



FROM THE PASTOR...

Grace, mercy and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Whether it is good weather, a free country, faithful family, steady income, noble interests, food on the table, peace of mind, good health, or any other blessing you can think of, it comes from God. What a blessing it really is to be able to thank the Creator for these things and to have forever the opportunity to say thank you. This August, I hope and pray that each and every one of us takes some time out of our busy schedules and thanks God for all these numerous blessings that he has so freely bestowed upon us.

Yet, God has given us so much more than just these physical blessings. He has given us Himself, in His Word. He has given us a calling and a purpose to share His Word with everyone we know. He has sent us His own Son to redeem us from our sin. He has given us eternal life, and hope and forgiveness and so, so much more. As St. Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” Yet, we boast, not in ourselves but in the good and gracious God who gives us all good things.

Therefore, don’t just thank God for all the good things he has given you, but share them with those around you. Whether family or friends, neighbor or stranger, share these blessings with whoever needs them. That is another blessing He has given each of us; to serve one another as God has first served us.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

In Christ,
Rev. Timothy D. Smith



Happy Birthday!

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

August 1	Jean Bobert 1125 Spruce St. 54401
August 1	Karen Burton 1429 N 14th Ave. 54401
August 1	Nancy Hoepfner 409 N 4th Ave. 54401
August 1	Kay Kellbach 2415 Marshall St. 54403
August 3	Elmer Kufahl 151954 Tanager Ln. 54401
August 4	Roger Urban
August 6	Beatrice Doede 221350 Buttercup Rd. 54401
August 7	Russell Nielsen 150582 Lynx Rd. 54401
August 8	Arlene Jank 3826 Henry St. 54403
August 10	Delores Fitzsimmons 914 S 21st Pl. 54401
August 11	Katherine Froehlich
August 13	Donald Chaignot 2144 Old Highway 51 Kronenwetter, WI 54455
August 15	Marlene Sommerfeldt 604 S Webb St. Wittenberg, WI 54499
August 15	Bernadine Verick PO Box 207 Presque Isle, WI 54557
August 16	Barbara Krueger 906 Hickory Rd. 54403
August 17	Julaine Raduechel 2901 N 7th St., Apt. W307 54403
August 17	Dodie Egan 3001 Westhill Dr., Rm. 101 54401
August 19	Patricia Seljan
August 20	Barbara Eisner W12740 Boat Landing 8 Rd. Crivitz, WI 54114
August 24	Dorothy Wiesman 227823 Grouse Ln. 54401

August 27	James Smith 244308 Deer Creek Ln. Athens, WI 54411
August 28	Gerald Erdmann 1601 Cherry St. 54401
August 28	Beverly Krueger
August 28	Ann Jaecks 925 S 12th Ave. 54401

Anniversaries!

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

♥ Rev. Orville & Arlene Jank	August 1
♥ Ervin & Nancy Krahn	August 3
♥ Arthur & Bernice Kickbusch	August 6
♥ Lester & Judith Stankowski	August 6
♥ Stephen & Eunice Mann	August 9
♥ James & Sharon Adamski	August 10
♥ Hugh & Jan Deverell	August 10
♥ Daniel & Ellen Oelke	August 10
♥ Elmer & Judy Kufahl	August 12
♥ Robert & Mary Zuleger	August 19
♥ Terry & Shirley Tabaka	August 22
♥ Dale & Sharon Volkman	August 24
♥ Robert & Verna Schalow	August 30

Our Sympathy.

