

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

August 30, 2026

- **SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS TO THE NEXT GENERATION**

Teach a Sunday Session lesson! You can lead on already designed and prepared for you or you may create your own. Session themes are listed next to each date on the sign up sheet on the information Kiosk. Put your name on the line next to the date you want to lead a lesson, and the Christian Education Committee will prepare everything you need (a member of the Committee will accompany you, also). Thank you for helping to speak the good news of God's love for all people to our youth. Sharing your faith makes a difference!

- **Help Us Open the Community Clothing Closet!**

In collaboration with **Partners in Pride**, Trinity is creating a **free, gender-affirming community clothing closet** in the former Rummage Sale room off Fellowship Hall. We have lots of great clothing ready to go-and we're hoping to open the closet by October! Now we just need a few volunteers to help organize the space, arrange the clothing, and make it welcoming and easy to use. Would you be willing to lend a hand one **Sunday morning after worship or sometime during the week?** Even a few hours would make a big difference. **Sign up at the back of the church with a day and time that works for you.** With a little help, we can get this important ministry and community outreach up and running!

- **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 Stitchers' 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.

- The **Objectives of the Growing Hope Globally Project** are many. Among them are the strengthening of community councils. It will increase production and consumption of healthy foods as well as income-generating opportunities by increasing the productive capacity of rural households through agroecological practices. It will facilitate the recovery and use of native seeds and the diversification of crops and livestock species. They are forming 7 groups to establish productive plots and will establish 3 community seed reserves. **Please consider donating to this worthy cause!**



- As announced at worship on Sunday, **Trinity's Church Council and Pastor Phil are prayerfully exploring a potential partnership with Open Table United Church of Christ.** Open Table's leadership has approached Trinity about using available space on the main floor of the Education Building as they consider their future facility needs.

No decision has been made. If an agreement is reached, the arrangement could provide additional opportunities for shared worship, fellowship, and community ministry, while generating at least \$1,000 per month in additional income for Trinity. The Council recognizes that there are practical questions to consider, including scheduling, building use, responsibilities, liability, and finances. Just as importantly, the congregation is invited to consider what sharing its building might say about Trinity's commitment to hospitality, welcome, and making room for its neighbors.

Congregational conversations will be scheduled for after worship on Sunday, September 6th and Sunday, September 13th (Rally Day). This will be an opportunity for Trinity members to ask questions, share concerns, and listen together. Questions may be submitted in advance to Pastor Phil or Council Officers Mike Matteson and Carol Wahlstrom. Please join the Council in prayerful discernment as Trinity considers how God may be calling our congregation to use the space entrusted to it. Thank you!

- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please pray for AJ Stahr and family, and please pray for Martha.

- **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 (8/31):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
 - 6p Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday (9/1):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (9/2)**
 - 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
 - 5p Cub Scouts
 - 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (9/3):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 6p N.A. Meeting (Education Building)
- **Friday (9/4):**
- **Saturday (9/5):** *International Day of Charity*
- **Sunday (9/6):**
 - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)



WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<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:	<u>Sunday, September 6, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Jan Beckman, Kari Castelli</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: