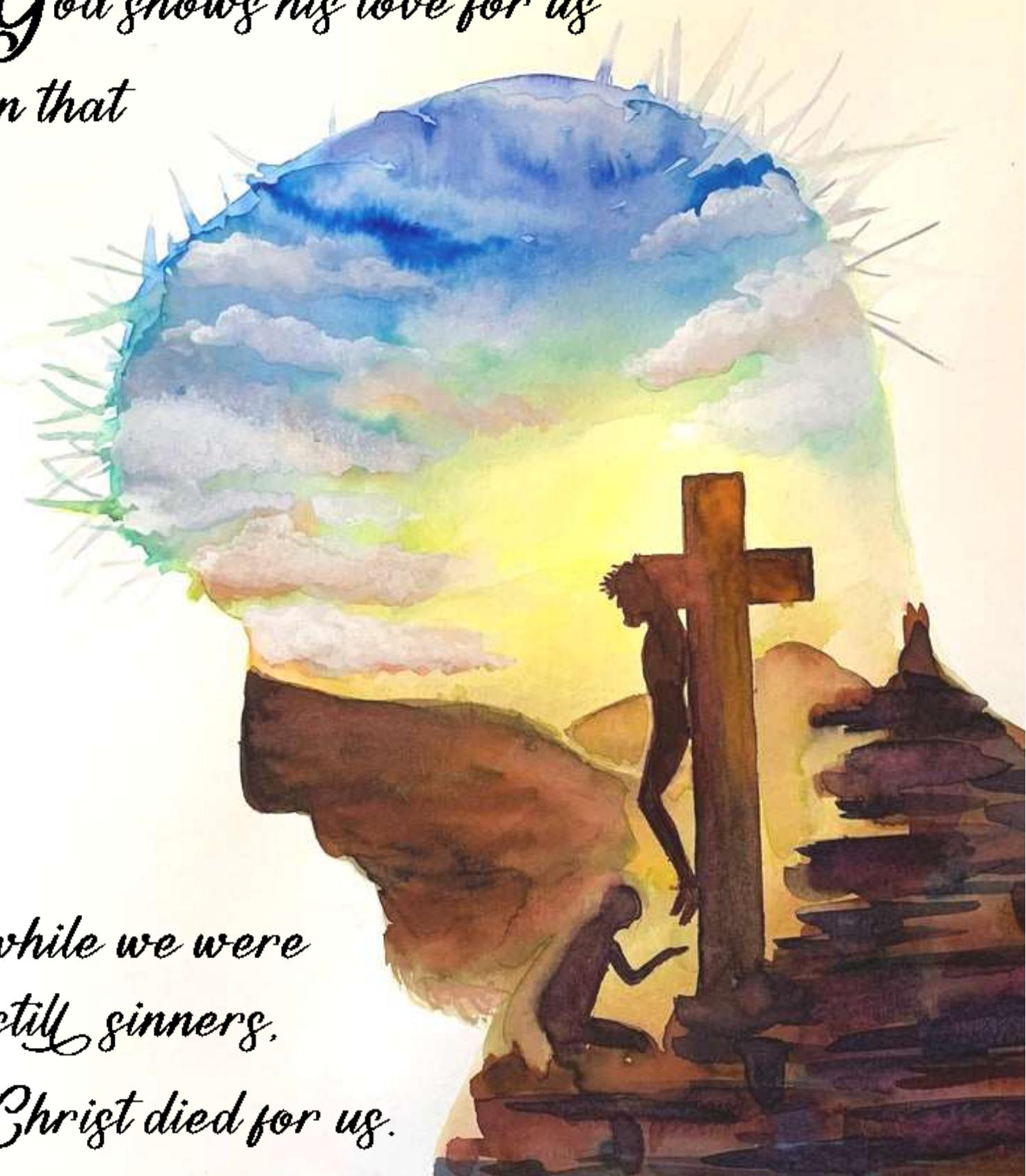


*God shows his love for us  
in that*



*while we were  
still sinners.  
Christ died for us.*

## FROM THE PASTOR...

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

Here we are in February 2023 already. It is just crazy how much time flies, and how quickly it seems to slip through our fingers. I'm sure many of you agree that it seems like just yesterday you were a kid yourself, and now here we are. No matter how much you try and slow down, it seems like time just keeps flowing, just keeps going, and suddenly here you are wondering how you got here.

When we look at all the time we had, and how it has seemed to suddenly disappear on us, we can become discouraged, disheartened, or even depressed. Yet, there is a reminder to us in Ecclesiastes 3 which says "I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end." Yes, we may come to miss or regret all the missed opportunities, all the work, family, or blessings of God of which we did not take advantage.

Yet, God redeems even this. Solomon reminds us that God is doing something we cannot see, something beautiful. We may miss time or opportunities, but He has put all things in their place. He has given us eternity, time without end. This life is passing away, and so regret will of course creep in. Never forget though, that you were created to live forever, a gift Christ will bring to you fully on the Last Day, when He returns. There will be no more regret, no more tears, no more depression, no more wondering where all the time went. For then we will always have more, always be with Christ, always be with our loved ones, and that time will never end. Praise be to God.

In Christ,  
Rev. Timothy D. Smith



## MILESTONES

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

February 4	Dean Thomsen 220110 Maple Leaf Rd. Marathon, WI 54448
February 4	John Sorenson 1605 Sheridan Rd. 54401
February 5	Irene Bartelt 401 N 2nd Ave. 54401
February 5	Robert Stanton 410 Maria Dr. 54401
February 6	Barbara Schultz 405 S 5th Ave. 54401
February 6	Doralene Zunker 506 N 1st Ave. 54401
February 7	Don Fenhaus 232832 N 77th Ave. 54401
February 16	Rev. Orville Jank 3826 Henry St. 54403
February 17	Carl Schmidt 2424 Rainbow Dr. Kronenwetter, WI 54455
February 19	Janet Roberts 400 River Dr. Apt. 115 54403
February 21	Ramona Ulrich 915 N 7th Ave. 54401
February 23	Virginia Schulz R712 Spruce Ln. Athens, WI 54411
February 24	Gertrude Johnson 4702 County Road K 54401
February 24	Harry Syring 1911 Carol Dr. 54401

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

♥ Russell & Judi Nielsen	February 11
♥ Lloyd & Geraldine Wojciechowski	February 28

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

† Nolan Robert Huebner January 14

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

- Doris Kubitz December 21
- Gary Zastrow January 15
- Kenneth Fisher January 24



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# CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2023

## Wednesday, February 1st:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
6:30 PM Altar Guild—Parlors

## Thursday, February 2nd:

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

## Friday, February 3rd:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors  
8:00 AM Vision and Hearing Screening—Bethany Rm  
4:30 PM Basketball (BB,BG,AB) @ FCA

## Saturday, February 4th:

8:00 AM Basketball BG Tournament @ Wisc Rapids  
8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors  
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

## Sunday, February 5th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Blended Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms  
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House  
6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

## Monday, February 6th:

4:00 PM Basketball VS St. Mary's Marathon (AG)—Gym  
5:30 PM Basketball VS Abby Christian (AB)—Gym  
5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

## Tuesday, February 7th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm  
6:00 PM Basketball (AB) @ Newman Catholic

## Wednesday, February 8th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm

## Thursday, February 9th:

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

## Friday, February 10th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors  
6:00 PM Trinity School Family Olympics—Gym

## Saturday, February 11th:

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

## Sunday, February 12th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Blended Worship—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms  
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House  
6:00 PM YAT Super Bowl Party—Youth House

## Monday, February 13th:

10:00 AM Childcare Chapel—Sanctuary  
5:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC  
7:00 PM Men's Basketball—Gym

## Tuesday, February 14th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm  
1:00 PM LWML—Parlors

## Wednesday, February 15th:

9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
6:30 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

## Thursday, February 16th:

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

## Friday, February 17th:

8:00 AM Basketball (AB) Tournament @ St. Paul Grafton  
8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

# CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 2023 (CONT.)

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## Saturday, February 18th:

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

## Sunday, February 19th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms  
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House  
6:00 PM Jr. & Sr. YAT—Youth House

## Monday, February 20th:

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

## Tuesday, February 21st:

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

## Wednesday, February 22nd: Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
10:00 AM Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Lenten Soup Supper—Cafeteria  
5:30 PM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Parlors  
5:30 PM 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation Class—Bethany Rm  
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Midweek Worship w/Communion—Sanctuary

## Thursday, February 23rd:

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

## Friday, February 24th:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

## Saturday, February 25th:

8:00 AM Band of Brothers—Parlors  
8:00 AM Basketball (AB) Round Robin—Gym  
11:30 AM Blind Outreach Gathering—Parlors  
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—Sanctuary

## Sunday, February 26th:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Bible Study: Book of Daniel—Sanctuary  
10:15 AM Sunday School—Various Classrooms  
10:15 AM High School Bible Study—Youth House  
6:00 PM Sr. YAT—Youth House

## Monday, February 27th:

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

## Tuesday, February 28th:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors  
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Bethany Rm



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**February Themes and Activities:** Classroom themes for this month are: snow, pinecones, winter animals, clouds, Groundhog Day, dental health, God's love, nursery rhymes, and dinosaurs.