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

- Helen Marschall July 1

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CALENDAR—AUGUST 2023

Tuesday, August 1st:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, August 2nd:

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

5:30 PM *NO Bible Study through August 23rd*

Thursday, August 3rd:

7:00 PM VBS Volunteers Meeting—Parlors

Friday, August 4th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, August 5th:

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 6th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Sanctuary

Monday, August 7th:

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—Various Rooms

12:05 PM Handbell Camp (Grades 4-6)—Music Rm

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Tuesday, August 8th:

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—Various Rooms

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

12:05 PM Handbell Camp (Grades 4-6)—Music Rm

Wednesday, August 9th:

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—Various Rooms

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

12:05 PM Handbell Camp (Grades 4-6)—Music Rm

5:30 PM *NO Bible Study through August 23rd*

Thursday, August 10th:

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—Various Rooms

12:05 PM Handbell Camp (Grades 4-6)—Music Rm

Friday, August 11th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

9:00 AM Vacation Bible School—Various Rooms

12:05 PM Handbell Camp (Grades 4-6)—Music Rm

Saturday, August 12th:

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 13th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Blended Worship with VBS closing—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Sanctuary

Monday, August 14th:

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, August 15th:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

1:00 PM JOY Group Film Presentation: Jonah—Parlors

Wednesday, August 16th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

5:30 PM *NO Bible Study through August 23rd*

Thursday, August 17th:

5:30 PM Hymn Sing (@ Primrose Memory Care)

Friday, August 18th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, August 19th:

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 20th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/ Communion—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Sanctuary

6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, August 21st:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Tuesday, August 22nd:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, August 23rd: First Day of School

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

5:30 PM *NO Bible Study through August 23rd*

Thursday, August 24th:

No Scheduled Events

Friday, August 25th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, August 26th:

11:30 AM Blind Outreach—Parlors

5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, August 27th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

10:15 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Sanctuary

6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, August 28th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

Tuesday, August 29th:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm

Wednesday, August 30th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

5:30 PM Bible Study: The Creeds—Parlors

Thursday, August 31st:

No Scheduled Events

OFFICE HOURS

Summer Office Hours are 8:00am-3:00pm and will run through Friday, August 18th.

Regular Office Hours will begin again on Monday, August 21st and run 7:30am-4:00pm.

Door #1 (the main door entering the lobby) will be open during office hours—anything else will need to be scheduled through the church or school offices. Child-care families will need their badges all day every day to access the secure areas of the building and door #1 outside of office hours.

SCRIP SALES

Scrip will be sold in the offices Monday through Friday, 8:00am-2:00pm for the remainder of the summer (through August 18th). Beginning August 21st, Scrip will be sold in the offices 7:30am-3:00pm. Scrip is also sold between worship services on the weekends. Thank you to those volunteers that make it possible for us to continue to offer this program.

EARN \$500 IN TUITION CREDIT FOR YOU & A NEW FAMILY

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?

- o 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.
- o 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?

- o Current Trinity families refer new families to Trinity's 4K or Kindergarten-8th grade.
- o The referred family completes and submits the Trinity Referral Program application to the school office.
- o 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.

CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Sundays @ 10:15am

First Day of Sunday School is September **10, 2023**

Spiritual Life Center & Cafeteria

We will be introducing a year-long service project associated with Lutheran Heritage Foundation. We will also be watching a short video, doing some hands-on activities, and having a short meet and greet with our students and teachers.

Classroom Instruction Begins September **17, 2023**

Library: 4K-1st Grade
ECC Rm: 2nd-3rd Grade
Rm 212: 4th-6th Grade

Donations Needed

- Polar Fleece
(future service project benefiting Shut-ins, at least 1 yard each) before February 11th

- Multi-Colored Dry Erase Markers
 - Painters Tape
- Small Packages of Sanitary Wipes

Please place donations in the bin under the desk to the right of the Reception Desk downstairs.

***Thank you for your generosity and
support of the Trinity Sunday
School Program!***

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM & VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL 2023-24 REGISTRATION FORM

These forms are also available in the Narthex. Please provide at least one contact email—if you do not have one, please leave a phone number and you will be contacted to make other arrangements. Please return this form to the church office or email the information to kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com. Forms are also available in the Narthex.

Sign Me Up for Sunday School!

1.	_____	_____	_____
	Child 1 First & Last Name	Grade (4K-6)	Medical Conditions or Allergies
2.	_____	_____	_____
	Child 2 First & Last Name	Grade (4K-6)	Medical Conditions or Allergies
3.	_____	_____	_____
	Child 3 First & Last Name	Grade (4K-6)	Medical Conditions or Allergies

Father's (or guardian's) First, M.I., Last Name

Email

Text? Y / N

Phone Number

Mother's (or guardian's) First, M.I., Last Name

Email

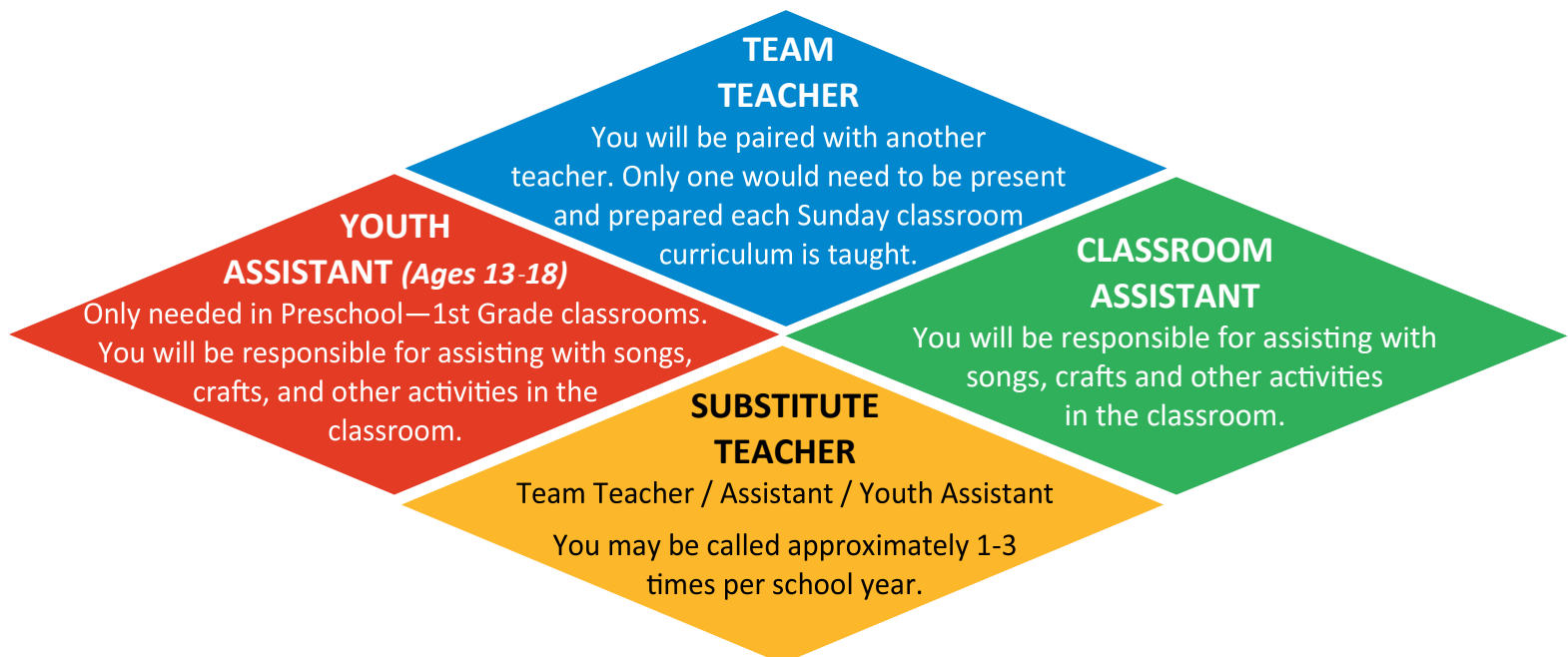
Text? Y / N

Phone Number

Volunteers Needed for Trinity Sunday School!

If you are passionate about sharing the love of Jesus with children, are interested in teaching or are simply looking for more information about volunteering with our Sunday School program, please fill out a ***Sunday School Volunteers Needed Form***, which can be found in the Narthex or Reception area, and return it to the church office.

