


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

June 28, 2026

- **Today, June 28th at noon** Open Table will be serving a **free community meal**. The menu is mostaccioli with chicken, garlic bread, salad and dessert. The address is 910 Columbus St, Ottawa.
- Trinity Friends, here is **an opportunity to serve** and share some of God's love by **participating in the meal train for the Reinert family**. Please consider making a meal and delivering it to them. Please sign up using this link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/0r6mm9>
- **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**
A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, July 12, to discuss and vote on a proposal to enter into a financing agreement with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund to support the Education Building HVAC project, the Education Building roofing project, and any additional property improvement projects recommended by the Property Committee and approved by the Church Council. **A quorum of 50 voting members is required**, so your attendance is important. Please plan to remain after worship on July 12th for this important meeting as we discern together the best path forward for our congregation's facilities and ministry. Thank you for your participation and commitment to the life and future of our church.
- The 2026 Synod Assembly Highlights can be found at the information kiosk by Java Junction.
- Pastor Phill will be on Summer Break June 29th - July 5th. In his absence, Pastor Bill Callister (St. Paul ELCA, Streator) will provide emergency pastoral care coverage. Please call the office if needed.
- **Sunday, July 5th** Pastor Dave Hedlin will be coming from New Lenox, IL to preach and preside at Holy Communion.
- Pridefest was Saturday June 13th. **Thank you to all the volunteers** helping with set up, take down and making lemon shakeups! We made \$600 and funds raised will go towards the Growing Project.
- **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) or send an email to tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com 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.
- **Bible study will be suspended through July**, resuming at 1pm on Wednesday, August 5th in the Education Building Community Room.
- Council has accepted and approved the **retirement of Kevin Evensen** from Council. **Trinity thanks Kevin for his dedication and years of service to our church.**

- **Please join us on July 12th for our Temple Talk** by Jane Goetz about Thrivent grants for Trinity Lutheran Church.
- **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!
- The next **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive** is happening **Wednesday, July 22nd, 12pm to 5pm.** For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Appointments are preferred but not necessary. Contact Carol Wahlstrom for more information, carolwahlstrom@gmail.com , and to volunteer.
- Reminder that there are 2 large print binders available for use on the tables by each entrance in the Sanctuary.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**
 - . Please keep Joyce Johnson in your prayers.
 - . Please add Sarah and Andy Kelly and their family to your prayers.
 - . Please include Marj Nelson in your prayers also. From Marj: "I just want to thank my Trinity Lutheran family for all the ways you supported me during my hospital and nursing home stays. Whether you came to visit, sent a card or text, or set up prayers. Each and every one of you helped in my recovery. My kidney transplant is scheduled for July 14th. Please continue to keep me in your prayers."
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - May Income = \$16,961.66 (Income YTD = \$101,957.38)
 - May Expense = \$20,127.44 (Expense YTD = \$102,561.09)
 - Income Less Expense = -\$3,165.78 (Income Less Expense YTD = -\$603.71)
- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**
 - **Monday (6/29):**
 - Pastor Phil on Break through 7/6*
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - **Tuesday (6/30):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - **Wednesday (7/1)** *No Bible Study for the Month of July*
 - **Thursday (7/2):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - **Friday (7/3):** *No Sunrise Rotary*
 - **Saturday (7/4):** *Independence Day!* 
 - **Sunday (7/5)** 10a Holy Communion