

September
2026



Greetings Trinity Kindred!
August was filled with so many opportunities for joy—a wedding, our first garden watermelon, community events, and baptizing twins! Such joy offers the perfect preparation as we make our way into September and kick off the new program year. As we restart many ministries, there is a chance for growth and new experiences, which also means September is filled with potential. Much like seeds are planted with the potential of what they will grow our ministry programs are done with the potential to bring God's reign of love, peace, justice, and resurrection joy closer to our world here and now. But sometimes, we do not know the seeds that we plant, while the Good News

flourishes all the same. That is why this month's photo is of a pumpkin that is growing in my front yard. You see, this green pumpkin is growing out of the flower bed next to our front stoop. We did not plant these seeds, but we did have pumpkins on our stoop late into the Fall. There were some critters who nibbled at the pumpkins, opening space for seeds to fall out. And now we have a pumpkin growing in our yard. The potential for a pumpkin came from sowing the seed, even when we did not know that is what we were doing. As a new program year starts, I invite you to live into the possibility of potential when it comes to our ministries. Plant seeds of faith and hope throughout our programming, and perhaps in a year we will see the fruits of our faithful actions come to fruition! In Peace, Pastor Ashley

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding

CalLind Gilson & Kelly Hayden

August 8, 2026

Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri

Baptisms

Mitchell Alan McGuire

Hollis Ann McGuire

August 16, 2026

Pastor Ashley Rosa-Ruggieri

Pastor Ashley's Open Hours

Friday: 10:00 am-12:00 pm in the Community

Open Hours are set times when Pastor Ashley will be available for meeting, chatting, praying, etc.

Fridays Open Hours will be Community Open Hours at a local coffee shop or restaurant.

Community Open Hours Locations:

September 4 - Biggby

September 11 - Red Rambler

September 18 -Special Grounds

September 25 - Biggby

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!

Pastor Ashley's 5th Ordination
Anniversary Celebration

Pastor Ashley's 5th year Anniversary of her Ordination will be on September 12, 2026. **We will be celebrating it after worship on Sunday, September 13, with a reception in the lounge.** It is hard to believe that she has been with us for 5 years!! Please join us to help Pastor Ashley celebrate this special day!

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, September 12th at 9:00am 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!

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.

Worship

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

One service at 9:30 a.m. 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.

OUR WORSHIP RESPOSE

In person attendance

	Thursday	Sunday	Total
July30/Aug2	16	80	96
Aug 6/9	19	100	119
Aug 13/16	22	108	130
Aug 20/23	23	73	96

THE SENIOR CHOIR NEEDS Y-O-U

Calling all current, past and new choir members! We are looking for anyone that loves to sing! Choir rehearsals are every Wednesday at 6:30pm starting on September 16th. We hope you will join us! Singing is good for the body, good for the heart and especially good for the soul!





BELL CHOIR NEWS

Calling all Bell Ringers to practice...your first rehearsal will be on September 16 at 5:30pm. We have some openings for new ringers and if you have been thinking of trying out the bells, this is the time to come and join this group! You do not have to be able to read music. All you need is a love for music! This is a wonderful way to worship, ring praises to our Lord, and participate in the music ministry at Trinity. Talk to Jim Kerr or Lynne Boyers if you have any questions.

Weekly Bible Readings for September

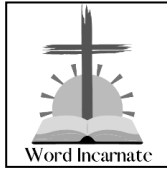
September 6:	Ezekiel 33:7-1	Psalm 119:33-40
	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
September 13:	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:8-13
	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
September 20:	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8
	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
September 27:	Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32	Psalm 25:1-9
	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32

PARISH EDUCATION



Sunday School will begin on
Rally Sunday
September 20 at 8:30am

**COME JOIN US FOR:
FOOD (HOT DOGS, CHIPS,
COOKIES, AND WATER),
INFLATABLE, YARD GAMES, OR JUST
SIT AND RELAX WITH FELLOWSHIP.
THIS WILL ALL START FOLLOWING
THE CHURCH SERVICE. BRING YOUR
LAWN CHAIR!**



Word Incarnate Bible Study
September 27 in the Fellowship Hall
after the worship service

Join us as we start a new Bible Study led by Pastor Ashley. Stay tuned as we will announce the topic of the new study. Everyone is welcome!!



Catechism and Bible Seekers
SAVE THE DATES!!

Catechism (6th-8th Grade):

Parents Meeting Wednesday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Schedules will be handed out during the meeting. Catechism will then be at 7:00p.m. on September 23th & 30th.

BibleSeekers (3rd-5th Grade):

Parents Meeting Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Schedules will be handed out during the meeting.



