

****Trinity at a Glance****

- **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction after church most Sundays. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061 or pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. Last year they sold out, so don't delay! **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
- **Sept 2nd is Trinity Rose Montessori School opening day!** Spread the word. Sign up early to guarantee your child a spot! **All are invited** to a special congregational blessing of the new school **today, August 24th** (after worship).
- Save the date! **Rally Day is Sunday, September 7th, 9 am.** Join us as we kick off Sunday Session 25/26. We will have a popcorn wagon, refreshments, giant art project, inflatable gaga ball pit, face painting, and more!
- **Sunday Session begins** on Rally Day, **September 7th at 9 am** with our annual Fun Fair. Make sure to be there so that you may register your child for Sunday Session or Affirmation Class. Ages 4 - 14. Come and grow in faith and share in Christ's love. Volunteer sign up form is located in Java Junction.
- **Affirmation of Baptism class begins at 9 am on Sunday, September 14th.** Students meet with Pastor Phil in the conference room of the Education Building. The **Affirmation of Baptism service** will take place **on Reformation Sunday** again this year. We look forward to Elle McGrath affirming her baptismal vows that day. Please come to support and celebrate our young friend!
- The **Giving Tree recipient for August will be Trinity Rose Montessori School.** Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
- **Open Table** will be hosting our next **book club reading** starting **Sunday September 7th at 6 pm.** We will be meeting on Sept. 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th. The featured book will be "**Who Stole My Bible?: Reclaiming Scripture as a Handbook for Resisting Tyranny**" by Rev. Jennifer Butler. (Paperback, cost \$16 at Prairie Fox, published 2020 and oh so timely). Rev. Butler is an ordained Presbyterian minister, former CEO of Faith in Public Life and founder and CEO of Faith in Democracy as of 2023. We look forward to seeing you there!
- **Sunday, September 14th is Quilt Sunday** this year. Quilt Sunday is a beautiful display of the Trinity Stitches' work laid out on the pews in the Sanctuary. You don't want to miss this!
- In partnership with Open Table, on **Saturday, September 27th, Bobby Jo Valentine will be having a concert in the Trinity Sanctuary at 7pm.** This is a free event. Bobby Jo Valentine is an explorative, hopeful, spiritual, christian, folk musician. He has won multiple awards for his songwriting, given a Tedx Talk and is a believer in the soft and steady power of everyday acts of love to heal our world.
- **The next blood drive is Wednesday, October 8th, Noon - 5 pm.**
- **Recent events have severely impacted people in Africa, Gaza, and other places in our world.** Millions are struggling to stay alive from starvation, the loss of available medical treatment, and more. The loss of help through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has made things worse. Help is needed now! There are a number of ways that you can help with monetary gifts. You can designate your donation on your offering envelope or through one of these websites:
 - Lutheran Disaster Response disaster@ELCA.org
 - Lutheran World Relief give.lwr.org
 - ELCA World Hunger elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/elca-world-hunger

Please contact the Mission-Outreach Committee with any questions.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- July income = \$16,340.56 (Income YTD = \$143,031.29)
- July expense = \$16,356.92 (Expense YTD = \$143,649.04)
- Income Less Expense = -\$16.36 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$617.75)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Left on Loan = \$15,996.

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (9/1):** *Office Closed - Labor Day*
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (9/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (9/3)** *No Bible Study Today*
6:30p Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (9/4):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (9/5):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (9/6):** *National Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day* 🌲
- **Sunday (9/7)**
7:30a Rally Day Set Up
9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
10a Holy Communion
6p Book Club (Open Table)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

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| <p><u>Sunday, August 31, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Diane Wahl</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p> | <p><u>Sunday, September 7, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson</i> Altar Guild: <i>Annette Bruce, Sally Mathis</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Sonja Gromm & Aase Schulz from Brad Gromm</i></p> |
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