Trinity at a Glance

September 27, 2026

- **Our Thanksgiving Challenge is upon us!** This year we will be needing to collect ***700*** 8.5oz boxes of corn muffin mix, Jiffy or any brand. The boxes are **due by Sunday 11/1/26**. Thank you for helping the Community Food Basket to provide 700 Thanksgiving meals to those in need!
- ***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 29: Read Part 4
- **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.
- **October 14th will be the next TLC Blood Drive**. Please contact Carol Wahlstrom to sign up or to volunteer. Carolwahlstrom@gmail.com
- **Wednesday, October 28th**, Mission Outreach is hosting a **spaghetti dinner drive through event at the New Chalet** (514 State St. Ottawa). Proceeds will go towards Growing Hope Globally. This event is from **4:30-6:30pm**. Please do a *drive by* and enjoy some great food! Cost is $12 a dinner. Tickets can be purchased at the office.
- **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.
- **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!**

- **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 (9/28):**
    - 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
    - 10a Drum Fit (Education Building)
    - 10a Staff Meeting
  - **Tuesday (9/29):**
    - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
    - 6p Book Club (Community Room)
  - **Wednesday (9/30)**
    - 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
    - 6:30 Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
  - **Thursday (10/1):**
    - 8a LEASE Screenings (Education Building)
    - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
  - **Friday (10/2):**
    - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
  - **Saturday (10/3):**
    - *National Butterfly & Hummingbird Day!*





  - **Sunday (10/4):**
    - *Outdoor Worship Pet Blessing (Weather Permitting)*
    - 9a Affirmation Class / Sunday Session
    - 10a Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

Sunday, September 27, 2026	**Sunday, October 4, 2026**
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Crucifer/Acolyte:
Ushers:	Ushers:
Lector: *Mary Heider*	Lector: *Beth Schuett*
Communion Assistants:	Communion Assistants: *Beth Schuett*
Altar Guild: *Anne Lauterjung, Amy Boyles*	Altar Guild: *Kari Castelli, Becky Glaser*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*	Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*	Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*
Altar Flowers: *In Memory of Loved Ones, From LouAnn Gayan*	Altar Flowers: