

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

- Mark your calendars! **October 5th will be the Pet Blessing.** This will be an outdoor service.
 - The next **blood drive** is **Wednesday, October 8th, Noon - 5 pm.**
 - 🚗 **Trunk-or-Treat at Trinity!** 🇺🇸
Join us for Trunk-or-Treat in the **north parking lot of Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 18th from 1-3pm!** Dress up, decorate your trunk, and bring some candy to share with our neighborhood kids. Don't worry - extra candy will be provided if you run out! It's a fun and safe way to celebrate the season with our community. All are welcome - invite your friends and neighbors! Sign Up Sheet is in Java Junction.
 - Sunrise Rotary will be hosting a **German Dinner.** Save the date! **October 24th 5-8 pm.** Tickets will be available soon.
 - **Welcome to our Thanksgiving Churches Challenge!**
Trinity is aiming to raise **** 700 ** cans** (30 oz. ones) of **Pumpkin Pie Mix/Filling**, any brand. These cans will go to the Community Food Basket to provide 700 Thanksgiving meals to those in need. Please place cans by the Giving Tree. All cans are **due by Sunday, November 2nd.**
 - **The 2026 calendars have arrived!** \$20 each. Marj Nelson and Kate Reed have copies available in Java Junction. You can call Marj at 815-973-1286 or Kate at 815-830-2061. You can also pick up a copy at the church office during regular office hours. **Profits go to the Growing Project.**
 - **The Giving Tree recipient for October will be cans of Pumpkin Pie Filling for the Community Food Basket.** Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others.
 - **Trinity is honored to welcome 'Partners in Pride.'** This dedicated organization works to support, uplift, and advocate for LGBTQ+ individuals, their families and allies through education, community outreach, counseling and compassionate connection. Their mission aligns with our congregation's and synod's shared values of love, inclusion, and dignity for all people. We're grateful for the opportunity to host a group committed to joining us in creating a more just and welcoming world. Learn more at www.mypartnersinpride.com.
 - **Trinity Stitchers always welcome new helpers** as they sew and tie quilts, lap quilts and walker bags. They meet downstairs in the sewing room and fellowship hall on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays** of each month from **1 to 3 pm**, except for November and December when they meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Come join them for fun and fellowship!
 - **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.
- Just a reminder that the **Church collects empty Laser Jet Printer Ink Cartridges for recycling.** There is a box in the hallway (on the left) as you enter the Education Building.
 - **Youth Outlook is in desperate need of volunteers to help at their downtown Ottawa site.** Youth Outlook is a nonprofit organization that serves LGBTQ+ youth and their families. One of their main services are drop in centers where they provide a safe and supportive space for youth (12-20) to meet other youth in the area, to be in community, and to have fun. They are looking for volunteers to be role models and supportive adults in LGBTQ+ lives. The drop in meets once a week on Tuesdays from 6 - 8:30 pm. They will work with a volunteer's schedule and would appreciate even a once a month volunteer. The 2025 Fall Training Schedule is as follows: Sat 9/27 10a-5p in person, Thurs 10/2 6-9p zoom, Thurs 10/9 6-9p zoom, Thurs 10/16 6-9p zoom. For further information contact Bri Cada, LSW at bri.cada@youth-outlook.org.

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- August Income = \$17,156.02 (Income YTD = \$160,201.83)
- August Expense = \$17,706.49 (Expense YTD = \$161,045.53)
- Income Less Expense = -\$550.47 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$843.70)
- Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
- Principal Payment = \$1,000.00
- Left On Loan = \$12,099.00

- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (9/29):** 10a Staff meeting
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (9/30):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (10/1)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (10/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (10/3):** 7a Sunrise Rotary
- **Saturday (10/4):** *Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*
- **Sunday (10/5)** 9a Sunday Session
9a Affirmation Class
10a Blessing of the Pets
10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<p><u>Sunday, September 28, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Mark Zeitlin</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman, Becky Glaser</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In memory of Loved Ones from Lou Ann Gayan</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, October 5, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Ellen Gross</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Debbie Guenther, Ellen Gross</i> Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman, Debbie Guenther</i> Video Tech: Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>
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