**No school:** There is no school on Friday, February 17th for teacher in-service. Full day school-age care is offered with advance registration. Watch for a signup sheet on the parent clipboard or email the Childcare Director at [swansonp@trinitynet.org](mailto:swansonp@trinitynet.org) with the day and hours of care you will need.

**Staff News:** The childcare has all lead teacher positions filled for the first time in over three years! With the lead teacher positions all filled and the addition of childcare staff, a wage increase has been given to childcare staff along with the teacher assistants in the school. This has been a long process to get to this point. We feel very blessed to compensate our employees financially for all their hard work and dedication to the children and families of Trinity. We had an assistant teacher from Little Lambs resign after being here for a short time.

**School Board:** The School Board is looking for people willing to be on a Childcare Committee. This committee would meet quarterly and be responsible for the childcare budget, tuition, and recruiting staff. If you are interested or want more information, contact James Kramer at [schoolboard@trinitynet.org](mailto:schoolboard@trinitynet.org).

*I would like to begin by thanking God and my brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity for the blessing and opportunity to be the Childcare Director here for the last four years. While my time here has come with many joys there have been many ongoing challenges. These challenges have affected me both personally and professionally and through prayerful consideration, I have determined that I can no longer continue as the Childcare Director. I am resigning from my position and my final day of service will be February 24, 2023. I pray that God continues to bless the childcare ministry as He guides you to a new director.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Penny Swanson*

Penny Swanson

## HIRING CHILD CARE PROVIDERS:

—**Part-time Assistant Teachers** for 29.75 hours or less per week, Mon.-Fri., 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 wks old to 5-year-olds and/or after school care (2:30-6 grades K-8) in a Christian environment & implementing age-appropriate activities.

To apply, please contact Penny Swanson, Director at 715-848-0166 ext. 348 or [swansonp@trinitynet.org](mailto:swansonp@trinitynet.org).



## Our Babies & All Their Silly Faces



## 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!

- Lutheran schools are places of quality, activity and vitality.
- Congregations are provided with opportunities to connect with their communities in unique ways.
- Schools are a rich and vital component of the church body.
- Schools impact the community through the arts with music and visual arts; athletics, as they compete in a Godly way with area school teams; and in connection with public, parochial and private schools in their community working together to educate children.

### Family Olympics

Trinity Family Olympics will be held Friday, February 10 with registration starting at 6:00pm in the gym. Opening Ceremonies beginning at 6:30, and an Awards Ceremony following the games. The events are designed to meet the athletic skills of all ages so the whole family is invited to participate. Come try your hand at: Sprint (putting puzzles together), Mental Gymnastics (answering trivia questions), Training Table (eating) and 12 other events that require no physical strength, just a willingness to share a fun family night with other Trinity families. More information will be coming but mark this date on your calendar now as you do not want to miss out on all the excitement.

### Dates to Remember

- **Feb. 1**—WPCP Open Enrollment begins
- **Feb. 10**—Family Olympics
- **Feb. 17**—No School/In Service Day
- **March 7**—Spring Pictures
- **March 9**—Fine Arts Night
- **March 10**—Grandparents Day/ Half day of School

### A Letter from Our Student Teacher—Anna Wiesneski

Dear Trinity Lutheran Church and School,

For the past 6 months many of you have known me as Ms. W, student teacher in the sixth and then the second grade classrooms here at Trinity Lutheran. For those of you whom I haven't had the pleasure of meeting - I am Anna Wiesneski, Merrill resident, St. John Lutheran Church member and alumna, WI Valley alumna, and most recently Concordia University Wisconsin graduate, and LCMS licensed teacher. My time here serving and learning at Trinity has shaped me into a well equipped educator, prepared to continue serving the Lord as He calls me to shepherd His children on their academic journeys.

