



FROM THE PASTOR...

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN!

As you read this newsletter, we'll have entered into the season of Lent. Lent can be a confusing time for some, if they don't understand the history of the practice of observing it. It begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year was on February 22nd. The name "Ash Wednesday" comes from a practice originating in the Middle Ages of ashes being sprinkled over the heads of those who came to church and went to confession. Today, ashes are applied to the forehead in the shape of a cross. Both this rite and the traditional readings for the day call for an attitude of humility and repentance.

Fun fact: Easter is always the first Sunday following the first full moon following the vernal equinox. And Lent begins forty days prior to that.

Technically, Lent consists of forty days of abstinence and fasting. This excludes the Sundays in between, which are not Sundays of Lent but Sundays *in* Lent. There are five Sundays in Lent. The season of Lent continues until the eve of Palm Sunday. In the Middle Ages, the penitential aspect of Lent was emphasized and the observance of the season was often rigorous and austere. In our lectionary today, the repentance theme is balanced with reflection and renewal in faith and life.

For those interested, our theme for our Lenten Midweek services this year are the Words of Life from the Cross. These are the seven words of Christ that He spoke from the cross as He offered up His life for the life of the world. Each word of Christ proclaims and delivers something about Him, the Word Incarnate, and delivers His saving death to us that we would trust Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation.

In addition, our Bible Study for the season of Lent will be looking at the penitential Psalms. St. Paul writes, "*Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father*" (Eph. 5:18–20) With these words the apostle invites us to pray the Psalter's meditations, cries, shouts, and songs in light of the salvation accomplished by God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. This Lent we will do so using the Seven Penitential Psalms, so named by Cassiodorus (c. 485–c. 585 AD) in the 6th century AD. For centuries, Psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102 and 130 have served as a source of prayer and reflection during Lent. Their honest confessions invite us to turn to our Lord with the same candor and humility. These prayers are so fitting at expressing contrition that, as he lay dying in AD 430, St. Augustine asked that they be written in large letters near his bed. This study will write the Penitential Psalms large upon our hearts as they invite us to come as sinners before a holy God in order that we might receive his love and mercy anew.

While Lent is a season of reflection and repentance it also offers joy. We reflect upon our sin and brokenness and about the fleeting stability and reliability of life. Repentance moves us past regret into action; an attempt to be obedient to God in the things to which we find ourselves lapsing. This may give Lent a bad reputation, an accusation of being a killjoy season. But that would be a hasty deduction at great expense to Lent's benefits. There is joy in Lent, but it is the kind of joy that comes in being made whole. As Luther writes in the Small Catechism: *What does such baptizing with water indicate? It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.* Like a drowning man being pulled ashore, we have that same kind of joy when we drown our old Adam and arise anew. I pray that your Lenten journey experience includes repentance, reflection, and that joy of new life in Christ for what He has done for you.

In Christ,

Rev. James L. Mayland

Happy Birthday!

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

March 3	Gladys Beese 146188 Marmel Dr. 54401
March 5	Jeanette Pflieger 3728 Riverview Dr. 54403
March 6	Mary Laughnan
March 6	Ron Strasser 224450 Dogwood Rd. 54401
March 7	Vera Leitzke 1500 O Day St., Apt. 126 Merrill, WI 54452
March 9	Doris Krueger 151445 Lily Ln. 54401
March 9	Geraldine Wojciechowski 1430 N 15th Ave. 54401
March 10	Richard Andrus 1605 Evergreen Rd Rm #3 54403
March 10	Lanore Imm 9311 Woodland Drive 54476
March 13	Roger Schultz 405 S 5th Ave. 54401
March 20	Mary Cleveland 1708 Porter St. 54401
March 23	John Sabatke 5211 Stewaert Ave. 54401
March 28	Lloyd Beckman 3205 Eagle Ave. 54401
March 30	Darlene Gutknecht 419 N 5th Ave. 54401

Anniversaries!

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

♥ Dale & Rosemary Kanitz	March 5
♥ Jim & Judy Bartel	March 7
♥ Wesley & June Wilcott	March 9
♥ Ron & Elaine Strasser	March 29
♥ Jerald & Sandra Ermeling	March 31

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY We have partnered with Harmann Studios to create our new Trinity Lutheran Church Pictorial Directory. Photography sessions will be taking place the weeks of April 17-21 and May 1-5. You can sign-up for your photo session NOW by going online to our website at trinitywausau.org and clicking the directory scheduling link or by using your phone to scan the QR code below. We will also have a sign-up table set up before/after services as the dates approach. If you are not able to use one of these methods to set-up your session you can contact the church office for assistance. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist with photo session check-in, look for sign up sheets at the beginning of April.





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CALENDAR—MARCH 2023

Wednesday, March 1st:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary
5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
5:30 PM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2nd:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, March 3rd:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, March 4th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
10:00 AM Special Congregational Assembly—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House
6:00 PM Y.A.T. Bonfire at The Prahls

Monday, March 6th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, March 7th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors

Wednesday, March 8th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary
5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
5:30 PM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, March 9th:

5:30 PM Family Fine Arts Night

Friday, March 10th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, March 11th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 12th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Sanctuary
10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House
6:00 PM Senior Y.A.T. at the Youth House

Monday, March 13th:

5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, March 14th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
8:15 AM Re-Screen Hearing/Vision
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
1:00 PM LWML—Parlors
3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors
6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, March 15th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary
5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
5:30 PM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship—Sanctuary

Thursday, March 16th:

6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, March 17th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, March 18th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
9:00 AM Quarterly Sanctuary Cleaning—Sanctuary
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 19th:

- 7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors
- 10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
- 10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House

Monday, March 20th:

- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, March 21st:

- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
- 1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors
- 3:00 PM Girl Scouts—Parlors
- 3:00 PM Grief Share—Bethany Room

Wednesday, March 22nd:

- 9:00 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
- 10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship —Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
- 5:30 PM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
- 6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship —Sanctuary

Thursday, March 23rd:

- 6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, March 24th:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, March 25th:

- 8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors
- 9:00 AM First Communion Instruction Class Option #1 - Parlors
- 5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

Sunday, March 26th:

- 7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM Financial Peace University—Parlors
- 10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms
- 10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House
- 6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

Monday, March 27th:

- 5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC

- 7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

Tuesday, March 28th:

- 8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
- 9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm
- 3:00 PM Grief Share—Parlors

Wednesday, March 29th:

- 9:00 AM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
- 10:00 AM Lenten Midweek Worship —Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria
- 5:30 PM Bible Study: Penitential Psalms—Parlors
- 5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm
- 6:30 PM Lenten Midweek Worship —Sanctuary

Thursday, March 30th:

- 8:30 AM Tech 21—Parlors
- 6:00 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Friday, March 31st:

- 8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors



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Here's What's Happening

Time to Think 2023-2024

It may still look like winter outside, but now is the perfect time to start thinking of enrolling or re-enrolling for the 2023-2024 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? Check out this link...<https://dpi.wi.gov/sms/choice-programs/student-applications>. Please remember we also offer tuition grants through our Education Grant Fund. Applications for those grants can be found here...<https://secure.tads.com>. 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!

A Recap of National Lutheran Schools Week



Bible Bee

Elizabeth Kamenick (left) placed 2nd while Samantha Krueger (right) was our winner. Both girls are in 8th grade.

A Recap of National Lutheran Schools Week



The 6th graders put up a valiant effort in tug-o-war, but in the end were defeated by the staff for the championship.



Grade 3 won our pep assembly cheer competition.



Students of all ages enjoyed an afternoon of sledding.

Dates to Remember

- **March 7**—Spring Pictures
- **March 9**—Fine Arts Night
- **March 10**—Grandparents Day/ Half day of School
- **March 17**—Last Day of Quarter 3
- **March 20-24**—Spring Break



4th Grade is exploring God's amazing creations in Science Class.



TRINITY FAMILY OLYMPICS

More than 40 families competed this year.

Trinity's Family Fine Arts Night

Thursday, March 9th

All are welcome to come and celebrate our students during this year's fine arts night. Students will be displaying art work and projects in their classrooms beginning at 5:30pm. Then, at 6:00pm, we will move to the Upper Sanctuary for musical performances by our student choirs and bells.

Grandparent's Day

Friday, March 10th

Grand Guests may gather in the Sanctuary beginning at 10am. Guests will then connect with their child/children and travel to classrooms between 10:30-11:15. Refreshments will be served in each classroom. Guests will have an opportunity to sign-up for door prizes and winners will be selected during closing Chapel service 11:15-11:45. Students will be dismissed from their classrooms at 12 noon.

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.



Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(during the school year)

NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:
Afternoon Special Presentation
Tuesday, March 21st, 1:00-2:30pm in the Parlors

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.

“The darkness of this life’s journey for some.”

To whom or where do you turn when confronted by the challenges, the troubles, the problems of this life’s journey?” Have you ever looked in the wrong places for the right answers. Isn’t it true that often you and I look in the wrong places? Perhaps you remember the story of the Fall of Nineveh (it was destroyed by the flooding of the Tigris River and that disturbed the prophet Nahum...you can read the rest of the story in the old testament book of Nahum). Nahum responded, “The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who trust him.” (Nahum 1:7) Daily we are reminded that God never forgets those who trust in him. But isn’t it often true that even Christian believers may feel in difficult times that God has forgotten them...or maybe He is just too busy? Have you ever felt that way? We live in a troublesome world and sometimes we may feel purposeless. It is often then that self-doubts plague us in our search for meaningfulness and purpose in the wrong places or even to the extreme thought of suicide. Perhaps we don’t understand or forgot or don’t know that God loves us and is with us and God never forgets (read John 3:16). Some thoughts to ponder...perhaps you can make a difference!

Rev. Dr. Dennis Pegorsch

Winter Weather Facts

What is frost?

Answer: True Frost, often known as hoarfrost, is an easily identifiable indication that air temperature in the immediate environment has fallen to 32° F (0°C) or below. Frost, like fog, tends to occur on clear nights when the absence of clouds allows heat to radiate rapidly from the ground, resulting in a significant drop in temperature. When surface temperatures or , for instance, the ground, plants, stones, wood, grass, and even spider webs are at or below freezing, the water vapor in the air turns to ice crystals without first becoming dew when it comes into contact with these cold surfaces.

Is Alaska the snowiest state?

Answer: No. While Colorado claims the greatest snowfall in a 24-hour period (Silver Lake, 75.8 inches, on April 14-15, 1921) and single calendar day (Georgetown, 63 inches, on December 4, 1913), Washington holds two records: greatest snowfall in one 12-month period (Mt Baker, 1140 inches, 1998-99) and most days in 1 year with new snow (Mt. Rainier, 121.4 days)

What causes sun dogs?

Answer: Most easily seen when the sun is near the horizon, sun dogs are caused by the refraction of light through ice crystals and may foretell precipitation within a day or two. Because the crystals are hexagonal, the “false suns” always appear 22 degrees (about the width of two fists at arms length) to the right and left of the actual sun. They are called sun dogs because they follow the sun faithfully.

How is the snow leopard adapted to its climate?

Answer: The endangered snow leopard lives in the rugged, rocky mountains of central Asia, usually at elevations between 9,800 and 17,000 feet. The weather there is typically cold and dry, but some areas may receive deep snow in season. To survive in this habitat, the leopard has a warm coat made of long hairs atop a layer of thick, woolly underfur. Fur also covers its paws, which are large and wide, helping the animal to walk on top of snow as if using snowshoes. Its small ears conserve more heat than larger ones would, and its large nasal cavity with specialized sinus passages warms indrawn cold air before it reaches the lungs. When resting, the cat can wrap its long, thickly furred tail around its body to keep warm.

TRINITY CHILDCARE

*All go to the same place; all
come from dust, and to dust
all return.*

-Ecclesiastes 3:20

*Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer.*

-Romans 12:12



Thank You: Thank you to the kind families for the wonderful financial donations to the childcare at the end of last year. These financial blessings enabled us to purchase some needed art and craft supplies, many new toys, and construction paper, as well as upgrade some of our shelving units. May God continue to bless you and your family.

March Themes and Activities: Classroom themes for this month are: the five senses, Dr. Seuss, alphabet, night, dinosaurs, community helpers, springtime, pets, ladybugs, and butterflies.

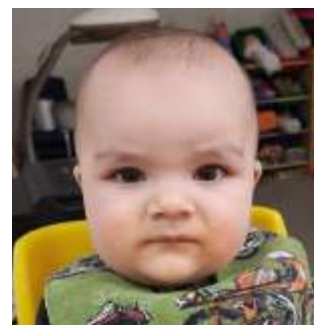
No school for Spring Break: There is no school from March 20-24 for Spring Break. Full day school-age care is offered with advance registration. Watch for a signup sheet on the parent clipboard or email Jen at effingerj@trinitynet.org with the days and hours of care you will need.

Staff News: Penny Swanson's time as the Childcare Director has come to an end. We thank her for her faithful service and pray for her ministry on where God is guiding her next. The childcare is hiring part-time assistant teachers. We are in need of about ten people to fulfill our need. Please pass along anyone you know who may be interested to Tina Dickens at dickenst@trinitynet.org.

School Board: Working on hiring a new Childcare Director. If you know of someone that is interested please have them contact Tina Dickens at dickenst@trinitynet.org.

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.

Our Awesome Staff & Kiddos



HIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

—**Part-time Assistant Teachers** for 29.75 hours or less per week, Monday– Friday hours between 6:30am– 6:00pm. Positions open immediately & resumes/ applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Interviews will be scheduled upon reviewing resumes. Experience with young children preferred. Description: caring for infants 6 weeks old to 5-year-olds and/or after school care (2:30-6 grades K-8) in a Christ-centered environment & implementing age-appropriate activities.

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We have something super exciting that's really going to help you steward your money well in 2023 and beyond. Starting today, every family in our childcare, school and church—that means YOU—now has access to a one-year membership to Ramsey+ at no cost to you!

Here's what that means: You can finally get on the same page about money with your spouse. You can pay off those lingering student loans for good. You can feel prompted to tip your server an extra \$100 and actually do it—without taking it out of this month's grocery bill. You can feel confident about how to crush your financial and life goals!

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So, are you ready? Let's do this, Trinity! Visit our unique link <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/hosts/trinitylutheranwi?pc=29518150> to fill out the form and get started.

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. Our first session is set to begin **Sunday, March 12th**. Register for the class today at fpu.com/1154751.



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 Monday, March 13th**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

In Memory or Honor of: _____

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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

We're taking a break from major facilities projects right now...but don't worry! We are in progress of gathering quotes for the following projects, which we hope to complete in 2023: Brick restoration on the front of the church! Solid surface poured rubber flooring for the playgrounds (thanks to funds from a private donor, Legacy 2022, and Alumni). We're also looking into how we might get restrooms handicapped accessible adjacent to the Narthex.

January Financial Summary

January financials showed consistently generous offerings from members of the congregation. 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:

On a high note, Childcare is performing better to budget this year than expected. This trend is going in the right direction.

We are working on a plan to bring on more staffing in Childcare to help meet the needs of childcare in the community. We're getting pretty creative with a model that was shared at the District leadership workshop a few weeks ago.

School:

January marks the month in which we transfer funds from Education Grant Fund and prepaid fees. This is when we recognize these dollars as income, and it made a HUGE difference in the bottom line. School is performing better to budget than was expected.

Church:

Tithes and offerings are 96% of budget after December, which is up from previous months.

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:

Overall we are in a GREAT position at this point in the financial year. I mistakenly paid the insurance bill twice this month, so that is \$35,000 that we won't have to pay in February. Despite the lower tithes and offerings than we expected, we are spending less than we expected, too. We are performing almost exactly to budget, and still we are able to do things like roof repairs to the Youth House that we didn't budget. This is wonderful.

