



The Parish Messenger May 2025

Mission Statement

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

CHURCHES

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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)

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Parish Worship Service

Wednesday, May 7

Meal 6:00 PM

Guest Speaker

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Keith D. Muschinske

Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel Keith Muschinske is the Wing Chaplain for the 673rd Air Base Wing, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), Alaska. He is responsible for all JBER religious services and programs which minister to over 12K+ AD, 17K+ family members and 6K+ retirees. He supervises eight chaplains and six chaplain assistants and has additional oversight for numerous contractors and Army Chaplain Corps personnel. He is directly responsible for over \$1,000,000 in appropriated and non-appropriated funds.

Chaplain Muschinske is a 1989 graduate of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. His career has included being a Senior Protestant Chaplain, an Instructor at the Chaplain Service Institute, and a Wing Chaplain.



MAY 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Thursday, May 1	4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Garage Sale – Georgetown
Friday, May 2	8:00 AM-5:00 PM	Garage Sale – Georgetown
Saturday, May 3	8:00 AM-12:00 PM	Garage Sale – Georgetown
Sunday, May 4	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, May 5	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, May 7	6:00 PM	Parish Worship Service – Trinity
Sunday, May 11	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
		MOTHER'S DAY
Monday, May 12	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting – Trinity
Sunday, May 18	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
		LAST ONE FOR YEAR
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Cancer Fundraiser - Trinity
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, May 19	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Sunday, May 25	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, May 26		MEMORIAL DAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Cancer Fundraiser
Sunday, May 18, 2025
Trinity Lutheran Church
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Menu

****hamburgers**brats**potato salad**cole slaw**baked beans****
****chips**beverages**dessert****

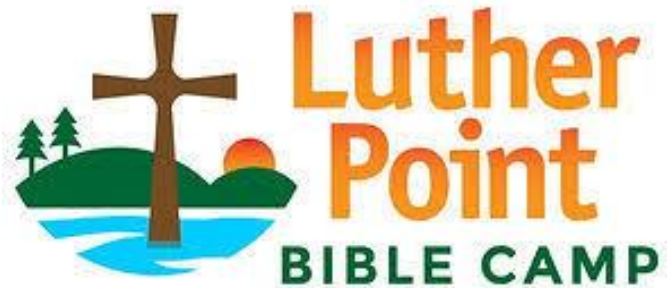


Picnic lunch served cafeteria style

Kids \$10
One Sandwich Meal \$15
Two sandwich Meal \$20

Basket Raffle and Bake Sale

**It's
CAMP TIME!**



For further information on registering your youth for camp please see the information in our narthex or visit <http://www.lutherpoint.org> for Luther Point in Grantsburg or <https://lutherpark.org> for Luther Park in Chetek.

Is your family budget in the way of your kids enjoying camp? Please contact a council representative as we have funds available to help. Really, we can help and we don't want any kid to be left out.



GOD PAUSE DEVOTIONS

Luther Seminary has a daily online series of devotions written mostly by retired alumni. The devotions are brief, focused on the texts assigned for the week and hymns on the weekend that relate to the assigned readings. To access the devotions, Google "God Pause" and see if they add to your faith practices and, then perhaps, subscribe.

The May 26-June 1 devotions were written by Wayne Kendrick

LETS CELEBRATE



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

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

- Nicole Norlund for your ongoing dedication to our Georgetown Sunday school program
- Parish confirmation students for helping lead Lenten Services
- Georgetown youth and parents who helped serve our annual pancake supper
- Volunteers and chaperones for our annual youth lock in
- Parish media crew
- Parish council members
- All our parishioners



*"Saying Thank You is more than good manners. It's good spirituality."
~Alfred Painter*

Word from Our Pastor



Grace to you and peace!

Spring is finally here! We've waited through winter for the fun and renewal that spring will bring. Spring is a time of new life.

A wonderful sign of new life that I've been enjoying the symphony of spring frogs on our land. Whether on my porch or outside it's a joy to hear. It's amazing how God brings new life again and again. I pray with joy every day, *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.* God's continued creation has always amazed me.

The blooms in our gardens are also a joy that's reflected by the blooming of our parish. This newsletter will include information on VBS, a presentation by Chief Dan Mosay, use of our parsonage to house the teachers of migrant worker's children, and a marvelous dinner at Trinity to promote cancer education and research. Early in May we have our annual Georgetown garage sale. (By the way, I made sure to get to this annual event long before I became your pastor!)

Psalm 71:5

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

God, our Creator and Redeemer has been with us throughout our lives and will continue to be by bringing new life and hope to us all. We have an exciting summer ahead of us. Let's open our hearts to the new life that God gives. Let's enjoy spring, summer and sunshine with renewed hope and joy in our hearts!

In Peace,
Pastor Diane

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Georgetown and Trinity Lutheran Parish Council Meeting
April 8, 2025, at Trinity

Members present: Heidi Wagner, Steve Kelch, Dennis Wiese, Judy Gammel, Keith Ward, Nicole Norlund, Sherry Doornink, Robin Denver, Judy Kelch, Deedra Wagner, Andrew Frendt, Tim Frendt, Randy Mattson, Bruce Peper, Pastor Diane Norstad.