You may also email kimberlyattrinityss@gmail.com in lieu of the form or if you have any questions.



TRINITY CHILDCARE

Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for volunteers from our Trinity family to be on a **wellness committee** to assist with reviewing the wellness policy as it pertains to our food service programs. Members of this committee will have the opportunity to significantly impact student wellness with a very minimal personal time commitment. Please contact Jen in the church office at effingerj@trinitynet.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Vacation Bible School

Thank you to all those that made contributions to our donation drive for this year's VBS program. We are blessed to have the outpouring of support from our church families. We are excited to celebrate with the entire congregation as we close this year's VBS program at our worship service on Sunday, August 13th at 9am. We hope to see you there.

Your Support makes a Difference

Thank you to all of the members of our Trinity Church family that continue to support the childcare program. We greatly appreciate your support whether it be through your gifts of service and prayer or your tithes and offerings. We are blessed to be able to continue to share Jesus' love with the children of our congregation and community because of the dedication of our congregation. Your support does not go unnoticed. **Thank you!**

Students enjoyed reading to their four-legged-friends at the public library.



Openings For New Students

We've spent all Summer enhancing Trinity Childcare by hiring and training qualified childcare providers, and we are pleased to announce that we now have the opportunity to welcome new students in our 2-, 3-, and 4-(+4K) year-old classrooms beginning in August! At Trinity we strive to assist families in the development of the whole child through the power of the Gospel. If you are looking for quality childcare for your little one call us at 715.848.0166 for more information, for a tour, and to reserve your spot! Spaces are limited and we expect these high-demand spots to fill up fast!

Updated Contact Info

We have streamlined our communications and updated our contact information. If you need to contact our childcare please use the information as listed below.

Email: childcarelead@trinitynet.org

(This email is checked regularly by our lead teachers and is the best way to communicate with us.)

Phone: 715-848-0166

During office hours (8am-3pm during the summer months and 7:30am-4pm during the school year) we will gladly transfer your call to the appropriate classroom. After hours you can reach each classroom using the following extensions.

332 - Little Lambs

310 - Rainbow

311 - Butterfly

321 - Sonshine

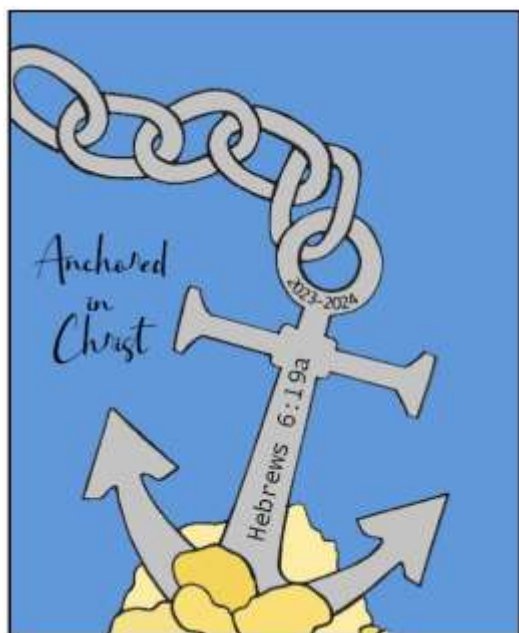
329 - School-Age Care

**Please do not attempt to reach staff using their personal contact information or social media.*



CHURCH & SCHOOL
TRINITY CHILDCARE
501 Stewart Avenue
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Here's What's Happening New School Year Theme



Hebrews 6:19a

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
firm and secure.*

In a world that seems to be always changing and seeking identity, what a joy it is to know that our identity in Christ has anchored us to Him. While those of the world drift along with no purpose or sense of direction and far too often no hope, our identity in Christ gives us purpose and hope as we voyage through this world.

So, this school year we look forward to reminding our students that their identity is in Jesus. It is He that has secured them with His death and resurrection. That through our baptism we are anchored to Him and that regardless of what the world has to throw at us, we will withstand the tempest as the anchor of Christ holds us fast and secure.