September

BIRTHDAYS

1 Jayden Lane	19 Russ Rice	<u><i>Nifty Nineties</i></u> Bob Gerken <i>Please call the church office if we missed your special day...we want to make sure to include all our members on our birthday list ☺</i>
3 Judy Warncke	20 Bob Gerken	
4 Sandy Denn	24 Evan Short	
6 Carra Gilson-Delgado	27 Denise Bauman Karlee Shehorn	
7 Colton Sluder Wendy Eitnrear Camden Weber	28 Steve Miller	
8 Jacob Hall	29 Andy Slawinski	
9 JoAnn Parker Sandy Howard Emily Eicher	30 Chris Beck Joel Weber Brayden Sager Jessica Buhrman	
13 Duane England Chris Yackee		
16 Jill Anderson		
18 Connie Fry Camille Sluder		

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Caring Cupboard Food Pantry

Providing food to our neighbors since 1980

Thank you for your generous August donations! We truly appreciate your continued support of our food pantry and the many years you have helped us serve families in our community.

We are also very grateful for our collaboration with the **FISH program**. FISH provides us with the name and information of a family needing food assistance. After the family contacts the church office, Aimee contacts one of our packers, who fills the request. The basket is usually ready within 24 hours.

You may have noticed the food baskets waiting by our double glass doors near the elevator. These baskets are picked up by the families who requested them. **This system works well for everyone and allows us to respond quickly to families in need.**

Needed for September

Hygiene Items

- 4-pack of toilet paper
- A couple of bars of hand soap
- Toothpaste
- Small container of dish soap

Food Items

- Egg noodles
- Canned vegetables
- Tuna — cans or packets
- Tuna Helper
- Crackers of any kind

These donations help provide both **food and basic hygiene necessities** to families who are struggling. With prices continuing to rise, many people in our community are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Your generosity makes a real difference!

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.” — Hebrews 13:16

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors! ❤️



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. **Below is the list of opportunities for you to sign up for a service project that day.** We encourage you to please sign up on the sheets in the hallway prior to the date of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” so we can plan enough work for everyone.

- Assembling ELCA School Backpacks
- Tying Fleece Blankets
- Visit and play games with the residents at the Filling Home (Time 12:30-1:15 pm)
- Making goodie bags for the residents at Genacross.

PathStone Migrant Outreach

September begins the slowing down of farm workers coming to our area to work in the fields and throughout the agricultural industry. This summer, we have provided food, long-sleeved shirts, sunscreen, hats, small coolers, and water jugs to help meet some of their needs while they worked in the fields. Thank you to all of our members who donated items and helped support this outreach.

We will continue to help as caseworkers identify needs for the people living at the PathStone facility while they look for permanent housing. The shelter remains open through the winter, so if needs arise, we can help with food, winter coats from our Coat Closet, and items needed by the children.

Thank you for your generous donations and continued support of our outreach to farm workers and their families this spring and summer.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people.”

Galatians 6:9–10



September Classroom Tidings

Toddler Class — Ms. Olivia

The Toddler class and Ms. Olivia will be learning about farm animals and the fall throughout the month. The toddlers will begin by exploring different farm animals, the sounds they make, and even tractors. They will also enjoy many painting activities featuring animals, tractors, and farmland.

2 1/2–3 Extended Care Class — Ms. Tessa

Ms. Tessa's 2 1/2–3 Extended Care class will be learning about farms and apples this month. The class will also focus on the letters C and A, the shapes triangle and circle, and the colors green and red.

The children will participate in a farm-sound matching activity and practice identifying which sounds belong to each animal. After finishing their farm theme, the children will use apples to compare heights and see who is the tallest.

Kindergarten Readiness Class — Ms. Brooke and Ms. Tara

Ms. Brooke and Ms. Tara will begin by introducing the Kindergarten Readiness class to back-to-school routines. The class will learn about classroom rules, the classroom environment, and expectations for both students and teachers.

The Kindergarten Readiness class will then complete an "All About Me" activity to help students learn more about themselves and their peers. After learning about their friends and themselves, they will move on to apple-themed activities.

School Ager — Ms. Colleen and Ms. Nicole

Ms. Colleen and Ms. Nicole's School Ager will be focusing on friendship and the fair. The class will learn why friendships are important, what makes someone a good friend, how to treat friends with kindness, and what to do when bullying happens.

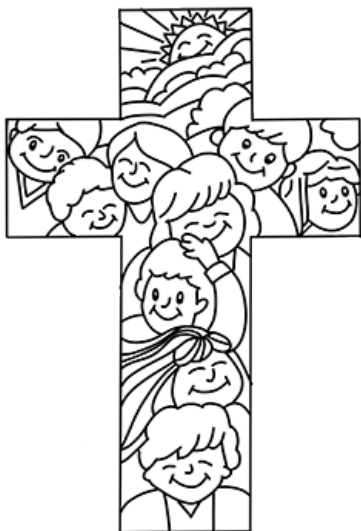
The School Ager will also learn that a classroom can feel like a family. Later in the month, they will explore fall topics, including why leaves change colors and the parts of an apple.

Chapel

Chapel will begin for the center on September 11. The center's first chapel lesson will be about Creation.

Calendar Dates:

Sept. 11th - Fellowship hall 9:00-10:00am Grandparents Breakfast



Nicole Miller, TLC Director

419-335-6970

STEWARDSHIP

JULY MONTHLY FINANCIALS

MONTHLY BUDGETED INCOME	<u>\$31,311.00</u>
MONTHLY ACTUAL INCOME	<u>\$19,149.06</u>
YTD BUDGETED INCOME	<u>\$219,177.00</u>
YTD ACTUAL INCOME	<u>\$189,398.21</u>

MONTHLY BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$31,311.00</u>
MONTHLY ACTUAL EXPENSES	<u>\$22,033.47</u>
YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$219,177.00</u>
YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES	<u>\$173,654.94</u>

JULY 2026

Capital Improvement	\$ 1,853.25
Mission Support - INTV	\$ 570.00
Sunday School	\$ -
Multimedia	\$ 170.00
Caring Cupboard	\$ 650.00
Lutheran Home Society - Genacross	\$ 100.00
Quilt Workshop	\$ 25.00
TWELCA School Kits	\$ 450.00
Winter Coat Ministry	\$ 110.00
Chapel Restoration	\$ 10.00
TWELCA/LWR Projects	\$ 200.00
PathStone - Migrant Ministry	\$ 25.00

Mission Support for September **Trinity's Winter Coat Ministry**

*Please write this in on the "other" line
on your envelope

Stewardship September 2026

*For everything there is a season and a time for every matter
under heaven: Ecclesiastes 3:1*

It doesn't seem possible that September is here already and the end of 2026 is rushing toward us as well. That means it is time for every committee or group to submit **budget requests** to Treasurer Amy Miller in the office. Please remember the more complete you make this request, the more accurate our budget can be.

Thanks for your help.

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 hands on demonstrations, concerts, restaurants, even the outdoors, the Women of Trinity have continued to enjoy the different approach with their monthly gatherings. September is no exception. All ladies are always welcome to attend these events.

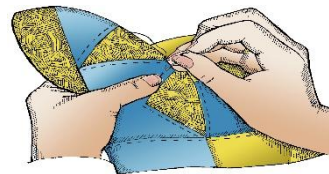
LADIES FALL GATHERING **Tuesday September 15, at 7:00 p.m.** **Fellowship Hall**

**Special guest speaker, Donna Strong, author of
“TRUST: Total Reliance Under Stressful Times”**

Come and join in the fellowship of other women as we welcome our guest speaker. President Carol Rorick will lead us with a short devotion. A brief meeting will follow with refreshments.



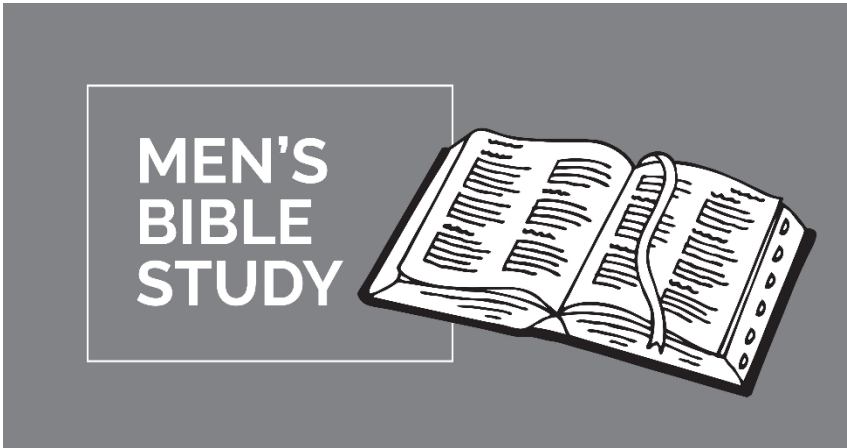
The Quilt Workshop will meet on
Wednesdays in September at 9:00 a.m.
Come and lend your helping hands, and join in the fun!



QUILTING GROUP

Lutheran Men in Mission

Summer is winding down so we are back on track with our monthly breakfast and bible study. **Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 12. A light breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. with a bible study to follow.** So we can have a count for breakfast, please respond to Steve Dettmer at 419-340-7259 or email stevepatd@gmail.com.



Thank you to all Trinity members who are helping in the ticket booth at the Fulton County Fair. We appreciate your giving of your time and efforts. Money earned in this project goes towards our church scholarships.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Change in Tidings Newsletter starting in 2027

Starting in 2027 we will no longer be mailing out the Tidings to all members of the congregation. The cost has gotten too high and we will no longer qualify for bulk rates.

Starting in February you may receive the Tidings in the following ways:

- The newsletter will be emailed out to all members who we have a current email for. If you are currently getting the weekly email updates you will be good. If you are not receiving these, let Aimee in the office know so she can update your email address.
- Newsletter copies will be available at the church to be picked up.
- The Tidings will be posted on our website.
- We will be sending through the mail a small quantity of the Tidings to those on our shut-in list, and anyone else that requests a mailed copy. Talk to Aimee in the office to request a mailed copy.

Thank you for your understanding with this change. If you have any questions, talk to Aimee in the office.

Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes 8/11/2026

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

Meeting was called to order by Vaughn Baltzly at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Devotion: Cathy Croninger led a devotional called “What if love reveals me to be a hypocrite?” followed by a prayer. Amy Miller will be covering the devotional for September.

Approval of Minutes: Lisa Rupp made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented and Mindy Dunbar seconded. Motion approved.

Correspondence: A request to use the Fellowship Hall on 11/21/2026 for a family gathering was received from John Gamber. Dan Miller made a motion to approve this request and Cathy Croninger seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor’s Report: (report submitted) At Trinity - Pre-marital and wedding ceremony planning sessions, pre-baptism conversation, pastoral calls and visits, creation of Favorite Hymns worship liturgy, Trinity Trails, Cal and Kelly’s wedding ceremony, Backpack Blessing during worship, planning for Catechism and Sunday School schedule and curriculum for upcoming program year. Planning for 26/27 school year chapel services with TLC child center. Attended the TWELCA Triennial Gathering in Des Moines and the Annual Clergy Couple Conference and Retreat. Will possibly be attending a Continuing Education mental health first aid training in September. Will have vacation time coming in October.

Treasurer’s Report: (report submitted) For the month of July income was lower than expenses. Marle Weber made motion to approve July’s report as presented, seconded by Deb Carter. Motion approved. Received money from the insurance claim for lightning damage, however, equipment is more expensive than expected. Trying to get insurance payout adjusted.

Committee Reports:

Evangelism: Nothing to report.

Outreach: Gods Work Our Hands will be September 13th. New and gently used coats will be accepted through October 24th for our coat giveaway.

Parish Education: Working on upcoming Sunday School year. Rally will be a picnic for all on September 20th. Working on fall activities.

Parish Personnel: Hired a new custodian.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Technology: New equipment has arrived, planning on installing on 8/12.

Trustees: Took care of landscaping. Fixed blinds in food pantry room.

Ushers: Nothing to report.

Worship: Received positive feedback from Favorite Hymns worship.

TLC Childcare: Hired new custodian. Few more kids enrolled.

Lutheran Men In Mission: Next breakfast September 12th.

TWELCA: Bev Ernst will lead Back Porch Bible Study August 18th. Fall Gathering will be September 15th.

Old Business: Donated cross will be placed above the bulletins holder in the hallway by the play area.

New Business: Marle Weber and Lisa Rupp will serve on the Nominating Committee as 2 members who will be ending their term on Council. Need to have names of at least 3 possible members from congregation not on Council for Nominating Committee, by next meeting. Dan Miller made motion that when this bulk mailing ends, we will discontinue bulk mailing. Robert Nafziger seconded. Motion approved. Robert Nafziger made a motion for opening a brokerage account with Edward Jones to facilitate a member's transfer of stock to Trinity. Chris Merillat seconded. Motion approved. Cathy Croninger made motion that Amy Miller and Jeff Hench will be the two signers on the brokerage account. Deb Boyers seconded. Motion passed. Flooding in janitor's closet needs looked into.

Luke Frey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vaughn Baltzly seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, April Jackson, Council Secretary



Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church:

Thank you for your gift of \$744.50 serving LSS Ministries. With each donation you are helping a child, a family or a senior citizen get one step closer to a more sustainable life. We couldn't do this work without you!

Thank you,

Tracia Jaksetic, Vice President Lutheran Social Services

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Because of your support, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are able to build meaningful friendships, gain confidence, and enjoy experiences that bring them closer to their communities. Your kindness strengthens our programs, nurtures a compassionate community of care, and creates moments that truly matter.

Thank you for being part of this ministry,

Carol L. Slight, Vice President the Filling Homes Foundation