



# The Parish Messenger July 2024

## 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 10:45 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

Thank you to the representatives from Georgetown, Tim and Gretchen Frendt, and Trinity, Christine Anderson, as well as Pastor Diane for taking part in the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Assembly. Congratulations to new Bishop, Rev. Martin Halom!



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

THE REV. MARTIN R. HALOM ELECTED BISHOP OF THE  
NORTHWEST SYNOD OF WISCONSIN – ELCA

The Rev. Martin R. Halom was elected June 8, 2024, to a six-year term as bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at the synod's assembly June 7-8 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.



*"Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today." This refrain, from the song, Christ Be Our Light, will be my guiding principle. In all that I do, in all that I say, Christ will be the central purpose.*

Halom was elected on the fourth ballot receiving 241 votes of 354 votes cast. The Rev. Karen Behling, currently serving Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls received 57 votes and the Rev. Diane House, currently the Director of Evangelical Mission for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, received 56 votes.

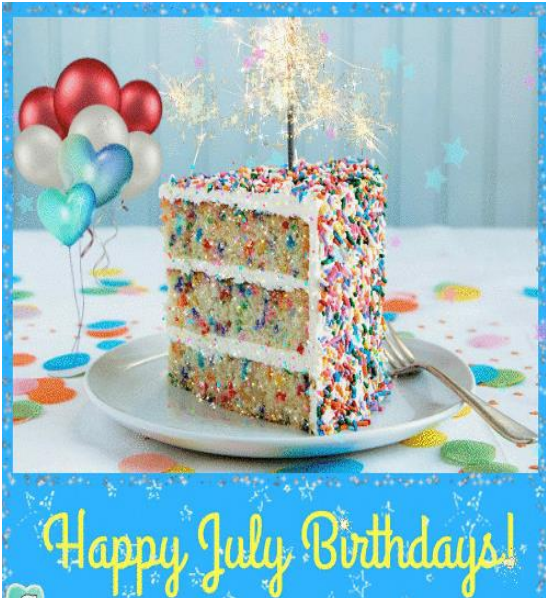
The bishop-elect is pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomer, Wisconsin. He has served that congregation since 2012. Prior to that, he was campus pastor at University Lutheran Church, East Lansing, Michigan (2003-2012); associate pastor, American Lutheran Church, Rantoul, Illinois. (1999-2003); youth and family ministries director, Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota (1995-1997, youth ministry associate, Lutherdale Bible Camp, Elkhorn, Wisconsin (1994-1995), and program associate at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, Minnesota (1993-1994).

Halom earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa and a Master of Divinity at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. He and his wife, the Rev. Melinda Halom, have three grown sons, Nicholas, Jaden, and Dylan. His installation as bishop will be September 15, 2024, at Hope Lutheran, Eau Claire at 3:00 p.m.

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The synod is comprised of 192 congregations, over 73,000 members, and over 300 clergy and rostered leaders.

## JULY 2024 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, July 7	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, July 8	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, July 14	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, July 15	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, July 16	6:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
Sunday, July 21	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, July 22	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, July 28	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:45 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, July 29	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity



<b>July 7</b>	<b>Michael Hansen (GT)</b>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Tom Levi (GT)</b>
	<b>Bob Glenna (GT)</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Allison Anderson (T)</b>
<b>July 11</b>	<b>Nicole Norlund (GT)</b>
<b>July 15</b>	<b>Richard Anderson (T)</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Marvel Nielsen (GT)</b>
	<b>Steve Anderson (T)</b>
	<b>Dennis Anderson (T)(*)</b>
	<b>July 22</b>
<b>July 23</b>	<b>Lillian Otto (GT)(*)</b>
<b>July 24</b>	<b>Michael Otto (GT)</b>
	<b>Geraldine Mangelsen (ZGT)</b>
<b>July 26</b>	<b>Judy Kelch (T)</b>

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

# **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

## **FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION**

The food that is available at local pantries comes from several sources: 1. Community donations; 2. Locally purchased by the food pantry; 3. Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP); and 4. For Barron County pantries from Feed My People; for Polk County pantries from Second Harvest Northern Lakes.

TEFAP is a federal food program administered by the US Department of Agriculture that supports agriculture by purchasing food and then distributing it for free food assistance.

Feed My People, located in Eau Claire, serves Barron County and rescues nationally and regionally donated food from manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, and growers that might otherwise be thrown away. This food consists of fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as many items that are found on store shelves. These later items are either donated by companies or are nearing their "sell by" date. Food pantries then purchase this food from Feed My People at very reduced prices, or even free, and it is delivered to the pantries. This is the main reason for giving cash, rather than food items, to these pantries, as they can purchase much more for the same cost than can regular grocery shoppers.

Second Harvest, Duluth, provides food in the same manner as Feed My People and serves Polk County.

Below is a list of pantries serving our region. For those who choose not to use food pantries because they are free - cash donations are always accepted.

(Information provided by Wayne Kendrick, Turtle Lake pantry volunteer and orderer of food from Feed My People.)

### **AMERY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Located at 230 Deronda Street, serving the Amery School District.  
Open on Mondays 9:00-noon and Thursdays 3-6 pm, serving all ages.  
Income guidelines apply. ID and proof of address are required.  
Please call for an appointment (715 268-5999).

### **CUMBERLAND AREA FOOD PANTRY**

Located at 1270 First Avenue and serves Zip Codes 54829, 54826 and 54813.  
Open on Fridays from 1 - 3 pm, serving all ages.  
There are no income requirements, but a question of income is asked. ID and proof of address are required.  
Please bring boxes or bags to carry food.

### **LOAVES and FISHES INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY: LUCK**

Located at 300 N First Street , serving the Luck and Unity School District.  
Open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 11am-1pm, serving all ages.

### **TURTLE LAKE AREA FOOD PANTRY**

Located at 111 Elm Street South, serving the 54889 Zip Code, and others on one-time basis.  
Open on Tuesdays from 12:30-3:30 pm, serving all ages.  
There are no income requirements. ID and proof of address are required.



## Word from Our Pastor



### Matthew 6:31-34

<sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we eat?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Hello! Did you ever notice how easy it is to get caught up in today and not look toward the future – or to look at the future without any hope? That was all of us this last winter when we were worried about the lack of snow and what the crops this spring and summer would do without the needed moisture. We gathered around the tables after church and this was a topic we discussed many times. We feared for our gardens and our crops. Even if we just had a few flowers we were expecting to do significant watering.

Today, or "yesterday's future that really happened," we aren't worried about not having enough water. Rivers and streams are flooding, dams are in danger and I'm not watering the gardens. The fear about not having enough water is no longer discussed.

That's how life is and I think it's that way even more so in our current world. Many people have become fear mongers. Selling news based on the fears of what might come. Doom and gloom sells. It generates clicks online and headlines throughout our world. I'd love to interview some of these folks, some of which have even made careers of this, and ask them how their past predictions of doom and gloom have worked out.

Jesus calls us in this chapter of Mark (I highly recommend reading the whole thing) to look at the birds of the air and the flowers of the field and see how even they are cared for. Strive first for the kingdom of God. Indeed, today's trouble is enough for today. The future includes the things we cannot expect, things that are also good and joyful. This morning I was reminded well of this when I opened my curtains and saw my day lilies had come into bloom. I feared a drought that never came. May we all be reminded that God cares for us all, there is enough trouble for today without borrowing from tomorrow, and God will be there in hope, joy and love with many more surprises in our lives.

Peace, Pastor Diane N.

# NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

## Trinity Church Council Minutes June 18, 2024

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

Steve Kelch opened with a prayer. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm by Heidi Wagner.

### **Secretary's Report**

Steve Anderson made motion to approve. Second by Judy Kelch—approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Net Revenue: -\$2,636.90

Total Expenditures: \$7,633.18

TLC Checking: \$4,908.31

TLC Savings: \$15,642.50

Endowment Savings: \$292.40

Bill Anderson provided updates on transition. Shed is now paid off!

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

### **Pastor's Report**

- None

### **Youth Report**

- Lacy Sellent and Judy Kelch working on organizing VBS for July.

### **Old Business**

- Deedra Wagner will check on prices to crack seal or resurface driveway.
- Electrician now has parts but is holding off on coming out with the bucket truck until the ground is less wet.
- Call committee will have a second interview with the candidate on June 19.
- John LaFond will finish painting after he moves out. He will continue to mow the grass at the parsonage over the summer/ until a new pastor moves in.

### **New Business**

- Softball game set for Sunday, June 30. Game and potluck to follow a 10am joint service at Trinity. Visitors welcome!
- Deedra Wagner made a motion that the Pregnancy Help Center of Rice Lake be the Mission of the Quarter starting in July. Second by Steve Kelch.
- Water at parsonage was tested and numbers all came back good.
- Aquarius will be out to the church for check-up on filtration system Tuesday, July 9.
- Wednesday, June 26 from Noon – 7pm there will be weeding and upkeep at the church. Food provided.
- Motion made by Lacy Sellent to adjourn the meeting. Second by Deedra Wagner. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next council meeting: Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30pm

Respectfully, Lacy Sellent

## Georgetown Council Minutes

\*\*A June meeting was not held\*\*



Your invited to an open house to celebrate Nels Anderson's graduation!

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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## JULY BRAIN TEASER

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY WORD SEARCH

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- \*Britain
- \*Fourth
- \*Liberty
- \*Stars
- \*Celebrate
- \*Freedom
- \*Parade
- \*Stripes
- \*Declaration
- \*Holiday
- \*Picnic
- \*Summer