Praise be to God whose love secures us!

Dates to Remember

- August 7th-11th—VBS
- August 14th-18th—Meet the Teacher Visits
- August 23rd—First day of the 2023-2024 School Year
- September 1st & 4th—No School Labor Day Week-end

Education Grant Fund

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

There's Still Time!



Are you still looking for a school home for your family? It's not too late to come and check out Trinity. We offer Christ-centered classes from 4K-8th grade, caring teachers that work with students and families, and a top-notch curriculum that gets students prepared for high school. Call 715-848-0166 to set up a time to visit and tour, ask questions about our programs, etc.





Just Older Youth
Older Adult Ministry (65+)

A NEW SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR JOY GROUP



Join us for a Sight and Sound Theater film with a Biblical focus on the Prophet Jonah—a “man on the run.” From what? After a series of wild adventures involving a sea-port called Joppa, a huge boat, and a terrible storm, Jonah finds himself in the belly of a great fish. But this is not the end. It’s here that God teaches Jonah how to receive grace and extend mercy, even to his worst enemy: Nineveh. Join us on Tuesday, August 15th at 1pm in the Parlors—all ages are welcome to attend! Refreshments will be served. Contact Rev. Dr. Dennis Pegorsch at 715-675-4074 with any questions.

OLDER ADULT OPPORTUNITIES...PLAN AHEAD!

1. Beginning on September 19th, the regular JOY Group activities will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in the church Parlors...they are open to all members and non-members.
2. The annual North Wisconsin Adult Gathering will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Weston. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Executive Director of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. (The regular JOY Group will not meet that day—we will possibly meet on Tuesday, October 24th at 1:00pm instead. Please watch the yellow sheet and newsletters for updates.



A Note from
Todd VanEk
President & CEO of Mission India

Dear Friends,

Did you know that there are 273 million illiterate adults in India, making it one of the countries with the lowest literacy rates in the world? A lack of education means so much more than an inability to read. It impacts everyday life.

Imagine that you have a health problem or that your child becomes ill. You’d likely go to the doctor for a check-up or do a quick online search if the illness is minor. We take for granted the ability to read or pay for a visit to the doctor. That isn’t the reality for illiterate people in India.

All across India, lives are being transformed through your prayers. Adults are learning how to read, write and take care of their health. As a result, they leave behind addictions and start a more hygienic life-style—all through our Adult Literacy Classes. The literacy classes also teach individuals how to make and sell different products providing a sustainable income for their families.

Those who used to find themselves hopeless in the face of poverty and illness, now find hope in Christ and their ability to provide for themselves and their families. This holistic transformation excited me for the ripple effect this will have on future generations.

Would you join me in prayer for the holistic transformation of each individual who will walk through the adult literacy classes this year? Your prayers have the power to impact generations to come. Thank you for partnering with Mission India to transform India with the love of Christ.

Together, for India,

Todd VanEk
President & CEO of Mission India

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CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

- Miron is moving right along on the brick restoration project. They are currently working on the arch over the main door to the church on Stewart Avenue. That section is scheduled to take place over several weeks.
- **The Properties Team has been working on several projects this Spring and Summer...Mark Ollhoff lent us his talents to build shelving units from scratch and replace the existing ones in the Little Lambs Childcare room. They are high quality and should last a long time!**
- After the Town Hall in February, we received a donation for a dishwasher for the Parlors kitchen, and it was installed this month. Some additional plumbing fixes completed the project, and we now have a full kitchen in the Parlors.
- **The Parlors kitchen pantry also received a facelift this month! Alan Schroeder worked hard to get the wall demo'd, drywalled and primed. He and Dave Christian worked to get a new sliding door into place instead of the outdated accordion door. Check it out when you have a minute...it is sharp!**
- **Thanks to Todd Hauer, who came in last week to shampoo the carpet at the front of the pews...we have learned that even white wine stains carpet. We were blessed to install top tier carpet tiles, so they can be easily cleaned. That is now on a monthly rotation for the custodial staff.**
- Lastly, we have removed the bathroom partitions in *almost* every restroom across Trinity. They are being painted while we refresh the paint in the restrooms and thoroughly clean them in preparation for the school year. We are so sorry for the inconvenience.

Childcare Update

Beginning in May 2023, we restructured the Childcare by rewriting position descriptions. Upcoming changes were communicated to existing staff in April, followed by individual meetings with staff members to discuss personal impacts. All staff members were encouraged to apply for the positions posted in May. We were able to retain all existing staff members through this process.

In addition to retaining the 7 existing staff members, we hired additional staff members who started in June. In mid-June, we implemented a training program for all Childcare staff, which consisted of leadership/professionalism classes facilitated by Gina Maroszek, scripturally-based training targeting the 8th Commandment/gossip and Reconciliation provided by Pastor Smith, and training required of licensed childcare centers such as Bloodborne Pathogens, regulatory requirements, and mandated reporter. We will continue training in **August with Trinity's Guiding Principles, effective communication, and wayfinding. This training has equipped our staff with** essential skills in a childcare environment. We have also focused on bringing all childcare providers up to speed with educational requirements of providers in a licensed childcare center so that we can remain competitive with those centers.

We are ready to bring on new students, and we continue to look for a qualified Childcare Director. These changes have prepared us for a healthier childcare operation moving forward, and we are so excited to see what the future brings.

June/End of Year Financial Summary

Preliminary financials show that we ended the year at 94% of Tithes and Offerings budget, which is roughly \$35,000 and 3% lower than last year. There was a big dip in Tithes and Offerings in Feb-Apr of this year, which accounts for most of this difference, and we are in process of looking at some reasons this might be the case.

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 the annual financials include:

Childcare

- We are currently operating at a deficit larger than anticipated for the year, but this is mainly because of the Childcare staffing that we changed in June. In short, we have on-boarded several new staff members, but we are not bringing on new children until all staff are fully trained. See the Childcare update above for changes related to Childcare – these updates are exciting and bring much hope for the immediate future!

School

- **There were a few factors that played into the School's financials this fiscal year:**
 - Last year we had families who initially qualified for School Choice, so we received money for those students last fiscal year. However, upon review by the auditors, these couple of families no longer qualified – our School Choice payment was reduced *this* fiscal year to account for that.
 - We had School Choice families who moved out of the city (or state) after they were budgeted to attend Trinity this year. If they do not attend, we do not receive the funds we budgeted.
 - We still have to spend about \$8,300 per total student at Trinity for the School Choice program...so our expenses remained up** (on purpose) in order to meet that commitment. However, this has an impact on the bottom line because without that income, **we have to pull that funding from other sources....mainly the church.**

JUNE 2023 FINANCIALS

- While the School lost a significant amount of money this year, it was good for our participation in the School Choice program. Church
- Tithes and offerings increased to 94% of budget for the year after June. This is \$84,000 *lower* than what we budgeted. Keep in mind that this is the money that we use to pay for salaries, benefits, utilities and other budgeted operational expenses. \$84,000 accounts for the salary and benefits of an average full time staff member. Keep in mind that family insurance costs Trinity about \$20,000 per staff member, but this number also includes retirement and disability benefits. If we cannot bring in Tithes and Offerings to cover the staff we currently have, we cannot grow our ministry.
- 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. Restricted gifts should not be used for budgeted items.

OVERALL

- Overall, we are in a really unfavorable position ending the financial year. We have to be able to make some modifications moving forward because this is not sustainable practice.

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

- Endowment Loan: \$85,526 →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: \$519,095 →Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015! We fully anticipate this being below \$500,000 this time next year.
- TOTAL Debt: \$606,620

Current account balances: —Checking: \$89,064 —Savings: \$734,855 —Endowment: \$845,676

Please continue to be patient with us as we try our best to get caught up...we are trying so hard not to let anything fall through the cracks.

