

September 20, 2026

September 20, 2026

- **Today's "loose offering"** (cash not put in an envelope) **will be given towards A.J. Stahr's Road to Recovery.** The Stahr family is part of the Trinity family. In the middle of August, A.J. was working as a traffic flagger and was struck by a vehicle. He is in Peoria and has a long road of healing ahead of him. In October, there is a gold fundraiser to support A.J. Trinity Lutheran is going to donate this money towards sponsoring a gold hole at this event. Please donate if you are called but most importantly, please pray for A.J. for strength and healing. There is more information on the back table about the golf event.
- **Today, 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.
- **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**
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 22: Read Part 3 **September 29:** Read Part 4
- **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.
- **Save the Date! Saturday, October 10th, 6pm**, in collaboration with Partners In Pride, Trinity will be showing "**1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture.**" This **free showing** is of a feature documentary that follows the story of tireless researchers who trace the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators. 1946 is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring.
- **Partners in Pride are in need of hangers for their Community Closet.** If you have any extras please bring them to the Church Office in the Education Building, Mon-Thurs, 9-2 pm.
- **October 14th will be the next TLC Blood Drive.** Please contact Carol Wahlstrom to sign up or to volunteer. Carolwahlstrom@gmail.com

- **The 2027 calendars are in!** The suggested donation is \$25. However, people are asked to give as their heart leads. Calendars are available by contacting either Kate Reed (815) 830-2061 or Marj Nelson (815) 973-1286 by phone or text. There are also a few in the Office for purchase. Profits from the sale of the calendar will go towards funding the Growing Hope Globally Project.
- **March 16-21, 2027 The Growing Hope Globally Project** will visit the supported agricultural development program in Totonicapan, Guatemala. Activities include farm visits, discussions and meals with participating families, participation in the local partner's annual meeting, and a recreational day in Panajachel. Approximate cost is \$80 per day, plus airfare. Scholarships may be available. Sign up deadline is January 11, 2027. If interested, fill out the online travel application at growinghopeglobally.org/get-involved/visit-a-program/ Additional question, contact Kaylyn Morse (303)941-9390 or kaylyn@growinghopeglobally.org. **Please consider donating to this worthy cause!**



- **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please pray for Sarah Kelly and her family to find housing in their new town.

- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Aug Income = \$20,666.62 (Income YTD = \$157,804.29)
- Aug Expense = \$18,115.66 (Expense YTD = \$157,297.15)
- Income Less Expense = \$2,550.96 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$507.14)

- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (9/21):**
 - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Education Building)
 - 10a Staff Meeting
- **Tuesday (9/22):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 6p Book Club (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (9/23)**
 - 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
 - 2p German Dinner Prep (Fellowship Hall)
 - 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (9/24):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitches (Fellowship Hall)
 - 2p German Dinner Prep (Fellowship Hall)
- **Friday (9/25):**
 - 5-7p German Dinner
- **Saturday (9/26):**
 - National Pancake Day!* 
- **Sunday (9/27):**
 - SoulShine Leads*
 - 9a Affirmation Class / Sunday Session
 - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)