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*August*

## The Parish Messenger August 2024

### 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  
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### PASTOR

Diane Norstad  
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### WORSHIP TIMES

Georgetown  
Worship 10:45 AM

Trinity  
Worship 8:45 AM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown  
9:15 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity  
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

## SUMMER FUN!

Joint parish worship service, potluck, and softball game was held Sunday, June 30, at Trinity.

A great time was had by all!



## **AUGUST 2024 CALENDAR**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting/Activity</b>
Sunday, August 4	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, August 5	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, August 11	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, August 12	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Thursday, August 8	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Sunday, August 18	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, August 19	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, August 20	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
Sunday, August 25	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, August 26	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity



Heidi Wagner (T)	August 2
Loretta Bay (GT)	August 3
Paul Bergmann (T)	August 6
Carol Mangelsen	August 6
Deb Monson	August 9
Lyle Jensen	August 12
Jim Glenna	August 13
Emilie Springsteen (T)	August 15
Rachel Bystrom	August 16
Gail Anderson (T)	August 20
Mercedes Madison (GT)	August 23
Mary Ward (GT)	August 24
Travis Sellent (T)	August 25
Colton Braastad (GT)	August 26
Dennis Glenn	August 27
Mya Anderson (T)	August 31
Alex Binfet	August 31

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Campout at Trinity  
Saturday, September 7  
Starting at 7:00 PM**

**There will be a campfire and snacks. Come and build a cardboard shanty! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### *East Immanuel Lutheran Church Annual Corn & Brat Feed*

*Sunday, August 18th—Noon til 1:30 pm*

*Free Will Offering*

*Take Out  
Available*

*Hosted by  
East Immanuel  
Men's Group*



*Entertainment  
provided by  
Joslyn Basden  
&  
Amy Stender*

*Rain or Shine*

*Brats & Hot Dogs, Fresh Corn on the Cob  
Baked Beans, Beverages & Dessert*

*Located 5 miles south of Amery - Hwy 46—turn west on 20th Ave  
Watch for the Steeple!*

## SAVE THE DATE

# Fall Extravaganza!

## Free Event - Sept. 21, 2024

### 1-4pm

### Car Show

Inviting Classic cars:  
Original, Restored and Work in  
Progress. People's Choice Award given!  
**Free** registration.



### Kids Carnival

Bounce House,  
Games with great prizes,  
and much more!  
**Free** event.

## Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley

2532 15<sup>th</sup> St. Cumberland, WI 54829  
(10 miles west of Cumberland on Hwy 48)

Details posted on our Facebook Page  
@Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley.

Concessions will be available.

**EVERYONE** is welcome!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report

Open Tues. & Thurs. 11 am-1:00pm  
Lions Hall, 300 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Luck, WI  
P.O. Box 554 Luck, WI 54853



### June 2024

# Households served	37	Luck 29
Adults:	59	Unity 13
Children:	9	
Total people:	68	

Donations: Money: \$ 395

(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)

Weight of food coming in: #1,743

Weight of food going out: #1,641

Volunteer hours: 41.25 hours

Needs for next month: eggs, milk, mayonnaise, coffee, tea, peanut butter, crackers, cookies. Personal products, men & women.

**We are currently operating with two interim food shelf coordinators. We would like to get a Full time coordinator. We will train people who are interested. We can always use more volunteer workers.**

**If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 email: [girtzp@gmail.com](mailto:girtzp@gmail.com) or Gena Bugno at [nobug115@yahoo.com](mailto:nobug115@yahoo.com)**



**Calling volunteers!** We're looking for a group to help with exterior painting and landscaping a Habitat Home near Amery. Adults and kids can work on this project together. It's a great chance to help make our community better! The exact time and date is to be determined, currently considering Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Christine Anderson ([smilechan@hotmail.com](mailto:smilechan@hotmail.com)) if you are interested. Let me know names of people interested and availability on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> or if you are available during the week.