May God continue to work within you to continue to support the ministry at Trinity with time, talents and treasure as we move into Fiscal Year 2024...we are excited about gathering people to grow in faith, and we hope you are, too!

	Jun 23	Budget	% of Budget	Jun 22	Jul '22 - Jun 23	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Jul '21 - Jun 22	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	23,284	24,427	95%	24,202	278,413	293,799	95%	274,389	293,799
CONGREGATIONAL INC	92,166	101,161	91%	89,870	1,122,065	1,190,096	94%	1,155,535	1,190,096
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	0	0	600	0%	1,530	600
SCHOOL INC	385,447	396,285	97%	477,135	1,260,789	1,345,449	94%	1,304,985	1,345,449
Total Income	500,897	521,923	96%	591,207	2,661,267	2,829,944	94%	2,736,439	2,829,944
Gross Profit	500,897	521,923	96%	591,207	2,661,267	2,829,944	94%	2,736,439	2,829,944
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	50,111	38,313	131%	5,042	377,464	371,400	102%	335,213	371,400
CONGREGATIONAL EX	394,957	392,836	101%	471,441	594,926	584,292	102%	680,288	584,292
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	60,876	59,837	102%	-38,607	533,145	528,108	101%	349,120	528,108
SCHOOL EXP	144,077	119,523	121%	176,817	1,382,599	1,346,144	103%	1,347,075	1,346,144
Total Expense	650,021	610,509	106%	614,693	2,888,134	2,829,944	102%	2,711,696	2,829,944
Net Income	-149,124	-88,586	168%	-23,486	-226,867	0	100%	24,743	0
CHILDCARE Net Income	-26,827	-13,886	-12,941	19,160	-99,051	-77,601	-21,450	-60,824	-77,601
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	-302,791	-291,675	-11,116	381,571	527,139	605,804	-78,665	475,247	605,804
LAY MINISTRIES Net Income	-60,876	-59,787	-1,089	38,607	-533,145	-527,508	-5,637	-347,590	-527,508
SCHOOL Net Income	241,370	276,762	-35,392	300,318	-121,810	-695	-121,115	-42,090	-695

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Sunday, August 20th we will play mini-golf and have an ice cream treat. Sunday, August 27th we celebrate the end of summer with a picnic.

Sign-up to work the Wisconsin Valley Fair Soda Sales August 1-6, 2023! Visit trinitywausau.org/ministries/youth-at-trinity to sign up! Proceeds go toward Trinity's Youth Group! Each evening we will meet at the Youth House at 5:15pm and walk as a group down to the grandstand. Students sell soda and water at the two grandstand entrance gates with our 2 large YAT coolers until the start of the show (usually around 7:30pm). Students are then free to go while at least 4 adults stay until the conclusion of the show (usually around 9pm). AND you get a FREE SHIRT for working!

Here is the grandstand fair schedule:

- August 1st—Mitchell Tenpenny
- August 2nd—Rick Springfield
- August 3rd—Jo Dee Messina
- August 4th—PRCA Rodeo
- August 5th—PRCA Rodeo
- August 6th—Draft Horse Show & Demotion Derby

GRIEFSHARE is being held in the fall on Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30pm in the Parlors beginning September 12th. There will be 13 sessions with our final session being December 5th.

Vacation Bible School is back! August 7-11, 2023 from 9am-12pm daily. Children age 4 through entering 5th grade in the fall of 2023 are invited to attend. Registration packets are still available in the Narthex. Older students and adults are asked to volunteer to assist with our VBS program. Thank you to those of you that have begun to bring in donations of requested supplies. All donated items can be returned to the boxes located under the VBS display table.

CHURCH LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED! Trinity is looking for volunteers to help manage the church library. Duties primarily involve shelving, accepting donated materials, and purchasing new books. If you enjoy sharing good books, this could be your opportunity! Please leave your contact information with the church office and we will get in touch with you!

Thank you to Elizabeth Lutz for volunteering her time and talents in the church library!

