


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

- **Today, (May 17th) is Trinity's "Priceless" Plant Sale.** Tomatoes, chives, basil, flowers and more will be available in the Java Junction area after Service today. The "price" is a free-will donation to the growing project. Cash or checks made to TLC-Growing Project can be accepted. **Funds raised help women in Guatemala's Western Highlands increase their food production.**
- **Join us** in the Education Building Community Room from **6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 19 and May 26th** for our upcoming **Book Club**. We will be reading **Who Do You Want to Be When You Grow Old: The Path of Purposeful Aging** by Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro. All are welcome! You do not need to have read the book to take part in the discussion, though reading ahead will enrich the conversation.
- If you have any **8th grade, high school or college graduates** in your family, please let the office (tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com) know by **May 26th**. We would like to recognize their achievement by having a reception in Java Junction in June.
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "River of Life."** In VBS, participants will learn about the importance of water and visit important "ports" during the week to hear Bible stories about water. They will also hear about communities working to restore watersheds, to protect rights to water and to ensure safe water for everyone. There will also be fun, with games and other activities to celebrate God's gift of water and remind us of our important calling as God's children to be good stewards of creation. **VBS will run July 13th through July 17, 2026** at 717 Chambers St., Ottawa. Please contact the office during business hours (9-2, Mon - Thurs) to sign up!
- Speaking of water..... **Thrivant Members can obtain free clean water kits** that Vacation Bible School can use to help promote a stewardship of our environment. **Please order your kits at <https://servicing.apps.thrivent.com/cause-kits>** . Kits can be dropped off at the office during business hours or brought to service on Sundays.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- Please use the North Parking Lot, Cloister Walk entrance if you feel comfortable. **Please keep in mind that if approached by a protester and you are feeling uncomfortable let staff or volunteers know.** Police will be contacted to ensure congregation safety.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- April Income = 17,587.05 (Income YTD = \$84,995.72)
- April Expense = \$19,688.70 (Expense YTD = \$82,433.65)
- Income Less Expense = -\$2,101.65 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$2,562.07)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (5/18):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Education Building)
- **Tuesday (5/19):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 4:30p Property Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 - 6p Book Club (Community Room)
 - 7p TRMS Board Meeting (Board Room)
- **Wednesday (5/20)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
- **Thursday (5/21):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 7p Church Council Meeting
- **Friday (5/22):** *No Sunrise Rotary Today*
- **Saturday (5/23):** *World Turtle Day!* 
- **Sunday (5/24)**
 - 9a Sunday Session
 - 10a Holy Communion & Baptism of Violet Burns