I want to extend a joyful thank-you to everyone at Trinity for the care and support I was shown during my time here. To the staff I want to say thank you for the wonderful example you have set for me as a Lutheran educator and church worker. The pride and dedication you have to your callings is inspiring! To the families at Trinity I want to say thank you for the warm welcome and support I have been given during my time here as a student teacher. Your involvement and interest in your student's school and education means so much to us teachers and to your children. And finally, to the students I want to say thank you. Students, your joy for school and for the Lord is so exciting. You have helped me learn how to be a better teacher and have always made me smile. God has blessed you all with a wonderful school and with amazing skills and talents. Continue to use your gifts to praise the Lord, I know that He has incredible things in store for you!

I pray that I have been a faithful and positive addition here to your school and church these past few months. Perhaps in the future I've inspired you to seek more opportunities to train future church workers like me - as I have recently taken a call to St. John Lutheran School in Merrill to be their 1st grade teacher. Thank you again for all your support and care, your kindness is something I pray to pass on in my future!

God's Blessings,  
Anna Wiesneski

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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](http://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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month  
(during the school year)

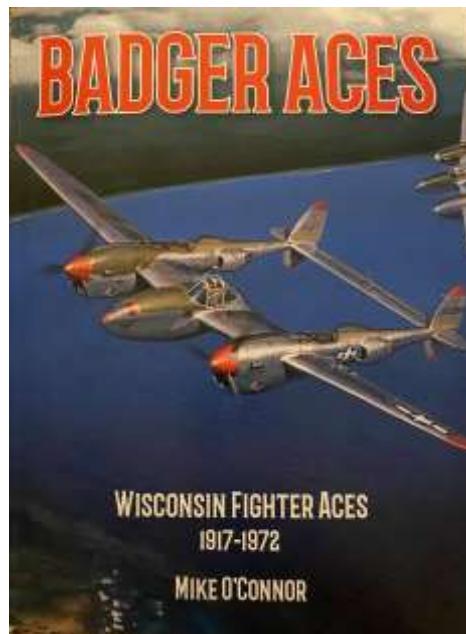
### NEXT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

#### Afternoon Special Presentation

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 in the fall? Please contact Pastor Pegorsch.

#### Tuesday, February 21st, 1:00-2:30pm in the Parlors

Our fellowship opportunity will be a compelling presentation on ace fighter pilots from Wisconsin through WWI up to the Vietnam War. Author Mike O'Connor shares his new book, "Badger Aces: Wisconsin Fighter Aces 1917-1972." You'll learn how O'Connor used combat and squadron records, personal reminiscences, and more to tell the tales of skilled pilots who downed five aircraft in battle, becoming air aces. O'Connor is also the author of numerous articles on military aviation history. He is a graduate of Mosinee High School and the University of Wisconsin—Madison. He was a reference librarian at the Marathon County Public Library in Wausau for 40 years.



### Older Adult Falls

#### Wausau Prevention Program Beginning in February

Faith in Action of Marathon County (FIAMC) partners with many community agencies in promoting healthy, safe living for our area's senior residents. Aspirus Health, ADRC of Central Wisconsin, and the SAFER Fire Department have collaborated to offer the ***Stepping On: For Falls Prevention*** program beginning in February.

***Stepping On*** is a 7-week group program to help you learn ways to avoid falls, stay independent, and keep doing the things you love. You'll learn:

- To identify and remove or avoid fall hazards
- Adaptable strength and balance exercises
- How vision, hearing, medication, footwear, strength, and balance affect your risk of falling

***Stepping On*** is for older adults who:

- Have fallen in the past year even if not injured or have a fear of falling
- Live at home or an independent apartment

***Stepping On*** is NOT designed for older adults who:

- Use a walker indoors or a wheelchair full-time
- Have dementia or cognitive impairment

*This program is FREE.*

#### ***Stepping On: For Falls Prevention***

**Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am  
February 7 - March 21, 2023\***

**At SAFER Fire Station**

224225 Hummingbird Rd., Rib Mountain

**Participants attend ALL 7 sessions.**

*\* If a session date is cancelled due to weather,  
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#### **Is the Great Commission still a central part of the spiritual life of churchgoers today?**

In a recent Barna survey, over 50% of U.S. churchgoers were not sure if they had heard of the Great Commission, and another 25% couldn't recall the meaning.

#### **There are over 2 billion unreached people around the world. How urgent is it to reach them?**

Only 53% of U.S. churchgoers thought this was "urgent," and the remaining 47% thought it was only somewhat or not urgent.

#### Prayer Changes Lives

Najiya is the only person in her family who is following Jesus, and she is facing persecution because of it. Everyone in her family has opposed her decision to become a Christian, but Najiya's brother has been the most vocal. He stirs up conflict in the village and often threatens to kill Najiya.

You prayed for Najiya's protection through the *India Intercessor* this past summer, along with her health, which was suffering. At that time, Najiya felt the weight of life on all sides and asked for prayer from her Christian community.

Since then, God has responded by healing her! The Lord is also protecting Najiya from the persecution of her family, which continues today. Thank you for interceding for Najiya!

Your prayers truly lead to life change. Will you continue to pray for her safety and strength in the days ahead?



# CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

## Facilities/Properties

We're taking a breather on major facilities projects right now...but don't hold your breath! 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)

## December Financial Summary

December 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 December 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 were able to bring on new staff in December, which should allow us to bring on additional children in Childcare. As a result, we granted increases for Lead Teachers, Childcare Teacher Assistants, and School Teacher Assistants to a wage that is closer to current market standards
  - ◊ ***Please read Penny's article for an update on staffing.***
- School:
  - ◊ We have less Parental Choice students than what we budgeted, and this impacts the School's income significantly. If you look at the year-to-date school income, we are almost \$40k lower than we budgeted. We are committed as a congregation to educating the students of Trinity at a high standard spiritually and academically. This decrease in income does not change the expense side of the budget, so we have to be creative about how to make up for this loss in income on the church side.
- Church:
  - ◊ Tithes and offerings are 95% of budget after December, which is consistent with previous months. This is lower than what we would expect to see after Christmas (last year we were at 98% of budget after Christmas).
  - ◊ 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.

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

- Endowment Loan: \$96,657 ← Perspective...we borrowed \$212,000 from the Endowment in 2018 with the goal of paying it back in 15 years
- Thrivent Loan: \$543,633 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
- **TOTAL Debt: \$640,291**

# DECEMBER 2022 FINANCIALS

## Current account balances:

- Checking: \$74,552
- Savings: \$814,522
- Endowment: \$779,667

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!

## December 2022 Financials

	Dec 22	Budget	% of Budget	Dec 21	Jul - Dec 22	YTD Budget	% of Budget	Jul - Dec 21	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>									
CHILDCARE INC	20,554	24,428	84%	20,686	143,794	146,933	98%	153,212	293,799
CONGREGATIONAL INC	118,746	120,985	98%	122,820	564,006	591,996	95%	586,066	1,190,096
LAY MINISTRIES INC	0	50	0%	0	0	300	0%	1,530	600
SCHOOL INC	125,739	29,465	427%	66,769	504,177	541,860	93%	470,326	1,345,449
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>265,039</u>	<u>174,928</u>	<u>152%</u>	<u>210,275</u>	<u>1,211,977</u>	<u>1,281,089</u>	<u>95%</u>	<u>1,211,134</u>	<u>2,829,944</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>265,039</u>	<u>174,928</u>	<u>152%</u>	<u>210,275</u>	<u>1,211,977</u>	<u>1,281,089</u>	<u>95%</u>	<u>1,211,134</u>	<u>2,829,944</u>
<b>Expense</b>									
CHILDCARE EXP	37,501	38,569	97%	32,210	178,522	190,559	94%	200,201	371,400
CONGREGATIONAL EXP	16,546	16,263	102%	10,855	107,142	100,726	106%	112,602	584,292
LAY MINISTRIES EXP	47,344	54,844	86%	42,385	240,595	268,259	90%	232,300	528,108
SCHOOL EXP	150,107	134,306	112%	124,597	709,673	696,485	102%	656,642	1,346,144
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>251,498</u>	<u>243,982</u>	<u>103%</u>	<u>210,047</u>	<u>1,235,932</u>	<u>1,256,029</u>	<u>98%</u>	<u>1,201,745</u>	<u>2,829,944</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>13,541</b></u>	<u><b>-69,054</b></u>	<u><b>-20%</b></u>	<u><b>228</b></u>	<u><b>-23,955</b></u>	<u><b>25,060</b></u>	<u><b>-96%</b></u>	<u><b>9,389</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>
CHILDCARE Net Income	-16,947	-14,141	-2,806	-11,524	-34,728	-43,626	8,898	-46,989	-77,601
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	102,200	104,722	-2,522	111,965	456,864	491,270	-34,406	473,464	605,804
LAY MINISTRIES Net Income	-47,344	-54,794	7,450	-42,385	-240,595	-267,959	27,364	-230,770	-527,508
SCHOOL Net Income	-24,368	104,841	-	80,473	-57,828	-205,496	-154,625	-50,871	-186,316
									-695

# 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.

**GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2022** were mailed out at the end of January, so you should receive your statement within the first couple weeks of February. *\*If you do not receive your giving statement by mid-February, please call the church office. If we have no address on file for you, your statement will be available for pick-up at Trinity outside the Sanctuary. If we have an incorrect/outdated address on file, the Post Office will send your statement back to Trinity. This returned statement will often (but not always) include your updated address. If this is the case, Trinity will re-send your statement in the mail; otherwise, your statement will be available for pick-up as well.*

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Every Wednesday during Lent

Beginning February 22nd

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.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023** are available for pick-up in the *church office during normal business hours*. If you are one of our homebound members and would like to receive your envelopes via mail or visiting pastor, please let the church office know. If you are not currently assigned offering envelopes and would like a box for 2023, please let the church office know.

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

**CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** is coming in Spring 2023. Photography sessions will be taking place the weeks of April 17-21 and May 1-5, 2023. More information to come in 2023. Save the Date!

**WE WISH A FAREWELL** to Pastor Dan Kohn who has accepted a call to be chaplain in Antigo, so he will no longer be serving with us here at Trinity. We will have a vote to peacefully release him from his call at the next Congregational Assembly. We thank God for all of Pastor Kohn's faithful service to us here, and we wish him God-speed on his continued ministry.

**WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME** Pastor Steven Vaudt onto our staff here at Trinity as our newest Pastor Emeritus. He will be visiting our homebound members, bringing them the Word and Sacrament. We thank God for His continued faithfulness to us as he sends Pastor Vaudt to serve us here at Trinity Lutheran Church & School.

**TRINITY FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND** This year, Kinney Lake Campground in Marion (new name for Farmer Gene's Campground) is requiring an earlier reservation as a total group for Trinity's Family Camping Weekend. We need to gauge who is interested in attending this summer (July 21-23, 2023). **Please contact Doug Beisner at 715-845-3095 or [djbeisner@charter.net](mailto:djbeisner@charter.net) before March 1st if you are interested in attending this year's Trinity Family Camping Weekend.**

Included this year to the campground amenities is a man-made lake for swimming and beach activities. We will also have group fellowship, Bible Studies, a potluck dinner, and a Sunday worship service. Sites cost \$80.00 per night for the weekend and \$70.00 for an additional night on Thursday, July 20th. If enough sign up, we may get a discount. Please contact Doug with any questions.

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

*(Sundays at 10:15am)*

### *The Book of Daniel 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!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

## CHURCH OFFICERS & BOARD CONTACTS

**LWML WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** will meet in on Tuesday, February 14th, at 1:00 PM in the Parlors. Lois Zahrt will lead the Bible study. We are planning to write some cards of encouragement. If you have extra Easter, spring, or Thinking of You cards, please bring them along. We have volunteered to help with the Lenten Soup Supper on March 15th. We will sign up for what we will bring at this February meeting.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO “CELEBRATE THE LORD OF THE NATIONS” AT THE LWML NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MILWAUKEE** This biennial convention will be June 22-25 at the Wisconsin Center in downtown Milwaukee. The opening service is open to all and will be Thursday evening. Women of all ages—if you want a mountaintop experience of singing, worshiping, Bible Study, exhibits, and hearing from missionaries with thousands of other Lutheran women, please consider registering online for the entire convention: [www.LMWL.org/2023-convention](http://www.LMWL.org/2023-convention). Why not consider making it a family vacation? Summerfest is also going on that week, as well as, all the other things to do in Milwaukee like museums, zoo, baseball, etc. Contact any Women’s Fellowship gals for more information, or pick up the Winter 2022 Quarterly near the office door to read about all the speakers and activities. We hope to see you there!



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**BAND OF BROTHERS:** Saturdays, 8-8:45am in the Parlors.

**BLIND OUTREACH GATHERING** will be held on Saturday, February 25th 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.

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

**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](mailto: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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*Ash Wednesday,  
February 22, 2023*

9am ♦ Bible Study

10am ♦ Worship

5pm ♦ Lenten Soup Supper

5:30pm ♦ Bible Study

6:30pm ♦ Worship