

*Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,
yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory
was not arrayed like one of these.*

Luke 12:27



FROM THE PASTOR...

What an exciting time for Trinity! We are preparing for this new initiative, Ministry Clarity, and I can see that the Lord is using this to direct us as a church and our leaders. King David writes, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!" I can see the Lord preparing a level ground for Trinity. Let us pray that His will is revealed to us.

I have prepared some prayers for the coming months for our church, school and childcare for us to all pray. I ask you to all endeavor to go through them once a week. Let us join our hearts and minds together in prayer.

Father in heaven, You are the God of all Wisdom. We pray in this season of planning for Trinity that our church would seek Your will for all the people we welcome each week into our midst. Equip us through the body and blood of Your sacrament to be one church, one body, in Christ. It is in His name we pray, Amen.

Father in heaven, You are the God of Grace. Be with Trinity Lutheran School, its teachers, administrators and especially the students we welcome here. Bless them all that our school may always be directed by Your holy Word in this planning season. Help us to keep the life-giving Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, at the center of our school. It is in His name we pray, Amen.

Father in heaven, You are the God of Comfort. Bless the children stewarded to us in our childcare. Give our workers kind hearts toward the children in their midst and toward one another. Create in all of them hearts that desire Your glory. In this season of planning be with our childcare as we pursue Your glory. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

God's peace be with you. I am grateful for you and the good work of prayer that you offer to our Lord.

In Christ,
Rev. Peter C. Williamson

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Missed Worship Last Sunday?

Watch Our Worship Services at Home!

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

The End is Near!

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

First day of the 2026-2027 school year: August 24 for 7th & 8th grade and August 25 for all grades.

Trinity School Referral Program

Know of a family wanting to attend Trinity Lutheran School? Refer them to enroll, and you could earn a \$500 tuition credit for you and the new family! Stop in the school office and ask about our Trinity Referral Program to learn more!

8th Grade Graduation

Our 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 28 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. A reception will take place beforehand, beginning at 5:00pm in the Parlors. Congratulations, graduates!

There is Still Time to Enroll

The window for enrolling for the WPCP (School Choice Program) is open throughout the summer—you can still enroll your child for school at Trinity for the 2026-2027 school year. Trinity offers well-rounded, Christ-centered curriculum. Trinity's mission is to teach the faith, love the lost, and connect all to Christ. Please call the school office for more information or to schedule a tour at 715-848-0166.



Dates to Remember

- **May 4-8**—Teacher Appreciation Week
- **May 8**—Muffins with Mom
- **May 15**—Track and Field Day
- **May 19-21**—8th Grade Class Trip
- **May 25**—Memorial Day (No School)
- **May 28**—8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
- **May 29**—Last Day of School (half day)

Legacy Auction

A huge thank you to everyone that helped make our 2026 Legacy Auction a huge success! Whether you donated an auction item, attended, or both, your contribution made a difference! We were able to raise \$31,619.79! These funds will be used to update technology, specifically replacing Chromebooks for our students. If you joined us, we couldn't have done it without you. If you were unable to attend this year, we hope to see you in 2027. Thank you again!



2026-2027 School Theme

The school theme for the 2026-2027 school year will be Built Up In Christ. The Bible verse that accompanies this theme is found in Colossians 2:6-7—“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

(Please watch for the new theme logo...coming soon)



CALENDAR—MAY 2026

Friday, May 1:

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

Saturday, May 2:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors
5:00 PM *NO Worship Service*

Sunday, May 3:

7:30 AM *NO Worship Service*
9:00 AM **All-Congregational Worship Service—
Sanctuary**
10:00 AM **Ministry Clarity Brunch & Presentation—
Gym**
6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 4:

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

Tuesday, May 5:

8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
6:00 PM School Board Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, May 6:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors
10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary
5:15 PM TLC Nights—Cafeteria

Thursday, May 7:

1:00 PM Rummage Sale Volunteer Meeting—Parlors
5:30 PM JuBellation Handbell Rehearsal—Music Rm
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, May 8:

7:15 AM Trinity School: Muffins With Mom—Parlors
8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 9:

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

Sunday, May 10:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary
10:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Class—Rm 212

10:30 AM Sunday School: Group Lesson—Cafeteria
6:00 PM Youth Group—Youth House

Monday, May 11:

1:00 PM Goetsch/Wadzinski Women's Bible Study—
Parlors

Tuesday, May 12:

8:00 AM Blood Drive @ Community Blood Center of
Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau)
8:00 AM Quilters—Parlors
9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
6:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting—Parlors

Wednesday, May 13:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—
Parlors
10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 14:

5:30 PM JuBellation Handbells Rehearsal—Music Rm
6:00 PM Church Council—Parlors
6:00 PM Trail Life—SLC
6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Rm

Friday, May 15:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Lounge
8:00 AM Childcare Grandparents' Day (8-10am)—
Parlors
4:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Lounge

Saturday, May 16:

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study—Parlors
8:00 AM 8th Grade Confirmation Pictures/Rehearsal—
Sanctuary
5:00 PM Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, May 17:

7:30 AM Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
9:00 AM Traditional Worship w/Rite of Confirmation
—Sanctuary
9:15 AM Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary
10:30 AM Sunday School Last Day Party—Cafeteria

Monday, May 18:

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, May 19:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge

1:00 PM JOY Group—Parlors
 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
 6:30 PM Altar Guild—Parlors

Wednesday, May 20:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—Parlors
 10:00 AM School Chapel—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 21:

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

Friday, May 22:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

Saturday, May 23:

8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study—Parlors
 5:00 PM Pentecost Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, May 24:

7:30 AM Pentecost Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Pentecost Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:15 AM Pentecost Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary

Monday, May 25: Memorial Day—Offices Closed

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, May 26:

9:30 AM MStaff Meeting—Lounge
 5:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—SLC
 6:00 PM Annual Congregational Assembly—SLC

Wednesday, May 27:

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study: Galatians & Ephesians—Parlors
 10:00 AM School Chapel: Awards Ceremony—Sanctuary

Thursday, May 28:

5:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation Reception—Parlors
 5:30 PM JuBellation Handbells Rehearsal—Music Rm
 6:00 PM Trail Life—SLC
 6:00 PM 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony—Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

Friday, May 29:

8:00 AM Bulletin Assembly—Parlors

8:30 AM Closing Chapel for Last Day of School—Sanctuary

Saturday, May 30:

8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study—Parlors
 5:00 PM Holy Trinity Contemporary Worship—SLC

Sunday, May 31:

7:30 AM Holy Trinity Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:00 AM Holy Trinity Traditional Worship—Sanctuary
 9:15 AM Holy Trinity Modern Contemporary Worship—SLC
 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study: Ruth & Esther—Sanctuary



Teach the Faith; Love the Lost; Connect All to Christ

FINAL SESSION: Wednesday, May 6, 2026
 5:15pm—FREE Meal & Fellowship in the Cafeteria
 6:00pm—Educational Program / Bible Study

“God’s Detection Squad” 4K through 2nd Grade
 A detective-themed series where kids learn to spot clues of God’s work all around us.

“What’s the Point?” 3rd-5th Grade
 What is the point of Christian faith in our day-to-day lives—humility, prayer, gratefulness, and wisdom.

“History of Reformation” 6th-12th Grade & Adults
 Understand the 16th century Reformation by looking at the world *outside* of Western Europe at the time.


“Apologetics” High School & Adults
 Join us in examining the foundational truths for becoming mature disciples of Christ.

“Hebrew Words Christians Should Know” Adults
 Which Hebrew words in the bible should you know? Why should you know them?

“Faith Lessons on the Promised Land” Adults
 An on-location video-based study covering the cultural and geographical context of Scripture.

**0-4-year-old childcare offered in Room 102 (6-6:45p).*

ON THE MENU FOR MAY 6:
 Lee’s Famous Recipe Chicken, Potato Wedges & Mixed Veggies
KIDS MENU - Chicken Tenders and Mac & Cheese



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

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR, TINA DICKENS

Facilities/Properties

In a Town Hall Meeting earlier this year, a member proposed that we evaluate the HVAC system in the school to enhance the learning environment for students and staff.

Our community partners at Stainless Specialists have recalibrated thermostats for now, and they have quoted an air conditioning option that will be the most efficient and effective system for our school and childcare. That quote came in at \$8,724 per classroom, and that does not consider third party electrical or permits. That project is currently on hold as we go through the Ministry Clarity process, which includes an evaluation of the facility.

March Financial Summary

March continues to show strong financials. Childcare, School and Tithes continue to be ahead of schedule for the fiscal year.

In the budget process, we are still looking for about \$35,000 to shave. We expect to be able to present a balanced budget to the voters in May.

Annual Congregational Assembly
6pm May 26, 2026 in the Spiritual Life Center

The financial chart includes 4 line items at the bottom that show the “bottom” line for each area within the church. We added a 5th line this year to reflect the School Choice Reserve Liability. We are all one budget, but we do have individual responsibilities for our respective areas. There is also a comparison to last year in the chart. Highlights from last month’s financials include:

Overall:

- This is the best financial year we have seen at Trinity in many years. Thanks to the generosity of our members with respect to time, talents and treasure, we continue to be good stewards as we build the ministries of the church.
- We were able to place \$50,000 this month into the School Choice Reserve fund, which allows us to confidently participate in that program without fear. Last year we spent more money than we were required to spend, further adding to that confidence.
- As always, if you have an idea about how we can be practicing better stewardship of the congregation’s funds, or if you feel that we are not being good stewards in one area or another, please discuss that with Chad Schwantes, Chairman of the Congregation (chairman@trinitynet.org). We strive to be good stewards of the LORD’s gifts.

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

- Endowment Loan: \$43,147 ← 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: \$398,441 ← Perspective...this was just under \$1,000,000 when I began at Trinity in August 2015!
- **TOTAL Debt: \$441,707 (Officially below \$450K!!)**

Current account balances (as of Mar 31, 2026):

- **Checking: \$27,062**
- **Savings: \$498,772**
- ****Original Endowment: \$1,104,833** (Original Endowment that disburses annually based on percentages prescribed decades ago – that does not change. You cannot donate to specific areas within this endowment. All income is prescribed just like the disbursements.)
 - *2025 Distribution = \$38,379*
 - *\$2,350 sent to Garrett Anklam, Seminary student

FINANCIALS—MARCH 2026

****Pegorsch Education Endowment: \$181,480** (Set up through Trinity by the Pegorsch children to fund Trinity tuition incurred by workers called to serve at Trinity. If there are no children of Called Workers, the annual disbursement can be used to cover Trinity early childhood or childcare tuition for Called Workers of Trinity).

2025 Distribution = \$7,486

***\$7,486 will be used for Called Worker School Tuition in the 2026-27 school year**

****Krienke Properties Endowment: \$103,695** (Set up through Trinity by George H. Krienke, DVM to fund Trinity properties projects that qualify as “capital projects.” Disbursements will be banked year over year if there are no capital projects to fund in the disbursement year.)

2025 Distribution = \$4,228

****Please note that you can donate to ANY of the 3 Endowments, so you should specify which endowment you are donating to in the memo line of your check. If your check memo says “Endowment,” your donation will automatically go to the Original Endowment.**

*We are excited about Trinity’s Mission/Vision:
Teach the faith; Love the lost; Connect all to Christ...and we hope you are, too!*

	<u>Mar 26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Mar 25</u>	<u>Jul '25 - Mar 26</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Jul '24 - Mar 25</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Income									
CHILDCARE INC	51,273	55,802	92%	42,139	460,605	435,635	106%	365,446	607,141
COUNCIL INC	100,250	92,056	109%	85,007	881,039	876,093	101%	862,741	1,174,918
ELDERS INC	117	65	180%	0	318	585	54%	258	780
SCHOOL INC	1,113	32,450	3%	14,543	758,059	784,776	97%	757,560	1,365,135
Total Income	<u>152,753</u>	<u>180,373</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>141,689</u>	<u>2,100,021</u>	<u>2,097,089</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>1,986,005</u>	<u>3,147,974</u>
Gross Profit	152,753	180,373	85%	141,689	2,100,021	2,097,089	100%	1,986,005	3,147,974
Expense									
CHILDCARE EXP	57,782	52,790	109%	49,458	502,129	491,557	102%	432,545	667,457
COUNCIL EX	21,117	17,872	118%	16,457	158,803	156,402	102%	152,845	567,470
ELDERS EXP	39,570	39,470	100%	32,279	389,798	366,343	106%	345,344	497,912
SCHOOL EXP	102,392	103,434	99%	107,749	995,023	1,020,574	97%	996,629	1,365,135
Total Expense	<u>220,861</u>	<u>213,566</u>	<u>103%</u>	<u>205,943</u>	<u>2,045,753</u>	<u>2,034,876</u>	<u>101%</u>	<u>1,927,363</u>	<u>3,097,974</u>
Net Income	<u>-68,108</u>	<u>-33,193</u>	<u>205%</u>	<u>-64,254</u>	<u>54,268</u>	<u>62,213</u>	<u>87%</u>	<u>58,642</u>	<u>50,000</u>
CHILDCARE Net Income	(6,509)	3,012	(9,521)	(7,319)	(41,524)	(55,922)	14,398	(67,099)	(60,316)
CONGREGATIONAL Net Income	79,133	74,184	4,949	68,550	722,236	719,691	2,545	709,896	607,448
ELDERS Net Income	(39,453)	(39,405)	(48)	(32,279)	(389,480)	(365,758)	(23,722)	(345,086)	(497,132)
SCHOOL Net Income	(101,279)	(70,984)	(30,295)	(93,206)	(236,964)	(235,798)	(1,166)	(239,069)	0
School Choice Reserve Balance	50,000				50,000	50,000			50,000

BIBLE STUDIES, MINISTRIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Bible Study

THE BOOKS OF GALATIANS & EPHESIANS 9AM ON WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARLORS

Join us as we take a look at Paul's Epistles to the churches in Galatia and Ephesus. We will examine these books through both historical and theological lenses, while applying them to every day living and the life of the Church.

THE BOOKS OF RUTH & ESTHER

10:30AM ON SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY

These two Old Testament narratives have quite a bit to tell us about God. Join us as we walk through these sometimes overlooked narratives.

Women's Ministry

LWML Women's Fellowship will not meet in May. Join us for our next meeting on June 9 at 1pm in the Parlors.

Our District Convention is June 18-20 in Marquette, MI. Several Trinity members are planning to attend. There is still time to register! The "UP" would be a beautiful place to vacation along with coming to this convention. The opening service is on June 18 at 7pm (ET) and is open to all at no cost.

Women in Mission News *Grant #10*
Healing Your Heart—Faith-based Child Counseling
Lutheran Counseling & Family Services | \$100,000

Lutheran Counseling & Family Services of WI has been serving members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations and the community for the past 128 years. Facing a great demand and need, the organization is seeking to expand its child mental health counseling clinic. This grant will increase the number of therapists working in the clinic from five to seven, purchase therapeutic toys, and develop promotional materials to present to LCMS churches and groups. You can support the mission grants of LWML by donating online at www/LWML.org, donating in the big mite boxes outside the Sanctuary and SLC, or giving your donation to Pauline Bruss or other Women's Fellowship members.

Ministries & Service Opportunities

OUR FINAL SESSIONS OF GRIEF SHARE & DIVORCE CARE will be held on Monday, May 4 at 3:15pm (Grief) and at 6:00pm (Divorce) in the Parlors. All are welcome. Grief Share and Divorce Care will be held again at Trinity in September.

TRINITY QUILTERS meets at 8am in the Parlors on the 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Tuesdays of the month.

JuBellation Handbells rehearses Thur. 5:30-6:30p in the Music Rm. New ringers are always welcome!

Sanctuary Choir rehearses Thur. 6:30-7:30pm in the Music Room. New singers are always welcome!

Praise Team rehearses on Tuesday nights at 5:15pm in the SLC under the direction of Pastor Williamson and Brett Schwantes. We are always looking for more singers and musicians!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Saturdays, 8-8:45am, Parlors
All men are welcome to come for fellowship and to spend time in God's Word. Contact Dave Christian at 715-410-7012 with any questions.

BLOOD DRIVE will be held on May 12 at the Community Blood Center of Northcentral WI (211 Forest St., Wausau) 8:00am to 6:30pm. Join us!

JOY GROUP (JUST OLDER YOUTH 55+) will have one final meeting before we take a break for the summer. On Tuesday, May 19 at 1pm in the Parlors, we will have Lucas Gajewski, Executive Director of Ascend Funeral Home & Cremation Care in Weston, as our presenter. He will talk about the history of Ascend and about funeral pre-planning. Join us for a time of information, fellowship, and refreshments!

UNDIE SUNDAYS Collect NEW underwear and socks for Orphan Grain Train to send to those in need—all sizes needed! Trinity will have collection boxes outside the worship areas and in the reception area. The collection will run in June, July, and August.

Announcements & Events

TRINITY TOURS—BREWERS GAME on August 6. 1:10pm game VS. Pittsburgh Pirates. Sign-up forms are available outside the worship areas. Forms along with payment can be returned to the church office.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: 7:30am-3:00pm Monday-Friday. Scrip gift cards will be sold 7:30am-2pm, as well as on the weekends between services. Offices are closed for Memorial Day on May 25, 2026.

THE 2026 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP CHART is posted outside the Church Administrator's office—sign up today! Thank you to all who provide altar flowers—they really brighten the Sanctuary and make our worship experience even more beautiful!

Youth, Children & Family

YOUTH AT TRINITY April was a short, but good month for Youth Group. We had Resurrection Sunday off from gathering, but the 8th Grade Confirmants went to Camp Luther for the confirmation retreat. Our Bible Studies focused on "Relaxing: Should You Worry" and "Nonjudgmental: Am I Judging Others Before Examining Myself?" Thank you to everyone who supported the youth by purchasing egg rolls on April 19! We couldn't do what we do without your support.

Looking ahead to May: We'll be continuing our Bible Study going through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew. We'll only have two meetings in May (3rd & 10th) before we switch to a summer schedule meeting less regularly.

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

TRINITY KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues to teach the love of Jesus to our 4K-6th grade students on Sunday mornings at 10:30am. Our Last Day Party will be held in the Cafeteria on May 17.

CHRIST-CENTERED SCOUTING GROUPS AT TRINITY AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS (AHG) is for girls ages 5-18. This month, we meet the 3rd Friday of April at 4:00pm in the Lounge. Connect with us online at americanheritagegirls.org.

TRAIL LIFE is for boys ages 5-18. We meet every other Thursday, 6-7pm in the SLC. Learn more at traillifeusa.com.

FROM THE DIRECTOR SUMMER CARE

Our Summer Care Program is right around the corner! We offer full-day care Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm for children ages 5-11 (as of June 1). It's a fun-filled, faith-centered program designed to keep your child learning, playing, and growing all summer long.

Stop by Tiff's office for more information or for a sign-up sheet. You may also follow the QR code to register.



Every Tuesday and Thursday, all of our childcare classrooms come together for Chapel—a special time to hear a short Bible story, sing and dance to our Chapel songs, and pray together before lunch. It's a joyful moment where God's love comes alive! Be sure to ask your child about the story they learned each week!

TRINITY CHILDCARE STAFF SPOTLIGHT Amy Bryant



This month, we are thrilled to feature Amy Bryant in our staff spotlight! April 20 was Amy's 10-year anniversary here at Trinity Lutheran Church & School. She is dedicated and driven in everything she does here at Trinity. Outside of the classroom, Amy loves crafting and spending time with her family. We are so grateful to have her on our childcare team!

CHILDCARE GRANDPARENTS' DAY

This event will be held on Friday, May 15 in the Parlors, 8:00-10:00am. *Parents—please make sure RSVPs are turned in by May 5.

Grandparents of our childcare students can look forward to doing a couple of different arts & crafts projects with their grandchildren, listening to their grandchildren sing songs they have learned in chapel, and partaking in delicious donuts/refreshments. We are looking forward to a morning of fun and creativity!



WHAT IS MINISTRY CLARITY?

Ministry Clarity (through LCEF) is a 9-12 month process. A facilitator, with the help of congregational lay leaders and staff, will:

- Define the vision & mission
- Align ministry with the vision & mission
- Plan for resources allocation
- Streamline communication

In short, the process will clarify what we do and who we are as Trinity Lutheran Church & School.



We are currently in the “visioning” part of the process, and we endeavor to have ALL congregation members be involved.

**ALL CONGREGATIONAL
WORSHIP SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY
PRESENTATION & BRUNCH
SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026**

Worship service at 9:00am in the Sanctuary followed by a Ministry Clarity Brunch & Presentation in the Gym.

Children’s program & nursery will be provided during the presentation

*** No other services May 2-3 ***

Ministry Clarity Meeting Notes: 4/8/2026— Initial Meeting with Visioning Leadership Team

Leader: Rev. Eric Kennaugh (VP of Ministry Solutions, LCEF)
Staff Leaders: Rev. Jim Mayland, Tina Dickens, Andrew Hulke, Tiff Laffin

Lay Leaders: Lenore Breit, Todd Hauer, James Kramer

Next Meeting: 4/28 @ 11am

(15-min Visioning Leadership Team touch-base on Zoom)

PART 1: Visioning

- 4 meetings, wrapping up in mid-June
- Process:
 - ◊ Survey
 - ◆ Began Easter Sunday, lasts through 3 total Sundays
 - ◆ Gets people in the right frame of mind about identifying the identity and purpose
 - ◆ Highlights will be shared at Vision event on May 3
 - ◆ Final report with all details will go to Pastor Mayland
 - ◊ Dedicate Visioning Leadership Team – DONE 4/11 & 4/12
 - ◊ Vision Event
 - ◆ May 3rd after church service
 - ◆ Gather around tables, 1 leader at each table to take notes, listen (do not drive the conversation, but let the members lead)
 - ✓ Craft an identity statement with calling, purpose and context that uses language from the congregation for familiarity
 - ✓ Who we are and what we do
 - ◆ Write sample statements
 - ◊ Meetings after the event
 - ◆ May 13th @ 11am - Processing of sample statements and congregational language
 - ◆ Date TBD - Finalize Guiding Statement
 - ◆ Date TBD - Define Mission Pillars – actionable items that guide the congregation moving forward in ministry
- Vision Event
 - ◊ Single Service in the Sanctuary @ 9am
 - ◊ Event in Gym
 - ◆ Catered brunch followed by Presentation/Children’s programming
 - ✓ Andrew – resources/notecards/pens DONE
 - ✓ Todd – catered meal
 - ✓ James – projection
 - ✓ Tiff – sound, children’s programming
 - ✓ Tina – room configuration
 - ◆ Children’s Programming
 - ✓ After brunch
 - ✓ 1hr 15 min
 - ✓ Tiff to set up age-appropriate program/childcare
 - ◆ Adult Presentation (high school and beyond)
 - ✓ Led by Dr. Kennaugh

PART 2: Mission Planning – team to be established

PART 3: Campus Planning—Properties Committee+ad hoc members

PART 4: Financial Planning – Council + ad hoc members

MILESTONES
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Happy Birthday

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

May 4	Ray Jahns
May 6	Gloria Wendt
May 7	Robert Zuleger
May 9	Elaine Wohlfahrt
May 15	Melvin Woldt
May 16	Marlyn Fenhaus
May 16	Alan Wesner
May 25	Edna Gaffron
May 31	Beverly Ziegel

Anniversaries

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

♥ Dick & Linda Kriewaldt	May 1
♥ Lyle & Ellen Krohn	May 7
♥ Marvin & Mary Jane Pilgrim	May 12
♥ Donald & Grace Chaignot	May 15
♥ Thomas & Elaine Wohlfahrt	May 28

Holy Baptism

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

† Ariat Dorsett	April 12
† Seth Dorsett	April 12

Our Sympathy

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

- Berdina Hilmershausen April 7



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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 8AM-4PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 10AM-2PM. HALF PRICE SALE
 MONDAY, JUNE 15, 10AM-4PM. \$5/BAG SALE

ITEM DONATIONS NEEDED! This is an excellent opportunity for you to get rid of items cluttering up your basements, attics, and storage spaces, while raising funds for our church! Start saving your items now!

WE CAN ACCEPT		
✓ Baked & Canned Goods	✓ Books/CDs/Movies (family-friendly)	✓ Home décor Items
✓ Bedding	✓ Furniture	✓ Rugs
✓ Bikes	✓ Hand tools	✓ Sporting goods
✓ Clothing	✓ Holiday items	✓ Toys

WE CANNOT ACCEPT	
✗ Christmas trees	✗ Large exercise equipment
✗ Computers	✗ Microwaves
✗ Golf Clubs	✗ Skis
✗ Items w/compressor	✗ TVs
✗ Large appliances	

ITEM DROP-OFF SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 6: 9am-6pm
 Tuesday, June 9: 9am-6pm

Sunday, June 7: 10am-2pm
 Friday, June 12: 10am-3pm (Bakery items ONLY)

Monday, June 8: 9am-6pm

***** NO Item Drop-Off. Wednesday, June 10 or Thursday, June 11 *****