ALL MEMBERS should have received a letter to verify contact info for the Church Directory. If you wish to make changes, please return the form as soon as you are able. If you're a Trinity member and did not receive a letter you can contact us at info@trinitynet.org

HANDBELLS FOR STUDENT RINGERS

Who: Students entering grades 4 through 6 this fall.

Space is limited to 11 ringers.

What: Handbell Camp – we'll eat a brown bag lunch we bring and then play handbells

Where: Trinity's School Music Room

When: August 7-11, 12:05 – 1:30pm
(immediately following Vacation Bible School)

Why: Why not? Learning to ring handbells is fun!

Please register by emailing Matt Hoehne at hoehnem@trinitynet.org by August 1st.

For more information: Contact Matt Hoehne, Director of Music, hoehnem@trinitynet.org 715.842.0769, ext. 303.

COME CHEER ON THE TRINITY SOFTBALL TEAM Tuesday nights through August 9th. All games are played at the Sunnyvale Softball Complex, field 3 unless otherwise noted. August 1st at 7:30pm (VS. Throw Line Drinkery)
August 1st at 9:30pm (@ Sweet Ride)

UNDIE SUNDAYS ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SPECIAL PROJECT
Destitute people around the world need basic necessities. Thousands of children in India, Latvia, Liberia, Nicaragua, and other countries helped by Orphan Grain Train do not have good underwear or socks. With only the shirt on their backs since the day of their destitution, it's difficult for them to obtain good clothes, not to mention: underwear! Collect NEW underwear for Orphan Grain Train to send to needy people—all sizes needed! Trinity will have collection boxes at the Reception Desk. Collection will run through the end of August.

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 prayers@trinitynet.org 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join us for this summer's annual potluck picnic on Tuesday, August 1st, at the home of Sharon Hanke (2803 Apple Lane, Wausau), beginning about 5:30pm. Bring along a dish to pass.

Our LWML National Convention was a mountaintop experience for over 3600 attendees who were there to **Celebrate the Lord of the Nations!** Our own district president Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck was the proclaimer for the opening worship service. Talk to our Zone 11 Delegate, Lynn Wadzinski, or Arlene Jank for their personal impressions. Our newly elected National LWML President is Eden Keefe from the Kansas District. Karol Selle, from our North Wisconsin District was elected the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries which will oversee reaching out to the deaf, blind and intellectually challenged. A two-year **National LWML Mission Goal of \$2,350,000** was adopted. One of the 31 Grants selected was: Orphan Grain Train for \$100,000. Watch for monthly highlights on more of these important missions. Servant Event Participants assembled 566 School backpack kits and 50,000+ meal packs for Orphan Grain Train. 162 fleece blankets were made for Phil's Friends a cancer support center.

CHURCH OFFICERS & BOARD CONTACTS

BLIND OUTREACH GATHERING will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 11:30am-2:30pm in the Trinity Church Parlors. An open invitation to anyone who is blind or visually-impaired and "caregivers" in the Greater Wausau Community. Join us for a FREE MEAL, followed by entertainment. If you know of someone who is blind or visually-impaired and would like to attend, please invite them, and let the Church Office know. We ask that you would observe social distancing and wear a mask if possible. For more information, please call Virginia at 715-370-3853, Andrew Plath at 715-574-6064 or Rev. Dennis Pegorsch at 715-675-4074.

SUMMER HYMN SING Love to sing in the car? In the shower? Come join us for our final Summer Hymn Sing! As a summer outreach, the Sanctuary Choir invites you to sing some old favorite hymns at Primrose Memory Care (7704 Franciscan Way, Weston, WI) August 17th at 5:30pm. There are no rehearsals—just come and sing! Please RSVP to Matt Hoehne at 715-842-0769 if you would like to join us!

A VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING will be held Thursday, Aug. 3 at 7pm in the Church Parlors. If you are interested in assisting with vacation bible school (August 7-11) please join us for this planning meeting. All ages and abilities are welcome, no need to sign-up in advance or RSVP.



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