## **Hebrews 12**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Dear Parish,

This passage has been on my mind recently and throughout the last year or so. Honestly, it has come to mean so much more to me throughout time. When life gets busy, and it does, we all tend to focus on today and the things that are important here and now. I'm sure that's true for most of us.

Yet, I have a slightly different perspective in recent years as I've changed to doing interim ministry and change congregations more often than most. Many of you have been in our congregations for many years. This is something that I hope for Tim and I to have in retirement but now is not that time. I also have had many loved ones die in recent years. Both situations lead me to think about being a part of that great cloud of witnesses. The church is bigger than one congregation or even just those of us living. The church is so many of us in this great cloud of witnesses. I am overjoyed to share in that with those throughout our world and those that have gone before me.

Remember that you, too, are a part of this wonderful and infinite expression of God's family. We are never truly alone.

In Peace,

Pastor Diane Norstad

# NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

## Trinity Church Council Minutes July 16, 2024

Present: Bill Anderson, Heidi Wagner, Lacy Sellent, Deedra Wagner, Steve Anderson, Pastor Diane Norstad.  
Not Present: Steve Kelch and Judy Kelch.

Pastor Norstad opened with a prayer. Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

### Secretary's Report

Steve Anderson made motion to approve. Second by Heidi Wagner—approved.

### Treasure's Report

Net Revenue: \$1,480.69

Total Expenditures: \$4,983.68

TLC Checking: \$4,923.77

TLC Savings: \$15,654.80

Endowment Savings: \$292.40

Lacy Sellent made motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Anderson—approved.

### Pastor's Report

- Funeral for RaeAnne Clark Friday, June 26. Visitation 10:30am - 11am.
- Funeral for Amber Ritche to be announced.
- Confirmation will begin mid-September.

### Youth Report

- No VBS
- Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm—campout and Shanty Town.

### Old Business

- Deedra Wagner called Elite Seal Coating to come check on our parking lot—if decide to seal coat, it would be a bigger job since they would grind the cracks and not blow them out. They can come give a quote, but will not be able to do the work until 2025.
- Aquarius came out July 9 and changed filter—said filter should be changed once a year. They did not need to add any salt.
- Steven Anderson met with the electrician on July 15 and electrician will be back on July 18 at 8am. He will start with the bell tower (for the lighted cross)—said can drive the boom around the septic.
- Softball game with Georgetown went well.
- Clean up day got the rocks moved by sidewalk (making it easier to plow snow), weeded around the church, the playground and the patio. Lots of good food and tasty treats for the workers.
- John LaFond has officially moved out of the parsonage. The AC is set to 74 degrees and there is a dehumidifier running in the basement. John will continue to mow the grass at the parsonage over the summer/ until a new pastor moves in.

### New Business

- Call committee chose not to move forward with the candidate and is now waiting for word of a new candidate.
- Wursthfest is Saturday, September 14. Heidi Wagner will get everything ready, but will not be able to attend. Looking for helpers.
- Habitat for Humanity will be working in Amery in August. Christine Anderson is looking to organize 8 - 10 people (age 12 or older) to help.

- Lions Club of Centuria is working with NexTrex to take 1,000 pounds of plastic recycling and turn it into outdoor furniture. Non-profit organizations can apply to get a free piece of furniture—we will receive a bench for in front of the church.
- Discussion of where to plant two oak trees donated in memory of Bill Beecroft.
- Endowment Fund is being tracked within the general fund, so separate savings account is no longer needed. Steve Anderson made motion to close the unnecessary savings account—second by Heidi Wagner.
- Steve Anderson made a motion to vote for the restructuring at Cumberland Federal Bank. Second by Heidi Wagner.
- Motion made by Heidi Wagner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Lacy Sellent. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next council meeting:  
Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Respectfully,  
Lacy Sellent



### Trinity's Endowment Fund

On October 1, Trinity's Endowment Fund will begin receiving Gift Applications for its 2024 gift. Applicants must be a member of Trinity and the use of the gift must be for a member of Trinity or for the congregation itself. The 2024 gift is in the amount of \$2,600, which may be divided among multiple applicants. Applications are available at Trinity on the kiosk or the Endowment page on Trinity's website ([www.trinitylutheranmckinley.org](http://www.trinitylutheranmckinley.org))

Once applications have been received by the November 1 deadline, the Endowment Committee will make a recommendation to the Church Council for the use of the gift. With Council approval, that recommendation will be added to the agenda of the congregation's Annual Meeting in January for final approval.

Dispersal of the gift would then follow.

Please begin now to think of ways this gift may be used. For further information, please contact an Endowment Committee member: Christine Anderson, Wayne Kendrick, Kristine Matson, or Lacy Sellent.

Gifts, memorials and contributions to the Endowment Fund should be marked Endowment Fund, and state which of the categories within the Endowment Fund is being chosen: 1. Main Fund for Trinity and/or its members; 2. ELCA Ministries; 3. Undesignated.



**Georgetown Church Council Meeting  
July 11, 2024**

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

**Members Absent:** Nicole Norlund

The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward.

**Prayer and Devotions:** Pastor Diane encouraged us to focus on the positive as we go into an extended period, beyond 18 months, with an interim Pastor. She read from Jeramiah and asked us what we were looking forward to.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the May meeting were copied and shared with the Council. They were reviewed and accepted as written.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roberta Hansen reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May and June as we did not have a June Council meeting. Money from the Blessing Bucket offered to the Johnso family as a result of their fire was returned to our budget because they said that insurance covered all of their losses. She presented a contract from Alcivia that will cover propane expenses for the coming year. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report, Calendar, and Family/Visitor Update:** Pastor Diane encouraged us to consider the needs of the families at the battered women's shelter. She also suggested that we might look into the needs of people in our immediate community and how we might help meet those needs at our facility, possibly including a structure like the "Little Free Library" but rather offering food items.

**Council Member Reports:**

**Elders:** There was a suggestion that we might look into how we might support families that might need assistance paying for school lunches.

**Deacons:** Nikki proposed holding the "Blessing of the Animals" on September 22. We would like it to be a joint service with Trinity, including a potluck.

**Trustees:** Dennis was thanked for his work on the deck. Keith purchased a stripping machine that he intends to donate to the church. The lighted sign was discussed regarding its intermittent outages.

**Old Business:**

1. Update regarding the parsonage and call committee. The Call Committee met with a potential candidate for Pastor of our churches but it was determined that we would continue our search.
2. Technology update/progress. Work continues on the technology plan. The TV's have been purchased and installed, the technology booth is under construction and wiring continues.
3. Other old business. A letter was received from Polk County indicating that the nitrates in our water supply have reduced to 4.4% which means that we no longer have to post our nitrate count.

**New Business:**

1. Build use requests: No requests at this time.
2. Dispose of the organ: It was agreed that we should dispose of the organ as it no longer works. A connection will be made with the shop teacher in Luck to determine if they might have a use for the wood.
3. Joint worship and bean bag tournament: The suggestion was made to consider a joint worship service to be held at Georgetown that would include a potluck lunch and a bean bag tournament. A

possible date of October 15 was suggested. Contact will be made with Trinity to discuss the possibility.

4. Alcivia contract: Alcivia has sent us a prepay contract for 2237 gallons of propane for the year at a cost of \$1.649 per gallon for a total of \$3,688.81. Keith will sign the contract and Roberta will return it along with the payment for the year.
5. Synod Assembly: Tim commented on the Synod Assembly and suggested that we consider ways for us to serve our community, specifically our Native American neighbors. Much discussion took place.

**Open Discussion:** We need to consider how to thank Tom Norstad for his work on our technology project.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel

The next Georgetown Church Council Meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 6:30 PM

	<u>Jun-24</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
INCOME	\$4,809.00		\$39,206.65
EXPENSE	\$9,266.88		\$34,489.20
DIFFERENCE	(\$4,457.88)		\$4,717.45

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