Members absent: Kim Doyle

Guest Visitor: Pastor Lori Kenyon-Woods

Open Meeting & Grace

Parsonage Discussion about federally funded teachers to stay in the parsonage May - Oct. They will be here to teach the children of migrant workers. Total staff will be 10 - 12. They have federal funding to cover lodging expenses - electric, heat, internet, upkeep and maintenance. The trustees of both churches will compile a list of needed items that will be posted at both churches. Motion made by Deedra to accept this and move forward, 2nd by Nicole. Motion passed.

Sept 12, 2024 Minutes approved. Motion by Heidi, 2nd by Bruce.

Reports: Pastor Diane Norstad said things are going good.

Old Business:

Call Committee - there isn't anyone coming out of seminary this year. There were 2 people last year.

Parsonage Update: New flooring is needed in the larger bedroom. Deedra will talk to Kevin Wickstrom about flooring (lumber) and Tim will talk to Jason Cummings. There is still painting to do. Basement can use a 9'x12' rug for the floor. Spring cleaning day needed. Andrew will mow the lawn for \$20/time. Garage window frame needs to be replaced. Keith will make a couple benches for the deck. Pastor Norstad will supply funding for the wood.

New Business:

Parish Activities:

- **May** is Bladder Cancer Awareness Month.
- On **May 18th**, Trinity is doing an American Cancer Fundraiser - Picnic lunch served cafeteria style. Hamburgers, Brats, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Beans, Chips, Beverage, & dessert. \$10 for kid's meal, \$15 for single sandwich meal, \$20 for 2 sandwich meal. Basket Raffle and maybe bake sale.
- **June** VBS Wednesday nights - one Wednesday night we will have Dan Mosay as a speaker.
- **June 29th** Softball after service at Trinity.
- **Sept 20th** Carnival/Car show at Trinity.
- **Sept 21st** Blessing of the animals service at Georgetown.
- Saturday night campout at Trinity - date to be determined.
- **Oct** Potluck and bags at Georgetown - Date to be determined.

Address change for Parsonage - 2496 E. Grenquist Lake Lane, Cumberland, WI 54829. Roberta is working on GT address changes.

Future Spring Parish Council Meeting - Date & Time TBD after new council members are in place.

Next Parish Council Meeting at Georgetown - Sept. 2025, date TBD.

Closed Meeting: Motion - Sherry, 2nd - Robin
Lord's Prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted by Robin Denver

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Members Present: Sherry Doornink, Judy Gammel, Tim Frendt, Nicole Norlund, Bruce Peper, Keith Ward, Andrew Frendt, Dennis Wiese, Treasurer Roberta Hansen, Pastor Diane Norstad

Members Absent: Kim Doyle

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Ward.

Pastor Diane said an opening prayer.

Pastor's Report: Pastor brought to our attention that several churches in Polk County have been working with migrant families to provide education and support for the children of migrant workers. The teachers that provide educational services are from Texas and need to have lodging in the area. Pastor Diane presented the suggestion that our vacant parsonage might be used for their lodging if our two Church Councils agreed. There was much discussion about how that might be a possibility, and the suggestion was made that we could discuss the possibility at our next joint meeting with Trinity Church Council scheduled for April 8, 2025.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the March meeting were printed in the April issue of the Parish Messenger.

Deacon's Report: Nicki indicated that she needs to step back from teaching Sunday school in the future but will stay for this year.

Elder's Report: The fan in the lady's bathroom has been removed but not replaced yet.

Treasurer's Report: Roberta Hansen passed out the Treasurer's Report for March. She indicated that the donations to the cancer fund during our Lenten services will be handled by each church. Thrivent funds were used to purchase supplies for Pancake Supper. The Youth Fund has a significant balance, and she suggested that we need to advocate for our youth to use the funding available. Our insurance expense went up to \$1300 from last year. She indicated that we may need to look at alternatives to keep the cost down. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

1. Funeral Policy update. Reminder that there is a fee for a videographer.
2. Recycling bag bench project. There was discussion about the collection of which plastic bags that can be used for an outdoor bench. We will need about 1,000 lbs. of bags to create a bench.
3. Fundraising activities: Our garage sale will be accepting donations after Easter.

New Business:

1. Upgrade internet proposal discussion. There was much discussion about the increased costs of our internet services and how we can keep them under control. Bruce will follow up and change the password.
2. Joint parish meeting at Trinity. Our semi-annual joint parish council meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at Trinity. We will be discussing a possible joint event featuring Dan Mosay to share information about our neighboring cultures. The possibility was suggested that we could invite Dan to participate in one of the weeks of our joint Vacation Bible School that will be held for four weeks this June.
3. Building Use Requests: None.

Open Discussion: Bags that are recyclable for our outdoor bench collection have a triangle mark (2 or 4) or can be wood pellet bags. Ideas and suggestions were requested for those attending Wednesday night services. Flowers would be appreciated for the altar on Easter. Next Meeting: Sunday, May 18, 2025, at 11:45 am.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel