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

Endowment Loan: \$95,559 ←Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years

Thrivent Loan: \$540,827 ←Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!

TOTAL Debt: \$636,386

Current account balances:

Checking: \$46,710

Savings: \$759,135

Endowment: \$820,601

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!

January 2023 Financials

	Jan 23	Budget	% of Budget	Jan 22	Jul '22 - Jan 23	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Jul '21 - Jan 22	Annual Budget
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	25,374	24,528	103%	20,450	169,169	171,461	99%	173,662	293,799
CONGREGATIONAL INC	98,022	97,093	101%	99,224	662,658	689,089	96%	685,290	1,190,096
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	0	0	350	0%	1,530	600
SCHOOL INC	54,214	24,825	218%	24,663	543,334	566,685	96%	494,990	1,345,449
Total Income	177,610	146,496	121%	144,337	1,375,161	1,427,585	96%	1,355,472	2,829,944
Gross Profit	177,610	146,496	121%	144,337	1,375,161	1,427,585	96%	1,355,472	2,829,944
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	29,504	29,094	101%	29,426	208,211	219,653	95%	229,626	371,400
CONGREGATIONAL EX	20,183	22,314	90%	24,061	127,815	123,040	104%	136,663	584,292
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	41,595	41,166	101%	29,043	290,602	309,425	94%	261,343	528,108
SCHOOL EXP	105,815	109,928	96%	111,220	808,388	806,413	100%	767,861	1,346,144
Total Expense	197,097	202,502	97%	193,750	1,435,016	1,458,531	98%	1,395,493	2,829,944
Net Income	-19,487	-56,006	35%	-49,413	-59,855	-30,946	193%	-40,021	0
CHILDCARE Net Income	-4,130	-4,566	436	-8,976	-39,042	-48,192	9,150	-55,964	-77,601
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	77,839	74,779	3,060	75,163	534,843	566,049	-31,206	548,627	605,804
LAY MINISTRIES Net Income	-41,595	-41,116	-479	-29,043	-290,602	-309,075	18,473	-259,813	-527,508
SCHOOL Net Income	-51,601	-85,103	33,502	-86,557	-265,054	-239,728	-25,326	-272,871	-695

THE CARNIVAL IS BACK!

Please join us on Sunday, April 23rd from 11-2 for this year's school carnival. Last year's carnival was a huge fund-raising success for our childcare program as well as an outreach tool for our community. You can once again look forward to lots of fun games, prizes, silent auction baskets, delicious food and more! Please consider helping by spreading the word and inviting family and friends. You can also help by signing up to volunteer or make donations by checking out the Amazon link or taking a ticket from the carnival ticket booth located outside the upper sanctuary. We look forward to some fellowship time together with you! Please contact James Kramer at 715.212.0518 with any questions you may have. Thank you!

Volunteer Sign Up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050545ACA72BA1F58-2023>

Amazon Shopping Link:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/3101V8V9BVHUL/guest-view>

Sign up to
volunteer!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS are 7:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday. Scrip will be sold 7:30am-3:30pm. Door #1 (the main door) will be open during those hours to allow for office staff access. Anything outside of those hours will need to be scheduled through the church and school offices. Child-care families will need their badges all day every day to access the secure areas.

SAVE THE DATE Join on us on Saturday, April 15, at 7:00pm, in the Upper Sanctuary, for a concert presented by Jubilate, the premier 35-voice choral ensemble from Lutheran High School in Parker, Colorado, under the direction of Chris Loesel.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Every Wednesday during Lent
5:00-6:15pm in the School Cafeteria

Each week a different kind of soup (often two or more to choose from), bread or sandwiches and desserts will be served by our Trinity Youth. A free will offering will be taken that will support our youth group and their various activities. Join us each week for a meal, fellowship, and then worship at 6:30pm.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES *(Sundays at 10:15am)*

The Penitential Psalms Bible Study

Also held on Wednesdays at 9:00am & 5:30pm

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!

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.

MEN'S BASKETBALL is held Mondays in the Gym, 7-9pm.

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION will soon be offered for our current 5th grade students and any other older children who may like to participate. In order to take Communion, your student must attend one of the two offered sessions of our Study of the Sacraments course. The course will be offered on Saturday, March 25th and April 1st from 9:00–11:00am in the church Parlors. If you are unable to attend either of these dates, your child will have to attend the course the following year. Parents should attend the course with their child. Upon completion of the course they will be able to celebrate the Lord's Supper for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 6th. Please let us know which course date your child will be attending before March 13th. This can be done by calling the Church Office at 715-842-0769. Questions? Contact Pastor Mayland or Pastor Smith.

TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND Mark your calendars for July 21-23, 2023 for 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 questions.

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 SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY will be held on Sunday, March 5th at 10:00am directly following the 9:00am service to review the recommendations from the Teacher Call Committee to fill an open position for the next school year. All voting members are encouraged to attend.

GRIEF SHARE Beginning on March 7th Grief Share will be held Tuesdays 3:00-4:30pm in the parlors. 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. We are meeting for 13 sessions, going until May 30th. Each session has its own theme, so come as you are able. Please contact Pastor Mayland with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

LWML TEE UP 4 MITES CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE Wednesday, June 21 at The Western Lakes Golf Club in Pewaukee, WI. You are invited to gather your foursome and enjoy golf with friends while supporting the LWML Mission Grants and hopefully winning prizes too. Ask Sharon Hanke for the full brochure or go to www.lwml.org/golf for registration. The opening worship service for the national LWML convention is Thursday evening. Why not spend several days enjoying the Milwaukee area? If you want an opportunity to sponsor the event and get national advertising for your company along the course, check out teeup4mites@lwml.org.

LWML MISSION GOAL MET With thankful hearts, we want to share with you that our national LWML has met its two-year mission goal of **\$2,150,000** already two months before the March 31 deadline. That means all 28 Mission Grant projects will be fully funded! Be watching for new mission projects that will be voted on at the national LWML convention in Milwaukee on June 22 -25 with the theme **"Celebrate the Lord of the Nations."** It will be a time of singing led by Dr. Dina Vendetti, wonderful mission speakers, Bible Study led by Kaye Wolff, worship led by our District President Rev. Dr. Dwayne Lueck, servant events, and a mite walk along the river. Why not plan to attend and be inspired to "serve the Lord with gladness." more info at lwml.org/2023-convention



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QUARTERLY CHURCH CLEANING Could you spare a few hours on Saturday March 18th? We will do a "spring clean" at 9:00am. One and all are welcome! Thank you for helping us to honor our beautiful church. Please bring a pail and a cloth—we have the soap.

LENTEN ORGAN MEDITATIONS at Grace United Church of Christ 535 S. 3rd Ave, Wausau Fridays in March from 12:15-12:45. Come for a time of meditation and music during the lunch hour. March 3 George Felty, March 10 Dan Larson, March 17 Dr. James Holt, March 24 Bryan Higgins Moe, March 31 Dr. Kartika Putri. Sponsored by the Wisconsin River Chapter American Guild of Organists. Agohq.org/chapters/wisconsinriver

PRAYER is essential for our daily walk with God. Here at Trinity we have the opportunity to lift up the needs of others who request prayers each week 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. If you are interested, please provide your email address to the church office using prayers@trinitynet.org. Each week, prayer requests will be sent out to the email you have provided, reaching our Prayer Team and pastoral staff. The power of prayer is effective!

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Holy Week Worship Calendar

Palm Sunday,

April 1-2, 2023

*5:00pm (Saturday)–
Contemporary Worship*

*7:30am (Sunday)–
Traditional Worship*

*9:00am (Sunday)–
Blended Worship*

Maudy Thursday,

April 6, 2023

*10:00am – Traditional
Worship*

*6:30pm – Blended
Worship*



Good Friday ,

April 7, 2023

*1:00pm –Traditional
Worship*

*6:30pm –Traditional
Worship*

Easter Sunday,

April 9, 2023

*7:30am – Traditional
Worship*

*9:00am – Traditional
Worship*

*10:30am –
Contemporary
Worship*