

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

August 9, 2026

- **Open Table United Church will be hosting a free meal today, Sunday, August 9th at Noon.** They will be serving BBQ Pork Chops, Corn on and off the cob, Mac n' Cheese, Cucumber and Tomato Salad and Dessert. They are located at 910 Columbus St, Ottawa (corner of Jackson and Columbus Streets).
- The next **Trinity Lutheran Blood Drive** is happening **Wednesday, August 19th, 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.
- **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 won 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>
Whether you are thinking about your own later years, caring for loved ones, or simply seeking a deeper understanding of Christian hope, you are warmly invited to join us. 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.
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

All are welcome!
- **Rally Day** will be Sunday, **September 13th.**
- **Volunteers are needed for Rally Day, September 13th.** The Volunteer Sign Up Sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary by Java Junction. Sign up! Have fun and help us make this a successful event!
- **Sunday Session** begins at **9am September 13th.**
- **Affirmation class** 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!
- **Growing Project for Growing Hope Globally: We're making progress in raising funds** to help people grow more and better food in the Western Highlands of Guatemala! Please note, **this program is in the 1st year of a 5 year phase**, which is why we don't have personal impact stories to share yet. Totonicapan, in Guatemala, faces a critical nutritional situation. The prevalence of chronic malnutrition in children under 5 years of age is approximately 70%, one of the highest in the country. Additionally, the communities are remotely located with poor road conditions, meaning limited access to urban markets. Rockslides, soil erosion, and increased risk of natural disasters are also challenges. Gaps in safe water, sanitation, and health services persist due to a lack of basic infrastructure and access. These challenges related to food availability, food access, and food utilization are further complicated by the historical marginalization of Mayan communities across Guatemala. Please consider donating to this worthy cause.



- If you are interested in **signing up to participate in the church service**, there are sign up sheets in the Worship Assistant Book on the podium by Java Junction. There are open spots for **Acolyte, Lector, Communion Assistant, Usher, Video Technician, and Flower Donations.**

• **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 (8/10):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
- **Tuesday (8/11):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 7p Finance Committee (Board Room)
- **Wednesday (8/12)**
 - 1p Bible Study
- **Thursday (8/13):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall)
- **Friday (8/14):**
 - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (8/15):** *National Relaxation Day!* 
- **Sunday (8/16):**
 - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<u>Sunday, August 9, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Altar Guild: <i>Debbie Guenther, Linda Scott</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:	<u>Sunday, August 16, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i> Altar Guild: <i>Amy Boyles, Sally Mathis</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: