

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

July 12, 2026

- **A Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship TODAY, July 12th**, 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.
- **Free Community Meal, today July 12th at Noon**, at Open Table United Church of Christ, 910 Columbus St., Ottawa, IL. The meal will consist of a Taco Bar with ground beef, refried beans, rice, toppings and dessert.
- **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!
- 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 join us in **supporting Youth Service Bureau's Operation Apple Tree**. Information will be available for choosing a child to sponsor in the back of the Sanctuary. Thank you for giving to this back to school project for our local youth! **The last day to bring in your donated items is July 26th.**
- **Lutheran World Relief is soliciting donations** to help those in need due to the **Venezuela Earthquakes**. Please donate at www.lwr.org (click on banner for "Venezuela Earthquakes"). Thank you for delivering critically needed emergency aid.
- Per the **Growing Hope Globally** Newsletter:
"The Twin Rivers-Barrington Growing Project began in 2004 and a key leader for the project was Kevin Nelson, who passed away in 2023. In honor of Kevin's contributions and influence, the Growing Project named their Sweet Corn Patch after him. Every summer, farmers near Ottawa share sweet corn with Barrington United Methodist Church for a free-will donation. It's one of many fundraisers of this rural-urban partnership that has been an instrumental part of their success. Kevin is a part of that legacy, along with many other faithful farmers and friends."

Per Mission Outreach, the sweet corn currently growing this year is doing well and starting to tassel. **Sweet corn picking is anticipated to be the first Saturday in August.** Please contact Mission Outreach to volunteer (and to have some fun!).

- 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.
- **Bible study will be suspended through July**, resuming at 1pm on Wednesday, August 5th in the Education Building Community Room.
- **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!
- Reminder that there are 2 large print binders available for use on the tables by each entrance in the Sanctuary.
- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**
Please keep Sue Williamson and family in your prayers.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - June Income = \$20,344.94 (Income YTD = \$122,302.32)
 - June Expense = \$18,913.47 (Expense YTD = \$121,474.56)
 - Income Less Expense = \$1431.47 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$827.76)
- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**
 - **Monday (7/13):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
 - 6p Camp TLC "River of Life"
 - **Tuesday (7/14):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 6p Camp TLC "River of Life"
 - 7p Finance Committee (Board Room)
 - **Wednesday (7/15)**
 - No Bible Study for the Month of July*
 - 6p Camp TLC "River of Life"
 - **Thursday (7/16):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 6p Camp TLC "River of Life"
 - 7p Church Council
 - **Friday (7/17):**
 - 7a Sunrise Rotary
 - **Saturday (7/18):**
 - Nelson Mandela International Day!*
 - **Sunday (7/19):**
 - 10a Holy Communion