVE

Now Collecting everyday essentials like sweatpants, hoodies, and new socks & underwear. Warm layers or soft fabrics like sweaters and fleece.

Most Needed Items: —Toddler clothes (12mo. - 5T)
—Men's casual clothing (sizes S-XXL), especially jeans and casual pants
—Elementary-age clothing (sizes 6-14)

Clothing is provided **FREE** to guests of the Community Closet, helping local families stay comfortable & confident as they work toward financial stability.

CHRIST-CENTERED SCOUTING GROUPS AT TRINITY
AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) is for girls ages 5-18. We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday 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/>.

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.

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.

BLIND OUTREACH GATHERING will be held on Saturday, February 28, 11:30am-2:00pm in the Parlors for those who are blind or visually-impaired and their caregivers. There will be a light luncheon served at noon, followed by games and fellowship. Please RSVP to 715-842-0769 if you plan to attend.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2025 were 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. 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.

FROM TRANS TO TRUTH—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. Come hear Katie's story at 6pm on February 5 in the SLC.



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).

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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!

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP & SOUP SUPPERS

The theme, "For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand why God would send His Son to die for us. The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us for us so that we might become like Him.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, join us for Midweek Lenten worship on Wednesdays at 10am & 6pm in the Sanctuary. A Lenten Soup Supper will be served before the evening worship service at 5pm in the Cafeteria.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held on February 10 at the Community Blood Center of Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau) 8:00am to 6:00pm. Join us!

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).**



Register for the meal with the QR code and stay for the 45-minute Educational program!



MILESTONES

Happy Birthday!

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

February 4	Dean Thomsen
February 5	Robert Stanton
February 6	Barbara Schultz
February 6	Doralene Zunker
February 7	Don Fenhaus
February 10	Sharon Kautzman
February 14	Shirley Lemke
February 17	Carl Schmidt
February 22	Jeff Lehmann

Anniversaries

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

♥ Lloyd & Geraldine Wojciechowski February 28

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

† Ryleigh Kaiser December 28



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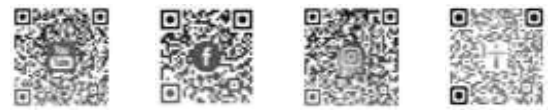
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Missed Worship Last Sunday?

Watch Our Worship Services at Home!

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

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Easter Lily Order Form



In memory or honor of, please be sure to order your lilies today! Lilies are \$20 each. Please complete the order form below and return to the Church Office. If you order a plant, please make arrangements to have it picked up after the last worship service held on Easter Sunday or the Sunday following Easter.

Please note if you will not be picking up your plant on the order form below. Be sure to submit the completed form with attached payment to the church office ***no later than Friday, March 6.***

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Pick Up? Yes _____ No _____ Qty. _____ Total: \$ _____

**Lilies will be held through Sunday, April 12.*