



The Parish Messenger May 2026

Mission Statement

We are a Christian community rooted in God's love growing in Christ through reaching out and serving.

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WORSHIP TIMES

Georgetown
Worship 10:30 AM

Trinity
Worship 8:45 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown
9:15 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

Confirmation Class Packs 36 Birthday Bags



This year's confirmation class, Paige, Griffin and Evelyn, recently packed 36 birthday bags for the CRA (our local battered women's and children's shelter). We learned about this organization and prayed for the kids that do have to spend a birthday under such difficult circumstances. Each bag contained cake mix, frosting, candles, a birthday banner and hats or another fun item for the party. The funds were provided by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as a grant. Don't forget, if you're a Thrivent member you can apply for these grants as well. Unsure how? Have questions? Talk to Pastor or another Thrivent member to get a wonderful project started. Unsure who needs help in the community? Pastor can give some ideas.

Thanks to our fantastic confirmation class that we can be so proud of!

MAY 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, May 3	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
Monday, May 4	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, May 6	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation - Trinity - LAST NIGHT
Sunday, May 10	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown - LAST DAY
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity - LAST DAY
Monday, May 11	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, May 17	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, May 18	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, May 24	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, May 25		MEMORIAL DAY - No bible study
Sunday, May 31	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown

Hospital or Home Visits

When you are ill or in need of a visit please be aware that it has not been legal for some time for Pastor's to be informed by hospital staff if you are there. Also, news of your situation may not have reached me. If you or a family member are hospitalized or in need of a home visit, please call me to let me know. I have no other way of knowing. Thanks! Pastor



May 4	Jeremiah Gorne (GT)
May 5	Ryan Peterson (GT)
May 6	Jeff Bergmann (T)
	Chad Lundmark (T)
May 10	Zachary Peterson (GT)
	Joshua Gorne (GT)
May 15	Staci Lundmark (T)
	Charlotte Peper (GT)
May 16	Jorden Jensen (GT)
May 20	Kelly Grenquist (T)
	Lacy Sellent (*) (T)
May 23	Wesson Braastad (GT)
May 29	Vern Olson (GT)

If we are missing your birthday and/or baptism (*) and you would like it included, please send to church email

thank you



Thank you to all that helped with roadside cleanup on Sunday, April 19th. Between our two sections, we picked up a total of 4 bags of trash and 5 bags of recycling... and a couple of tires. The find of the day was a gnome paint set!

*Thank you to all that helped set up, donated your treasures, and bought some new treasures. The garage sale fundraiser brought in **\$5,500** with one item left to sell.*

Thank you to everyone who donated, helped serve, and participated in our annual pancake supper and youth lock-in!



As Sunday school winds down for the summer, a special thank you to our teachers for guiding our children in their faith.

You are AMAZING!

SUMMER FUN



Summer Camp at Luther Park Bible Camp

It's not too late to sign up for summer camp! Luther Park is a wonderful place to experience the life changing love of God! Kids who have finished Kindergarten to 11th grade are welcome at Luther Park either for a single day, partial week overnight or full week of overnight camp. Check out the description of summer camp offerings [here](#). This link has [printable summary](#) of dates and pricing. **Remember, our congregations will financially support youth who want to attend Bible camp!** Talk to Pastor Diane for details.

Visit www.LutherPark.org



Summer Camps at Luther Point Bible Camp

As a ministry within the ELCA, Luther Point Bible Camp is called to live into the wonder of God's creation. We strive to create a safe and nurturing environment for all people to come and have an experience with the Holy Trinity: God the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer and the Spirit who sustains us.

We believe that Jesus meets us where we are, who we are and loves us as we are. As a camp we strive to live out Jesus' command to love one another.

One of the many ways that we provide a safe and loving space for our campers and staff is to allow all people to identify as they are.

Visit [Summer Programs | Luther Point](#)



Dear Parish:

I'm writing this during April showers awaiting more May flowers. The wildflowers are starting to come in my woods and it's one of God's gifts I greatly appreciate. Not all blessings, however, are as predictable. We don't know what's coming around the corner. Why then do we spend so much time worrying about the bad that might come? Do we ever take the time to wonder what blessings may come? Most people usually don't but in the spring, we do see the possibilities of what is to come. There are graduations, weddings, and activities planned to make the most of Wisconsin summer. Let's take that momentum for the future and bring it to bear on our faith. Good things can and do come.

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

It's rather surprising that this wisdom comes from a prophet. Prophets do bring God's word but most often it's in the form of reproof, warnings and our need to do better. Was this perhaps an easier time in history for God's people. No. The prophet Jeremiah lived during a tumultuous period in the late 7th and early 6th centuries BC and witnessed the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon. Even during such times Jeremiah assures us that good will come. I do wonder how difficult it was for people to see this then. I wonder if they could even imagine God's people still worshipping so many centuries in their future. Yet here we are. We are still here with the love of God and every opportunity to make life better for those around us. There is still so much hope. Rather than looking at all that "needs to be" or "has to be" done in our world it would lighten our load to acknowledge that we have the opportunity to do good things. We are blessed and privileged to help others and the world around us. At our synod assembly it was wonderful to hear of the many good things going on in our local, synod and national church. There is much to be thankful for. There are opportunities for each and every person for God has given us all unique and needed gifts. Let's look upon today as an opportunity to spread our wings and bless others. In doing so we can take joy in service to God and others. We can watch others grow and thrive. This is our opportunity. Thank God for that!

In Peace and Service, Pastor Diane Norstad

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Lutheran Church Meeting Minutes March 9, 2026

Opened with prayer- Pastor Diane Norstad

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm

Deedra absent

February Minutes amended (2 persons to sign off on Sunday Collections and council meetings to be on the 2nd Monday of the month) Motioned by Robin second by Jen, Approved

Reports- Treasurer's Report is done;

Expenditures: Feb. \$5,876.19 YTD \$14,774.03

Net Revenue: Feb. \$-462.71 YTD \$-4,573.02

Motioned by Robin 2nd by Randy, Approved

Old Business-

Palt will be April 12, 2026 Christine Anderson As chairperson

Roof: Found out it was done by Congregation and Mission Builders (No Bids Yet)

Mud Jacking estimates for the porch at the parsonage, 2 out of 3 bids received;

\$2,400 & \$3,600

Audit on the books is done

New Business-

Joint council list was handed out

Joint Council meeting April 20, 2026, Supper at 5:30p, Meeting at 6p at Trinity

Motion for 1 council meeting in April: Motioned by Randy 2nd by Robin, Approved

Motion to let Treasures Report to roll over: Motioned by Robin 2nd by Jen,

Approved

Jen to clean once a week \$30hr 2-3hrs a week: Motioned by Robin 2nd by Randy,

Approved

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Robin 2nd by Jen, Approved

Adjourned at 6:30p

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting (Joint)- April 20, 2026, 5:30 pm

Respectfully, Jennifer Barker

Trinity Endowment Fund Committee meeting April 21, 2026

(unofficial until approved)

Members present: Wayne Kendrick, Kris Mattson, Christine Anderson, Deedra Wagner (Council representative), Rev. Diane Norstad (advisory member).

Devotions led by Deedra.

Meeting called to order by Wayne.

Old Business

Minutes from November 2025 were read, two corrections made (total amount distributed and date of today's meeting).

Motion to approve minutes as amended was made by Kris, Deedra seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously.

Financial Report:

- 1/1/2026-9/30/2026 financials were reviewed. There are 3 funds in the Ministry Growth Fund.

This Endowment Fund was started with \$40,000 and we have awarded more than \$10,000

1. For Trinity and its members: \$65,045.23
 2. For ELCA ministries: \$4,318.96
 3. Undesignated: \$4,194.20
- Not included in the above totals:
 - Trinity savings has \$651.58 until it reaches the required \$1000 for deposit into the main fund (Trinity and its members)
 - A deposit was made on April 5, 2026 of \$1,000 into the ELCA Ministries Fund.

Deedra made a motion to accept the financial statements, Kris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Review of Erickson 529 accounts as of 9/30/2025
Each account has grown to \$1,495.71 from the initial \$1300. They are held in a Utah 529 account.

Kris made a motion to accept the Ericksons 529 account statement. Christine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from the Barkers: The trusses have been ordered from Ace Hardware, just waiting for Ace to provide an invoice and Trinity's treasurer will write a check to Ace. The funds will be transferred from the ELCA fund at that time.

New Business

Nominations of officers: Deedra made the following motion, seconded by Christine:

Chair: Christine Anderson

Secretary: Kris Mattson

Treasurer: Wayne Kendrick

Motion carried unanimously.

2026 gift amount: The by-laws dictate that the committee may disperse no more than 5% of the

amount in the Endowment Fund at the end of the previous year. Looking at the balance from 1/1/2026, Deedra moved to appoint \$3200 in 2026 for dispersal for Trinity and/or its members. Kris seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Newsletter Article:

Wayne will draft an article for May newsletter focusing on encouraging people to apply for discernment of funds. Include the amounts available, encouraging applications, explaining how to apply, examples of previous applications. Clarify that the endowment fund is not to be used for the general operating budget of the church.

Wayne will also draft an article for the June newsletter highlighting opportunities to give to the Endowment Fund. Possibly include why there are different sections within the Endowment Fund (Main fund for Trinity and its members, undesignated, ELCA ministries, etc)

Next steps:

Christine will submit the minutes to the council and the newsletter.

Next meeting is November 10, 2026 at 6:00.

Devotions will be led by Wayne.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kris and seconded by Christine. Meeting

Adjourned

Lord's Prayer

Minutes submitted by Christine Anderson

TRINITY'S 2026 ENDOWMENT GIFT SET AT \$3,200.00

On April 21st Trinity's Endowment Committee set the 2026 gift amount from the Main Fund at \$3,200, an increase of \$400 over the 2025 gift amount. This increase is the result of the Fund's continuing growth (\$65,858.89 on January 1, 2026, from \$40,000 in 2020).

Now is the time to start thinking about how this Endowment award could be best used to benefit Trinity members or the church itself! Applications are available and will be accepted until November 1, 2026. Trinity's Endowment Gift from the Main Fund is designated for the use of Trinity members or for the church itself, with the exception that it may not be used for the church's operating budget, except in emergencies.

Previous years' awards included current higher education expenses, construction of the congregation's shed, establishing higher education 529 accounts, attending the ELCA Youth Gathering and reconstruction expenses following a fire at a member's home. The 2026 gift does not need to be one of these, but only that the recipient is a Trinity member or the congregation itself. The gift may also be divided between multiple applicants.

The recipient(s) of the 2026 gift will be selected by the Committee at its 2026 November meeting and recommended to the Church Council for its approval. Final approval will be by vote at the January 2027 Annual Meeting, with distribution of the gift following.

Gift Applications are posted on the kiosk in the entryway. Questions regarding the Application may be addressed to the Endowment Committee members: Christine Anderson, chair; Kris Mattson, secretary; Wayne Kendrick, treasurer; Deedra Wagner, Council representative; Heidi Wagner, Council president; or Pastor Norstad.

Trinity/Georgetown Lutheran Churches
Joint Parish Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026

Attendance

Present: Ryan Peterson, Bruce Peper, Stephanie Fansler, Dennis Wiese, Kim Doyle, Roberta Hansen, Heidi Wagner, Deedra Wagner, Robin Denver, Randy Mattson, Jennifer Barker, Ray Clark, Brenda Rouzer

Absent: Kirsten Klugow, Nicole Norlund, Tim Frendt, Andrew Frendt, and Pastor Diane Norstad

Opened with silent Prayer

Meeting Called to order 6pm by Heidi Wagner

Robin Denver read Co-Council meeting minutes from Nov 11th, 2025, and motioned the review, 2nd by Bruce; Passed

Old Business

Parsonage: Flooring in the back bedroom has 1 ½ boxes leftover. Unopened box to be returned

½ box to be saved.

Mud jacking: 3 estimates received. Deedra Wagner motioned to go with the last estimate received at \$1,890 (resin with poly) 2nd by Robin Denver; Passed

Parish Activities

May-

June- Vacation Bible School Wednesdays June 10th, 17th, 24th, and July 1st

July- Baseball Game at Trinity Sunday 26th (Joint Service time to be determined)

August-

September- Animal Blessing Sunday 27th (Joint Service time to be determined)
Carnival Date and Time to be determined

October- Bean Bag Toss at Georgetown Sunday 11th (Joint Service time to be determined)

Fall Dinner at Georgetown Sunday 18th

Conformation Sunday 25th

November- Co-Council Meeting at Georgetown to be determined

Fall Bazaar at Trinity Saturday 14th

Start of Advent Sunday 29th

New Business

Pastor has NO office hours

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Robin Denver 2nd by Bruce Peper; Passed

Adjourned at 7pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting May 11, 2026

Respectfully, Jennifer Barker

Georgetown Council Minutes

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes April 20, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p. m. by President Peterson at Trinity Lutheran Church, McKinley

Roll Call. Members Present: Ryan Peterson, Kim Doyle, Stephanie Fansler, Bruce Peper, and Dennis Weise. Members Absent: Tim Frendt, Nicki Norlund, Kirsten Klugow, and Andrew Frendt.

Opening Prayer/Devotion – none

Approval of the Agenda - Motion Peper/Wiese to approve the agenda with two addendums to New Business. Motion carried

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of March 8, 2026. Motion Peper/Weise to accept as written. Motion carried.
2. Finance report. Motion Peper/Weise to accept as presented. Motion Carried.
3. Pastors Report. None

Committee Reports

1. Elder. Invitations were mailed to 4 households to attend the pancake supper as our guests.
2. Deacon. Handled under old business
3. Trustee. Handled under old business

Old Business

1. Building Maintenance
 - Surveillance update- Ryan and Bruce reported on the progress made and that they continue working on this.
 - Kitchen Door. Ryan has ordered the door.
 - Meeting room Ceiling – work continues and price quotes are being obtained
2. Polk-Burnett Electric Usage Update – Ryan continues to work on this.
3. Garage sale update – Garage sale is this weekend. Additional help is needed.
4. Pancake supper/lock-in recap - \$690. raised. 5 children spent the night in the church
5. Community Meal update/ideas – we will hold a “think session” at a time and date to-be-determined.

New Business

1. Approve Garage Sale ad- Approved by mutual consent.
2. Laker Ad – Motion to approve ads in 7 issues at the cost of \$228. Peper/Doyal. Motion carried
3. Butterfly Garden. Reviewed one bid that includes plants. Discussion. Bruce to get to more bids.

Looking Ahead to Next Month

1. May 17th following the church service.

Adjourn Meeting – following the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:54. Motion Peper/Weise. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Fansler for Secretary Norlund