



The Parish Messenger June 2026

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)



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.

Please pray for campers and counselors that they may experience the life changing love of God this summer.



JUNE 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Monday, June 1	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Sunday, June 7	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, June 8	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, June 10	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School – Georgetown
Sunday, June 14	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, June 15	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	12:00 PM – 6:30 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, June 17	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School – Trinity
Sunday, June 21	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
		HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Monday, June 22	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, June 24	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School - Georgetown
Sunday, June 28	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, June 29	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, July 1	5:30 – 7:00 PM	Vacation Bible School - Trinity

A special *thank you* to everyone that helped with Sunday worship service on Sunday, May 17, while Pastor Diane was on vacation.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

**Red Cross Blood Drive
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Monday, June 15, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
or
visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter
Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.

Come and wish Pastor Diane and Tim
the very best.

**Wednesday, July 1
5:30 – 7:00 PM @ Trinity
(during VBS)**



SAVE THE DATE

**Joint Parish Worship Service
Sunday, July 26
10:00 AM @ Trinity Lutheran Church**

****following service potluck and softball game**
bring your lawn chairs**



SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER

Last day of Sunday school at
Georgetown Lutheran!

Have a great summer!

Krystal, Hunter, Autumn,
Addie, Lily and Brantley



LETS CELEBRATE



June 2	Anthony Hansen (GT) Lewi May (T)
June 4	Albert Hanson (T)
June 8	Joan Carlson (GT)
June 12	Wayne Kendrick (T)(*)
June 14	Jerry Denver (T)(*)
June 17	Georgia Palas (GT)
June 19	Butch Doornink (GT)
June 21	Anna Weaver (T)
June 22	Stephanie Fansler (GT) Ben Anderson (T)(*)
June 25	Samuel Grenquist (T)
June 26	Ellen Bergmann (T)

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

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

At Georgetown Lutheran, we continue to have a shoe drop off box in our fellowship hall. Please donate as you are able. Thank you!



Soles4Souls helps get new shoes and clothing to people in crisis, freeing up financial resources they can use toward other needs.

We work with more than 2,000 partners worldwide, including nonprofits, community organizations, shelters, faith-based groups and relief organizations.

Through our 4Relief program, in 2025 we provided 711,058 pairs of new shoes and 604,809 articles of clothing.

New shoes and clothing help individuals gain employment opportunities, with 1 in 2 returning to work and 1 in 5 securing new employment.



Word from Our Pastor



Dear Parish,

This is a rather unique letter to write. I am ending my tenure here as of the end of June. Currently, I will be taking a medical leave. Please do not worry. My cancer is not back and plans are in place to get my health back in order. All will be well.

As it is when a pastor leaves, I will not be able to come back for funerals, weddings, or have any input into the parish's business once I am gone. It is for the best that you are allowed to get to know and welcome your next pastor. This is not a lack of care on my part. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time with you. We have accomplished much together. Remember your strengths, they are many. The Holy Spirit has given your congregations so many varied and wonderful gifts. I thank all of you for sharing them with me.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) *"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."*

God has plans for you to prosper. This is a time of change and that's almost always unsettling. I understand that. Also, I have lived through many changes, and God has been with me through each and every one.

God bless you all and my prayers will be with you.

In Peace,

Pastor Diane Norstad

HOW CAN I GIVE TO TRINITY'S ENDOWMENT FUND?

Gifts of any amount may be given to the Endowment Fund. Gifts are accumulated in Trinity's bank account until they reach \$1,000, the minimum for investment in the ELCA's Ministry Growth Fund. The Ministry Growth Fund is where Trinity's Endowment funds are invested.

To give: Please put cash or check in an envelope marked *Endowment Fund* and designate your choice of one of the three options within Trinity's Fund: *Main Fund*, for Trinity and/or its members; *Undesignated*, having no restrictions on the gift recipient; or *ELCA Ministries*.

Presently, neither the *Undesignated* nor the *ELCA Ministries Fund* have reached the minimum \$25,000 total for issuing gifts.

There are other options for giving beyond cash gifts:

- Owners of an IRA (Individual Retirement Account) who are at least 73 years old can use part or all of their RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) to make a tax-free donation.
- Giving appreciated stock is a strategic method that also reduces taxes.
- Designating one or more of Trinity's Funds as a part of one's estate plan is a legacy gift that will outlive the donor (and was how Elsie Markland's estate gift started the *Main Fund*).
- Thrivent Choice Dollars may be directed to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund can be a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

In other words, there are many choices for giving!

Questions on giving to the Endowment Fund may be addressed to the Endowment Committee: Christine Anderson, chair; Kris Mattson, secretary; Wayne Kendrick, treasurer; Deedra Wagner, Council representative; Heidi Wagner, Council president; or Pastor Norstad.

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

Opened with Prayer- Pastor Diane Norstad
Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm
Randy Mattson absent

Reports- Confirmation students made 36 birthday bags for the homeless shelter. Pastor took the confirmation students to experience a Roman Catholic Hermitage and their service with lunch after.

Robin made a motion for Pastor to stay on to finish confirmation in the event we get a permanent pastor. Jen 2nd, Approved

Treasures Report reviewed. 3rd Quarter mission to go to Luther Park \$300.

Switching to ½ yr donations from once a year at the end of the year to Synod

Old Business- Mud jacking has been paid, work will begin the 2nd or 3rd week of June.

Roof/Palt- We need to start raising funds now for a new roof. Robin motioned to donate ½ of the palt money raised to the food bank. The other ½ to go towards the new roof. Deedra 2nd, Approved (the food bank portion to be split between Cumberland and Luck)

New Business- VBS June 10th Start date, we are using the ELCA program alternating weeks between Trinity and GT

Talked about having a Health Fair at Trinity in August looking for English/Spanish bibles

July Softball service to start at 10am at Trinity on Sunday the 26th

Robin motioned to approve Endowment Fund Committee minutes Deedra 2nd, Approved

Thursday the 14th Trinity water tested for Nitrates

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

Adjourned at 6:30p

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting June 1, 2026

Respectfully, Jennifer Barker

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes

No minutes available at time of publication.