



# The Parish Messenger October 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  
715.822.3001

### PASTOR

Diane Norstad  
715-501-4129 (cell)  
715-268-5706 (home)  
[revdianenorstad@yahoo.com](mailto:revdianenorstad@yahoo.com)

### 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 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

## Georgetown Lutheran Church

### Annual Fall Dinner

877-190<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Balsam Lake (Fox Creek)

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**11:45 am to 1:30 pm**



### MENU

- \*Homemade Swedish Meatballs\*
- \*Mashed Potatoes/Gravy\*
- \*Locally grown Corn & Baked Beans\*
- \*Coleslaw, Cranberries, Char's pickle & Bun\*
- \*Homemade slice of pie, your choice Apple or Pumpkin\*

***Drive – Thru meals only! \$13.00 each.***

***NO CALL IN ORDERS. All orders will be taken in line day of dinner.***

### \*SALE ITEM\*

\*Meatballs/with gravy (\$7.00 per package)\*

THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION PROJECT



**OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR**

| Date                      | Time              | Meeting/Activity                            |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Wednesday, October 2      | 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM | Combined Worship - Trinity                  |
| Sunday, October 6         | 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, October 7         | 9:30 AM           | Bible Study - Georgetown                    |
|                           | 7:00 PM           | Bible Study - Trinity                       |
| Wednesday, October 9      | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Confirmation Class - Georgetown             |
| <b>Sunday, October 13</b> | <b>10:30 AM</b>   | <b>Parship Worship Service - Georgetown</b> |
|                           | 9:15 AM           | Sunday school - Georgetown                  |
|                           | 10:00 AM          | Sunday school - Trinity                     |
|                           | 9:30 AM           | Bible Study - Georgetown                    |
|                           | 7:00 PM           | Bible Study - Trinity                       |
| Monday, October 14        | 6:30 PM           | Council Meeting - Trinity                   |
| Tuesday, October 15       | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Confirmation Class - Trinity                |
| Wednesday, October 16     | 8:45 AM           | Worship Service - Trinity                   |
| Sunday, October 20        | 9:15 AM           | Sunday school - Georgetown                  |
|                           | 10:00 AM          | Sunday school - Trinity                     |
|                           | 10:30 AM          | Worship Service - Georgetown                |
|                           | 11:45 AM          | Annual Fall Dinner - Georgetown             |
| Monday, October 21        | 9:30 AM           | Bible Study - Georgetown                    |
|                           | 7:00 PM           | Bible Study - Trinity                       |
| Wednesday, October 23     | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Confirmation Class - Georgetown             |
| Sunday, October 27        | 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, October 28        | 9:30 AM           | Bible Study - Georgetown                    |
|                           | 7:00 PM           | Bible Study - Trinity                       |
| Wednesday, October 30     | 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM | Confirmation Class - Trinity                |



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|------------|-------------------------------------|
| October 2  | Ray Clark (T)<br>Teresa Jensen (GT) |
| October 3  | Hunter Sellent (T)                  |
| October 5  | Tim Frenndt (GT)(*)                 |
|            | Andrew Frenndt (GT)(*)              |
|            | Carl Grenquist (T)(*)               |
| October 6  | Wayne Kendrick (T)                  |
| October 8  | Anne Weise (GT)                     |
| October 9  | Felicia Braastad (GT)               |
|            | Tim Frenndt (GT)                    |
| October 13 | Ian Rouzer (T)                      |
| October 17 | Deedra Wagner (T)                   |
| October 19 | Mike Rouzer(T)                      |
|            | Maria Gorne (GT)                    |
| October 21 | Duke Rouzer (T)                     |
| October 24 | Jennifer Johnson (GT)               |
| October 28 | Hunter Root (T)                     |

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

# SEPTEMBER FUN

Carnival Highlights from September 21 - Trinity

Blessing of the Animals September 22 - Georgetown



**F** **U** **n** **d** **a** **y**

The word "FunDay" is written in a large, colorful, stylized font. The letter 'F' is red with yellow floral patterns. 'U' is yellow with green stripes. 'n' is green with white polka dots. 'd' is yellow with red stars. 'a' is green with white polka dots. 'y' is red with white polka dots. The word is decorated with a red heart, a green star, a green asterisk, and a yellow sun with a smiling face.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Parish Worship Service**

Georgetown Lutheran  
Sunday, October 13, 2024  
10:30 AM

\*\*outdoor service (weather permitting)\*\*

\*\*potluck lunch following service\*\*

\*\*bean bag games\*\*

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### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Georgetown Lutheran Church  
Tuesday, November 5, 2024  
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM



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

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### **Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale**

**Saturday, December 14**

**Georgetown Lutheran Church**

Looking for crafts, baking goods, and silent auction baskets.

Contact Nicole Norlund

715-554-0691 or via email at [norln1988@gmail.com](mailto:norln1988@gmail.com)

OR

Britta Norlund-Bryan at 715-554-2132

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**Matthew 6:34** (The words of Jesus)

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Dear Parish,

Well said, Lord, well said. It’s been a difficult couple of years for funerals. I have watched you come together, provide for families in grief and do an excellent job of being church. You have also reached out in mission projects and support for so many others in need outside our church community as well. You have worked so hard and come through with sacrifice and compassion for others. Well done. Thank you so much for everything.

We are tired now. It is time to recharge. It is time to take care of yourselves. Too often we get so busy taking care of others that we forget to care for ourselves. I know this well because I am often tempted to do the same. We put off everything from medical appointments to getting enough sleep. I am here to remind you that it’s time to take care of yourselves.

This month, take the time to treat yourself with at minimum the care you have been giving to others. God loves YOU, too. YOU are a beloved child of God. Would you want someone you love not to take care of themselves? No. I don’t think God would like you to, either.

Fall is coming and the temperatures are cooling down. Take time for a nice walk. Perhaps take a drive to see fall colors or sit by a lake for a bit. Go to the library and get that book you’ve been meaning to read. Go to bed on time and take your vitamins. (That last one was mostly a reminder for me!) The point is, take some time to care for yourself and recharge. Today does have enough worries of its own. Slow down. Recharge.

Of course, take time to reconnect with God. Have you read (or dusted?) your Bible lately? How about prayer? Has it been a while since you’ve been to church? All of that is a way to recharge and strengthen us for life ahead. Take the time to connect with God. I’m sure God would love to reconnect with you.

Take care of yourselves. God does indeed love you very much. Let’s slow down a bit this fall.

In Peace, Pastor Diane

# NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

## Parish Council Meeting Minutes September 12, 2024

Meeting was held at Georgetown Lutheran Church.

**Members present:** Judy Gammel, Steven Anderson, Stephanie Fansler, Nicki Norlund, Tim Frendt, Andrew Frendt, Sherry Doornink, Deedra Wagner, Heidi Wagner, Lacy Sellent, Judy Kelch, Steve Kelch, Keith Ward, Pastor Diane Norstad.

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward, Georgetown Council President.

**Devotions:** Devotions were led by Pastor Diane Norstad who read from Matthew Chapter 6.

**Reports:** Pastor Diane reported that everything is going well. We are preparing for the Confirmation of 3 this fall which will take place on the last Sunday in October. She is continuing with home visits. Pastor reported that homebound members from Georgetown are hearing the services much better with our new technology.

Pastor Diane also brought up the issue that there may be underserved populations of migrants within the vicinity of our churches that we may be able to serve. She suggested that we may wish to form a committee to determine if there is a need. She requested two members from each church begin working together with Pastor to determine what needs may exist. Deedra, Heidi, and Judy volunteered. We need a second volunteer from Georgetown before we can proceed.

**Approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on April 11, 2024.** A motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

### Old Business

#### 1. Joint activities:

- a. Blessing of the Animals will be taking place on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at Georgetown at 10:30 AM and both churches are invited. It will be an outdoor service and there will be lunch after the service. All animals are welcome but they must be leashed or contained.
- b. There will be a carnival and car show at Trinity on Saturday, September 21. There will be games and activities for the kids.
- c. A Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held at Georgetown on Saturday, December 14 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Proceeds will be donated to the church.
- d. A joint service will be held on Sunday, October 13 at 10:30 AM at Georgetown. The service will be outdoors, weather permitting. It will include a potluck lunch and bean bag games.
- e. Advent Fest will be held on Sunday, December 1 at 6:30 PM at Trinity. It will include cocoa, cookies, ice cream and entertainment.

2. **Shared budget expenses:** Shared expenses will continue as in the past and there will be no change in the compensation for the Pastor.

3. **Treasurers:** Roberta and Bill continue to work together.

4. **Parsonage:** John has moved out but he has some things in the garage. He continues to mow the lawn and check the water pressure. A variety of issues were discussed regarding the needs of the building and it was decided to schedule a work day at the parsonage on Saturday, October 12 9:00 AM. All are welcome to help. Steve will go over to determine

what activities need to be done. The address of the parsonage is 2496 E. Grenquist Lake Lane.

- 5. **Call Committee:** There is nothing new at this time.
- 6. **Other:** The Parish agreement needs to be completed and distributed.

**New Business**

- 1. **Time of services:** 8:45 AM is working well for Trinity. The service at 10:45 AM at Georgetown was discussed as being too late. There was discussion to return the service to 10:30 AM as it was in the past. There was vote by the Georgetown Church Council to return the time of services to 10:30 AM. The vote was 5 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried. The change will take effect on October 6, 2024.
- 2. **Pastor:** Pastor brought up that the library in Cumberland has a safety fair for kids that costs \$5.00 for 80 kids. Members of Trinity voted to pay the fee to the library for the safety fair. All Trinity members voted in favor of the expense.
- 3. **Christmas Eve services:** It was decided that Christmas Eve service would be held at Trinity on Monday, December 23 at 7:00 PM. Christmas Eve service at Georgetown would be held at 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 24.
- 4. **Continuing the use of the bulletins:** Continuing to print and distribute bulletins at each church service was discussed because each church now has all service components displayed on televisions in each church. The decision was made to continue to provide bulletins for each church.
- 5. **Parish agreement:** Steve Anderson indicated that he would update our agreement as necessary and distribute it to all council members.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at Trinity. Supper will be served at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned. A motion was made and seconded to adjour the meeting. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel.

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**Georgetown Lutheran Church**  
NO SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING HELD DUE TO JOINT PARISH MEETING

|            | <u>August</u> |  | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|------------|---------------|--|---------------------|
| INCOME     | \$5,229.00    |  | \$50,275.65         |
| EXPENSE    | \$3,795.62    |  | \$48,481.78         |
| DIFFERENCE | \$1,433.38    |  | \$1,583.87          |

**Trinity Church Council Minutes**  
**September 17, 2024**

Present: Heidi Wagner, Deedra Wagner, Judy Kelch, Steve Kelch, Lacy Sellent, Steve Anderson.  
Not Present: Bill Anderson, Pastor Diane Norstad.  
Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

**Secretary's Report**

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

**Treasure's Report**

Net Revenue: -\$5,822.75  
Total Expenditures: \$10,876.82  
Checking (2092): \$1,108.93  
Savings (3300): \$10,947.94  
Endowment Savings (8210): \$442.40  
Steve Anderson made motion to approve, second by Judy Kelch—approved.

**Pastor's Report**

- Confirmation will begin mid-September.

**Youth Report**

- Roadside cleanup in October
- Trunk-Or-Treat to follow church service on Sunday, November 3

**Old Business**

- Copy of Parish Agreement to be printed and put in safe
- One oak tree planted at the church—other oak tree to be replaced (root issues)
- Deedra Wagner checking on seal coating of parking lot

**New Business**

- Deedra Wagner made motion to have Habitat for Humanity as Mission of the Quarter starting in October—second by Steve Anderson. Approved.
- Saturday, October 12 will be a work day at the parsonage—meet at parsonage at 9am.
- Confirmation and Blessing of the Quilts on Sunday, October 27
- Looking to add wants/ needs to church wish list.
- Nothing new to report from call committee.
- Bill Anderson has a new account set up with MIF—this allows us to move money from the account to our bank electronically. Heidi Wagner made motion to close other MIF account, since it's no longer necessary to keep open—second by Steve Kelch. Approved.
- Signature cards are all set for 4 of our 5 accounts at Cumberland Federal.
- Council approves removing all existing signatories from the Sunday school account (ending in 6598), and adding William Anderson, Heidi Wagner, and Judy Kelch as signatories to this account.
- Motion made by Lacy Sellent to adjourn the meeting. Second by Steve Kelch. Closed with the Lord's Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next Trinity council meeting:  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Respectfully, Lacy Sellent



**Application Deadline for 2024 Trinity Endowment Gift Nears**

November 1 is the deadline for submitting a Gift Application Form for the 2024 Trinity Endowment Gift of \$2,600.00. Applicants must be a Trinity member and the gift's use is restricted to the use of a Trinity member or Trinity Church itself. Application forms are posted on the information kiosk in the church entryway or may be accessed on Trinity's internet page.

Following the November 1 deadline, the Endowment Committee will recommend to the Church Council the use(s) of the Gift. With approval by the Church Council, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Annual Meeting for final approval. Dispersal of the gift would then follow in February 2025.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE for TRINITY'S ENDOWMENT FUND**

| <b><u>Main Fund</u></b> |                 | <b><u>Undesignated Fund</u></b> |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| January 1, 2024         | August 31, 2024 | January 1, 2024                 | August 31, 2024 |
| \$53,120.99             | \$55,459.82*    | \$3,272.82                      | \$3,574.63      |

\*Includes 2023 Gift withdrawal of \$2,400.00

| <b><u>ELCA Ministries</u></b> |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| January 1, 2024               | August 31, 2024 |
| \$2,149.18                    | \$2,347.35      |

Gifts to any of the three funds should be clearly marked on an envelope and placed in the offering.

Questions regarding the Endowment Fund may be addressed to Christine Anderson, Secretary; Wayne Kendrick, Chair; Kris Mattson, Member; Lacy Sellent, Council Representative; Heidi Wagner, Council President and Advisory Member; or Pastor Norstad, Advisory Member.

