

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

August 23, 2026

- **Next Sunday, August 30th, will be our final Dakota Road Sunday for the season.**

- **Fall Book Club: The Divine Art of Dying**

How do we prepare to live well all the way to life's end? What does our Christian faith have to say about hope, letting go, reconciliation, gratitude, and the promise that nothing can separate us from the love of God? This Fall, TLC Book Club invites you into a thoughtful and compassionate conversation as we read *The Divine Art of Dying* by Herbert Anderson and Karen Speerstra. Written by a pastoral theologian and a hospice patient, the book explores the spiritual journey of preparing for our own deaths-not with fear, but with honesty, faith, and grace. Pick up your copy from

<https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/9781506478876/The-Divine-Art-of-Dying-Second-Edition>

Please note: this is not a class about dying; it is a conversation about living faithfully in light of God's promise. This will be a welcoming space for conversation, reflection, and prayer. *All are welcome!*

We will meet on **Tuesdays at 6pm, in the Education Building Community Room:**

September 8: Read Part 1

September 22: Read Part 3

September 15: Ready Part 2

September 29: Read Part 4

- Rotary Club will be hosting a **Culver's Night on Wednesday, September 16th, 5-8pm.** *Come out and join the fun!*
- **Rally Day** will be Sunday, **September 13th, 9am.** **Volunteers are needed for Rally Day!** The Volunteer Sign Up Sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary by Java Junction. Come sign up! Have fun and help us make this a successful event!
- The next **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive** is happening **Wednesday, September 16th, 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.
- **Affirmation class** and first **Sunday Session** will begin at **9am September 20th.**
- **Sunday, September 20th 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!
- **German Dinner Tickets are on sale now** at \$20 each. Tickets can be purchased at the Office during regular business hours, from any Rotary member or by calling 815-343-7655. Save the date in your calendar; **Friday, September 25th 5-7pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church. Proceeds support Rotary's scholarships for Marquette Academy, Ottawa High School Opportunity School, IVCC, and Trinity Rose Montessori School.
- **Mission/Outreach would like to thank those who participated in Project Apple Tree**, providing school supplies for children in need through Youth Service Bureau. Because of your generosity, 10 more students are ready and confident for the beginning of school with all their supplies in hand.
- There were **21 sweet corn pickers at Kate and Justin Reed's on Saturday, August 1st.** A pickup bed full of sweet corn was taken to Barrington United Methodist Church the next morning. Worshipers were given a dozen ears free; they did give donations that totaled \$1,044.50. Kate's dad John Hughes thanked the congregation for our Growing Project's partnership; to raise money to help women in the Western Highlands of Guatemala improve their food production. John was presented with a sizable check for the congregation's support of our project. 237 lbs of the surplus sweet corn was taken to a nearby food pantry. **Thanks to everyone for their help!**



- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

◦ July Income = \$14,835.35	(Income YTD = \$137,137.67)
◦ July Expense = \$17,706.93	(Expense YTD = \$139,181.49)
◦ Income Less Expense = -\$2,871.58	(Income Less Expense YTD = -\$2,043.82)

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:

- **Monday (8/24):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
- **Tuesday (8/25):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (8/26)** *No Bible Study Today*
- **Thursday (8/27):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall)
- **Friday (8/28):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (8/29):** *Individual Rights Day!* 
- **Sunday (8/30):** 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<u>Sunday, August 23, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Kari Castelli, Katrina Bromann</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:	<u>Sunday, August 30, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Altar Guild: <i>Cindy and Jay Komater</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: