

August
2026



Dearest Body of Christ,
During July I was able to attend multiple gatherings with the wider church, and one of those was the ELCA Rostered Minister Gathering in Indianapolis. The theme for the week was "Woven Together." Both speakers and workshops cultivated this underlying idea that we are connected to one another as the body of Christ. Woven into a tapestry of faithful callings and Spirit-led actions, we can create works of art together to the glory of our God. One of the leaders for the event was our artist-in-residence, a weaver who used threads donated by members of the joined assembly to weave a beautiful parament for the lectern. This month's photo shows one section of that woven work of art. It is chaotic, it is intricate, it is beautiful. These pieces of fabric that

once belonged to many individuals had now been deconstructed and linked together, creating one cohesive piece to delight the whole. As the wider church, we too weave our gifts into a tapestry of God's own design. One that is constantly being woven together with new pieces and threads, amplifying the vastness of God's creation. May we continue to weave ourselves together, praying for the path of connection to be brightly and clearly lit.

In Interconnected Peace,
Pastor Ashley

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Oliver Mann

June 28, 2026

Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri

Pastor Ashley's Open Hours

New Open Hours

Friday Community Open Hours will be from 10:00am-12:00pm beginning in September.

Outside of Community Open Hours, Pastor Ashley is open to schedule a time to meet with anyone at the church or elsewhere in the community. Her day time schedule changes week-to-week, and so she will work out a time that works for you and for her to meet.

Community Open Hours Locations(10:00am-12:00am) :

August 7 - Special Grounds

August 14— Biggby

August 21 - Red Rambler

August 28 - Special Grounds

If these times do not work for you, please talk to Pastor Ashley on Sunday to schedule a time to meet, or email her at

PastorAshley@trinitywauseon.org. She would be happy to set-up a time that works for you!

Pastoral Care for Surgery, Hospital Stays, Home Visits

If you are having a surgery and would like a prayer beforehand or a hospital/at home visit, please let Pastor Ashley or the office know. She is available to walk with us in these times of healing and the best way to make sure she knows your pastoral care needs is to contact her yourself. The hospital does not contact churches like they might have in the past when someone is there. When these occasions or any other pastoral care needs arise, you can contact her using any of the ways below, or in advance in-person when possible.

Office: (419)335-5651

Cell: (515)205-5018

Email: pastorashley@trinitywauseon.org

Worship

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion each week.

THURSDAY

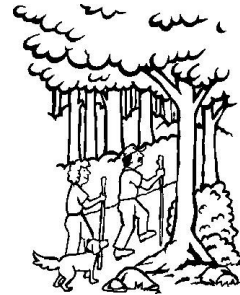
6:00 p.m. Informal Worship with Holy Communion every week.

We stream our Sunday worship services on Facebook and our website each week at 9:30 a.m.. These videos will remain on our website for a time, or they can be viewed on our YouTube page at any time.

Our weekly services can also be viewed on INTV (Spectrum Channel 1021) Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Trinity Trails **Worship Walk**

Do you enjoy hiking in God's beautiful creation? If your answer is 'yes,' our upcoming Trinity Trails event might be for you! **The next event will be on Saturday, August 8th at 9:00 am and we will meet at Homecoming Park.** The trail will be about 0.5 miles, and we will stop along the way for worship elements like prayers, readings, and communion along the trail! Bring your walking shoes and get ready to praise the Lord while communing with God's whole creation!



OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE

	In person attendance		
	Thursday	Sunday	Total
June 25/28	21	81	102
July 2/5	16	60	76
July 9/12	30	90	120
July 16/19	21	61	82
July 23/26			

PARISH EDUCATION

Backpack Blessing:



We will be having a Backpack Blessing during the following services:

Sunday, August 9th and Thursday, August 13th

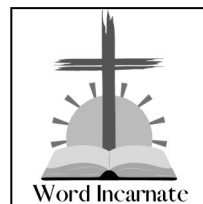
This is a blessing for all ages: If you are attending Day Care, Pre-School, Elementary, Junior High, High School, College, an Adult going back to school or a Teacher, please bring your back-

Searching for Additional High School Youth Adult Leaders

Our Parish Education Committee has been brainstorming ways to make our high school youth ministry leadership model more stable and sustainable! After consulting with other area churches, we found a structure that uses two pairs of adult leaders in a rotation (4 adult leaders total.) Each pair commits to a two-year term, and the term start/end dates alternate so that there is always a pair with experience. We are currently searching for a pair of adults who would commit to serving a two-year term from September 2026-August 2028.

If you are interested or would like to hear more information, please reach out to Landon and Ashley ASAP at 419-630-5046 or Pastor Ashley. Thank you for your discernment on leading this important ministry!

Word Incarnate Bible Study - Sunday, August 23 at 10:45pm. after worship. Join us as we continue our study of the Joesph led by Pastor Ashley. Everyone is welcome!



Open Your Bible

Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

—Ps. 119:105

August Gospel Readings

Week of August 2nd— Matthew 14:13-21— All ate and were filled

Week of August 9th — Matthew 14:22-33 — “Do not be afraid”

Week of August 16th —Matthew 15:10-28 — “Woman, great is your faith!”

Week of August 23rd— Matthew 16:13-20 — You are the Messiah, Son of
the living God

Week of August 30th— Matthew 16:21-28 — “Those who lose their life
for my sake will find it”

A Psalmody for August

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for You speak peace to
Your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to You.

—Psalm 85:8

Bible Verses for the Month



*The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their
food in due season. You open wide your hand and satisfy the
desire of every living thing.*

—Psalm 145:15, 16

*The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to
shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the
same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.
For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be
saved.”*

—Romans 10:11-13

*For as in one body we have many members, and not all the
members have the same function, so we, who are many, are
one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of an-
other.*

—Romans 12:4,5

EVANGELISM

Celebrating August Birthdays

1 Cecilia Nartker	15 Lillian Lee Linda McClain Chris Merillat Dustin Makula	28 Kolton DeGroff Brenda Babcock
2 Amy Fisher		29 Dick Darcy
4 Joyce Meyer	16 Jackson Sluder	31 Sue Wines Evan Kost
5 Dee Spiess	17 Lynne Boyers	
6 Janette Rorick Marlene Buckenmeyer Joy Schroeder Logan Jackson Parker Jackson	18 Brigg Jackson	<i>Please call the church office and let us know, if we missed your special day.</i>
	19 Cheryl Hoste	
7 Kevin Rotroff Jake Buhrman Scottie Drewes	20 Sandy Bostelman	
9 Cindy Wallischeck	21 Elroy Arps Roger Nagel Jenna Sager	
	24 Rollie Britsch Jim Bauman	
10 Ava Alford Marilyn Rychener	25 Roger Rice	
11 Jerry Bostelman Carla Rice Chad Buckenmeyer	26 Jennifer Buckenmeyer Jason Fisher Joe Valvano Oliver Mann	
12 Arleen Roos Deb Carter	27 Laura Mann	
13 Jordan Holthues		
14 Emmery Sager		

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Caring Cupboard Food Pantry *Trinity's Outreach Mission for our neighbors with food insecurity since 1980*

It was wonderful to see our Caring Cupboard donation cart filled with so many much-needed food items! Instant oatmeal, cereal, applesauce, macaroni and cheese, a variety of canned vegetables, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, flavored water packets, juice, and several meal kits were all ready for distribution to families with children.

Thank you to everyone who donated these wonderful items. Your generosity provides not only nourishing food but also demonstrates Christ's love and compassion for those experiencing food insecurity. Every donation makes a difference and reminds our neighbors that they are cared for.

Our August Needs

- Pancake mix and syrup
- Peanut butter and jam or jelly
- Egg noodles (any shape or size)
- Canned corn, green beans, or peas

Especially for Children We are always grateful for donations of:

- Cereal
- Canned fruit
- Applesauce
- Granola bars
- Juice boxes or juice pouches



Your donations are sincerely appreciated, and our volunteer packers enjoy filling each basket with a variety of nutritious foods for families. Monetary donations are also welcome and may be placed in your offering envelope or made through the church's online donation link.

"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." **Proverbs 22:9**

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as you share His love with our neighbors in need

Migrant Rest Center Outreach

We were delighted to see the many donations of towels and coolers and such and ball caps. We had a nice bag full of donated hats that were a hit. Thank you to everyone who has donated items to support this important ministry.

We continue to collect the following needed items in August

- Long-sleeved shirts for men and women to help protect workers from sun exposure and agricultural chemicals (men's sizes large and smaller are especially needed)
- Ball caps
- New or unopened sunscreen
- Water bottles and water jugs of any size

Drop your donations under the wooden cross.

Your generosity helps provide comfort and protection to migrant workers and their families especially when working out in the farm fields in the summer months. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." — Matthew 25:35

Community Meal

Trinity will host the Community Meal on August 6 at Christ Methodist Church. Looking for willing volunteers to help serve and clean up. We need workers from 4:40pm to 6:15pm. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board. Contact Jeanne Andre or Jeff Hench with questions.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

It's time to be thinking about school supplies for the Lutheran World Relief backpacks.

This year the shopping has been done for you!



The cost to supply one school bag is approximately \$10.

Please consider making a donation for several bags. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. The packs will be assembled on God's Work Our Hands day, September 7th. Wouldn't it be terrific if this year, Trinity could assemble 100+ backpacks!



Pastor Tim's Community Garden

Located northwest of the church playground

Harvest season is in full swing in the garden, and it's been a joy to see Cindy's Facebook posts featuring freshly picked vegetables. In addition to the garden's bounty, church members and neighbors have been generously dropping off their extra harvests as well. Sometimes it's a challenge to reach the cart before all the veggies are gone—they get picked up quickly!

A big thank-you to all our volunteers, especially Kim and Cindy Frey, who live right behind the garden and tend it daily—sometimes even twice a day or more.

Church members and community neighbors are welcome to donate any extra fruits or vegetables from their gardens. There's plenty of room on our produce stand this summer, and your contributions will be enjoyed and appreciated by many.





Save the date!!! On **Sunday, Sept. 13th**, congregations of the ELCA will join together for our annual day of service, **“God’s work. Our hands.”**

This day continues to be an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the ELCA — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. We are finalizing the list of opportunities for you to sign up for a service project that day. The lists will be out Sunday, August 9th. We encourage you to please sign up prior to the date of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” so we can plan enough work for everyone.

You have an opportunity to order a God’s work. Our Hands. T-shirt if you are interested. We will take orders until August 10th, for the shirts to arrive on time. Trinity’s name will be printed on the back of the t-shirts. A sample of the T-shirt will be available at the table.

The sizes range from Youth Small to Adult 5X. The prices are \$14.95 each from Youth Small to Adult XL. The larger sizes are priced as: 2XL: \$16.95., 3XL: \$17.95, 4XL: \$18.45, and 5XL: \$18.95.

Any questions, please contact Becky Dickson



Ms. Olivia and the Toddler Class will be getting ready to go back to school. The toddlers will learn the classroom rules and our daily routine. We will get to know our new friends and learn how to be kind to them while learning how to share toys. Toddlers will also start learning shapes, colors, numbers, and letters.

Ms. Brooke and Ms. Tara will be teaching the Kindergarten Readiness class about the classroom expectations and what they will be learning as well. The class will review how to build community within the classroom. As a group, they will learn how we can be a family, help each other, and take care of the classroom.

Ms. Tessa will be doing Back to School material with the 2 ½ - 3 year olds Extended Care class. The class will go over rules, safety tips, and expectations in the classroom for the school year. Ms. Tessa will also have the class do fun back-to-school activities by having the class do fun crafts to decorate the room.

The School Agers are going to start winding down their last few weeks of Summer with some cool STEAM Activities. The school age will also be talking about going back to school and how we can be good friends to everyone.

Everyone is super excited to be having an
end-of-the-summer party!!

Nicole Miller, TLC Director
419-335-6970

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these"
Matthew 19:14





You're Invited To

TLC POOL PARTY

SATURDAY, Aug. 8th

5:15-6:45 pm

SNACKS ~ DRINKS

WAUSEON PUBLIC POOL



JUNE MONTHLY FINANCIALS

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	\$31,311.00	MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$31,311.00
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	\$35,628.33	MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$23,071.53
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	\$187,866.00	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$187,866.00
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	\$170,249.15	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	\$151,621.47

STEWARDSHIP

NON-BUDGETED GIVING

	2026	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28	TOTAL
Capital Improvement						
	\$	761.25	\$ 1,801.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 607.00	\$ 3,549.25
Mission Support - TWELCA/LWR						
	\$	155.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 608.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,168.00
Sunday School						
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Multimedia						
	\$	85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 340.00
Caring Cupboard						
	\$	300.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 620.00
Lutheran Home Society - Genacross						
	\$	25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
Quilt Workshop						
			\$ 35.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 75.00
FISH						
			\$ 10.00			\$ 10.00

Mission Support for August

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Please write this in on the “other” line on your offering envelope

Summer reminder...

When you're on vacation, please remember your church with your contribution dollars. Signing up for “Electronic Funds Transfer,” is a way to be able to give automatically. Thank you so very much for your faithful support of the ministry of Trinity Lutheran, even on weekends when you're not able to attend service.

Did you know that you can give through our website (one time donation or scheduled giving):
trinitywauseon.org then click on “Donate ” at the top right corner.



You can also scan this QR code to go right to the donations page .

TWELCA

From July 16-19, 2026 four women from our congregation and Pastor Ashley attended the WELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines, Iowa! Centered around the theme, “I am Worthy,” and the verse Psalm 139:14a “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made,” this gathering brought together over 1000 women from all over the United States, and even some international guests!



The convention offered worship services, keynote speakers, an interactive center, a movie screening, and workshops, all meant to empower and enlighten the women of the church to answer their calling from God in their own contexts. It was a powerful gift to gather with so many of our sisters and siblings in Christ, worshipping the Lord and connecting with one another as a great cloud of witnesses.

Thank you for the congregational support in sending this group of women from Trinity, and make sure to ask them what their highlights were! On the next page is a small photo collage to give you just a small idea of our weekend together!

The next WELCA Triennial Gathering will be in 2029 and it will be in Louisville, Kentucky! Even a closer opportunity to attend, so you better start planning now!



WOMEN UNITED IN FAITH

July turned out to be an active month as eleven ladies gathered at the Mexican restaurant for fellowship and devotion. Five other ladies attended the ELCA national convention in Des Moines, Iowa. What a great way to feel and share the love of God.

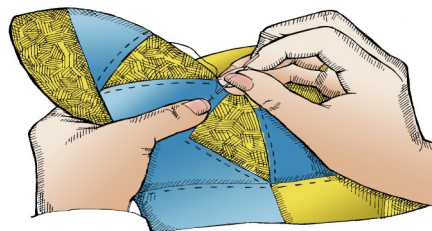
“BACK PORCH STUDY”

Come and enjoy the outdoors where we will join together in fellowship and devotion. Bev Ernst will lead us in an interesting bible study. Our August event will be held at the home of Pat Dettmer, 725 Pine Street, Wauseon on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD:

LADIES FALL GATHERING

Mark your calendar now for Tuesday September 15, at 7:00 p.m. Special guest speaker, Donna Strong, author of “Trust: Total Reliance Under Stressful Times”, will perform. You won’t want to miss this. More info will be coming in next newsletter.



QUILTING GROUP

The Quilt Workshop will meet on **Wednesdays in August at 9:00 a.m.**
Come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun!

Lutheran Men in Mission

**We will NOT be having a Bible Study in August.
We will resume in September.**

Fulton County Fair Gates Help Needed

**This year we will again be working the ticket
booths at the Fulton County Fair.
Our date will be Friday, September 4.
Sign up for a shift on the sheet on the bulletin
board!**



ADMINISTRATIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 7/14/2026

Present: Luke Frey, Lisa Rupp, Amy Miller, Marle Weber, Cathy Croninger, Pastor Ashley, Robert Nafziger, Vaughn Baltzly, Tyson Hoste, Jeff Hench, April Jackson, Chris Merillat and Dan Miller.
Absent: Deb Boyers, Terry Clark, Laura Brown, Mindy Dunbar

Meeting was called to order by Vaughn Baltzly at 7:03 p.m.

Opening Devotion: Luke Frey led a devotional called Jesus Listens by Sara Young followed by a prayer. Cathy Croninger will be covering the devotional for August .

Approval of Minutes: An edit to the June 9 minutes was noted “Raised \$966 for ~~No Tax~~ **NOCAC** Housing Initiative ”...Dan Miller made a motion to approve the June minutes as edited and Jeff Hench seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Letters of thanks were received from Relay for Life and FISH for the donations sent to them.

Pastor's Report: (report submitted) Attended placement of Alice's memorial wind chime, Marty Ross' graveside and memorial, pastoral care visits, pre-marital counseling and ceremony planning sessions, Picnic and Play event, Confirmation Camp, baptism of Oliver Mann, Word Incarnate bible study, Trinity Trails, and met with Luke about his upcoming sermon. Attended TLC Summer Pool Night, Maumee Valley conference meeting, lunch and presentation from the Synod Global Mission Board Mexico cohort, and ELCA Rostered Ministers Gathering. Received training from organization in Texas/New Mexico about visitation procedures for those detained by immigration. Will be attending Annual Called Together Clergy Couple Conference after attending the Triennial Gathering of the Women of ELCA in July. Vacation coming up end of July-Early August.

Treasurer's Report: (report submitted) For the month of June income was higher than expenses. Lisa Rupp made motion to approve June's report as presented, seconded by Cathy Croninger. Motion approved.

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Insurance claim from lightning damage was approved, should have check within 2 weeks.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Nothing to report

Outreach: Nothing to report

Parish Education: Working on reorganization of SLL Program. Will be a backpack blessing 8/9 and 8/13.

Parish Personnel: 3 candidates were interviewed for custodial position. Tyson Hoste made a motion to approve call to offer Allison Bialuk position. Robert Nafziger seconded. Motion approved.

Stewardship: Nothing to report

Technology: Nothing to report

Trustees: Cleaned handicap bathroom sink drain. Mounted magnet on north door to keep open.

Ushers: Nothing to report

Worship: Hymn sing 8/2.

TLC Childcare: Need more teachers for Fall program. Openings for children in older classes.

Lutheran Men In Mission: Nothing to report

TWELCA: 4 women will be attending Triennial Gathering.

Old Business: Ohio Security Grant application was denied. Will apply again in August/September.

New Business: Looking for place to hang cross with Lord's Prayer (gift to congregation).

Dan Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lisa Rupp seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

THANK YOU~~

Trinity Members—

I would like to thank you for all your prayers and support during my recent heart surgery. I ask for your continued prayers as I am at home recovering.

Jim Kerr