



## The Parish Messenger March 2026

### Mission Statement

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

### CHURCHES

Georgetown Lutheran  
PO Box 86  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
Office: 715.857.5580

Trinity Lutheran  
2532-15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cumberland, WI 54829  
715.822.3001

### PASTOR

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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 Lenten Service Schedule

### Wednesday, March 4

Lenten Service – Georgetown  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Service – Trinity  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Service – Georgetown  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 25

Lenten Service – Trinity  
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

Trinity – Worship 7:00 PM

### Good Friday, April 3

Georgetown – Worship 7:00 PM



## MARCH 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting/Activity</b>
Sunday, March 1	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 2	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Soup/Sandwich - Georgetown</b> <b>Lenten Service - Georgetown</b>
Sunday, March 8	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, March 9	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Soup/Sandwich - Trinity</b> <b>Lenten Service - Trinity</b>
Sunday, March 15	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 17	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
<b>Wednesday, March 18</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Soup/Sandwich - Georgetown</b> <b>Lenten Service - Georgetown</b>
Sunday, March 22	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 24	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Soup/Sandwich - Trinity</b> <b>Lenten Service - Trinity</b>
Sunday, March 29	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity - <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown - <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
Monday, March 30	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity



**Looking for someone to clean at Trinity**

Contact Deedra Wagner at 714-419-2355

**Thank you!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **Crochet/Knitting Group Georgetown Lutheran Church Third Sundays @ 4:00 PM**

Bring a current project you are working on to share with the group, come to learn, or just come to visit and maybe learn a new hobby!

### **WELCA Quilting Georgetown Lutheran Church Fridays 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Come and enjoy a time of crafting, visiting, and, of course, ***some coffee and treats!***

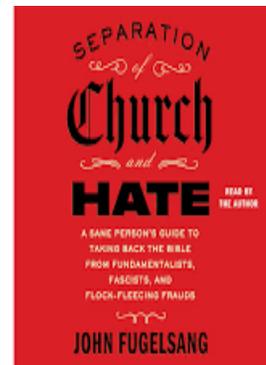


### **WELCA Quilting Trinity Lutheran Church Thursday, March 26 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM**

Lunch and coffee breaks are always provided.  
You just must be able to tie a knot.

### **Book Discussion – Again!**

Miss the first one?  
Want to discuss further? This is for you.  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
March 17, 6:30 pm  
Please join us.



### **Furnace Fund – Georgetown Lutheran Church**

**Thank you to those who have contributed.  
We are continue to look for donations.**

Donation(s) can be sent to: Georgetown Lutheran Church – Furnace Fund  
PO Box 86, Balsam Lake, WI 54810

## SAVE THE DATE



ALL are invited to enjoy Pancakes, sausage, and Eggs and an evening of fun!!!

After supper families are invited to stay for a lock-in with movies, games, and FUN!!

Elementary-age children must be accompanied by a responsible adult/guardian.

Permission/Emergency contact slips must be filled out and returned to either Nicki Norlund, Bruce Peper, or Pastor

# PÅLT

# Dinner

Traditional (Swedish) Boiled Pålt - Butter Fried (American) Pålt  
Baked Ham - Cranberry Salad - Scandinavian Fruit Soup - Homemade Pie

**Sunday April 12, 2026**  
11:30am - 2:00pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church,  
McKinley**  
8 miles West of Cumberland / 14 miles East of Luck on HWY 48

\$20 Adults, \$5 Ages 6-12, under 6 free



**Georgetown Lutheran Church**

887 190<sup>th</sup> Ave, CTH G, Balsam Lake (Fox Creek)

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 4 pm – 6 pm  
Friday, April 24, 2026 – 8 am to 5 pm (Lunch served)  
Saturday, April 25, 2026 – 8 am to Noon

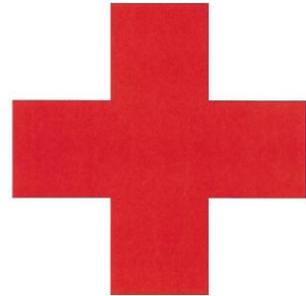
***There is something here for everyone!***

All proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Georgetown Lutheran Church Winter Fuel Fund and Mission Projects.

*Give blood.*

Every 2 seconds someone  
in the U.S. needs blood.

**American Red Cross**



**Blood Drive**  
**Balsam Lake Community**  
**Georgetown Lutheran Church**  
877 190th Avenue/County Road G

**Tuesday, April 7, 2026**  
**12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.



**NEW MERCH: Come give March 30-April 12 for an exclusive Red Cross x Life is Good T-shirt, Ltd. qty!**



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**WALKING TOGETHER**  
*Church Without Walls*

March 21, 2026  
8:00 - 4:00  
\$25 Per Participant  
Bethany Lutheran Church - Rice Lake, WI  
Keynote Speaker: Natalia Terfa

Register and Details Here:  
<https://nswi.org/walking-together-event>

Northwest Synod of Wisconsin  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**LETS CELEBRATE**



Joe Glenna (GT)	March 4
Bill Enberg (GT)	March 4
Chazz Hegna (GT)	March 6
Aidan Hansen (GT)	March 7
Dawson Jensen (GT)	March 8
Robin Denver (*) (T)	March 10
Alexus Braastad (GT)	March 14
Linnea Grenquist (T)	March 19
Jim Palas (GT)	March 25
Mandy Rouzer (T)	March 28
Max Bay (GT)	March 29

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

# Word from Our Pastor



## **Welcome to Lent!**

It's a time to focus on prayer, sacrifice and giving to others. We spend extra time getting together to learn, eat and worship on Wednesdays. This year our theme is Farming with God. What a better theme for a rural area than that. God's scriptures are filled with farming stories and examples. Many of us have also lived on or near farms and being inspired by God's provision through those experiences. Our worship will be led by our confirmation students with scripture, skits and prayer. The offering boxes on our dinner tables will be combined so that the youth can then send farming supplies and/or animals to a village elsewhere in the world that needs a hand-up. So come on Wednesdays to share in Lent and to support the spiritual growth of our youth.

Are you looking for more resources in your faith life this Lent? Would you be willing to consider some? The website [enterthebible.org](http://enterthebible.org) is a great resource from Luther Seminary to give background and invaluable information on every book of the Bible. Another Luther resource is God Pause. It's a daily devotion written by alumni. You can find it at <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/> and even sign up there for daily emails if you'd prefer. We also offer Bible study each Monday 9:30am at Georgetown and 7pm at Trinity. No experience is necessary. All are welcome. Also, don't forget about Sunday School and confirmation classes. Do you know kids that need either? Invite and bring them. Membership is not required for their families to benefit from this education. Also, if you invite people please remember to mention that these opportunities are free. It's amazing how many times I've been asked what the cost is. Money should be no barrier.

Finally, have a blessed and wonderful Lent. I look forward to walking toward Easter with all of you.

Peace,

Pastor Diane Norstad

# **NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS**

## **Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 9, 2026**

Opened with prayer- Robin Denver (Pastor Diane Norstad on vacation)

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

Voted in Officers- Heidi Wagner continuing as President, Jennifer Barker as Secretary

Reports- Robin Denver motioned to approve January 12th secretary report, 2nd by Deedra Wagner, Approved

### **Old Business**

- Palt: On hold, still looking for a chairperson
- Roof: Need to get more quotes for the job: Amish bid? Start a fund?
- John and Gurine Gull to audit books

### **New Business**

- March 29, 2026, Installation of Council which is also Palm Sunday and we will have a worship band.
- The windows need to be looked at as well as the furnace since it is blowing cold air on the left side of the worship hall.
- Council meetings to continue on the first Monday of the month
- Baby Shower will be held at Trinity on May 16th, 2026, hosted by Sarah Sellent

Motioned to adjourn meeting by Robin Denver, 2nd by Randy, Approved

Adjourn at 6:20pm

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting - March 9, 2026, 5:30pm

Respectfully, Jennifer Barker

**Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
February 1, 2026**

**Present:** Tim Frendt, Ryan Peterson, Stephanie Fansler, Kirsten Klugow, Nicole Norlund, Bruce Peper, Dennis Wiese, Kim Doyle, Treasurer Roberta Hansen, Pastor Diane Norstad

**Absent:** Andrew Frendt

Meeting called to order at 11:53 AM by Tim Frendt, Senior Elder

**Opening Prayer** – Pastor Diane

**Secretary Minutes** – Approved

**Treasurer’s Report** – Provided January 2026 monthly report. Motion to approve – Bruce Peper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nicole Norlund. Report approved.

**Council Officers appointed:**

- President – Ryan Peterson – 1<sup>st</sup> Stephanie Fansler; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nicole Norlund
- Secretary – Nicole Norlund – 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Peper; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Peterson
- Treasurer – Roberta Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> Ryan Peterson; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Nicole Norlund

**Trustee Report**

- No report given.

**Deacon Report**

- No report given.

**Elder Report**

- No report given.

**Pastor’s Report**

- Setting up meeting with Round Lake reservation and Chief Mosay.

**Old Business:**

- Furnace – New furnace has been installed. Bill \$7,350. Fund established to pay for furnace.
- Propane – Out of propane contract.
- Talked about looking into programmable thermostats.
- Church insurance – premiums increased on the building.

**New Business:**

- Community Meal – resume?
- Pancake Supper and Youth Lock-In – April 10. Bruce Peper and Nicole Norlund are the contacts.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

Next council meeting – Sunday, March 8, 11:45 AM (after church service)

Submitted by Ryan Peterson, Council President