August, 2025



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Worship with
us at 10:30am
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AUGUST 17TH

12:00PM-3:00PM MARC

DONATIONS

We will be collecting donations for the Wags of Wisconsin! Please bring any of the following items and receive 3 free raffle tickets for any raffle basket:

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Purina Dog Food
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AND MORE

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STUDENTS: Bring your backpacks to receive a special backpack blessing at the Block Party!

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Amazing Things Are Happening At Trinity

<u>Trinity Lutheran School Launches Operation Christmas Child Project</u>

Bringing Joy—and Jesus—to Children Around the World

At Trinity Lutheran School in Merrill, we believe that even the smallest hands can make a big impact. This fall, we are excited to begin a school-wide mission project that will reach far beyond our classrooms and community. Through Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, our students and families have the opportunity to shine the light of Jesus into the lives of children across the globe—one shoebox at a time.

Our goal is simple but powerful: pack 100 shoeboxes filled with love, joy, and the hope of Christ. Each box is a chance to tell a child they are seen, valued, and deeply loved—not just by us, but by their Savior.

To make this vision a reality, we need your help. Over the course of September and October, we'll be collecting different types of items each week to fill the shoeboxes. Congregation members can drop off donations in the box at church. Here's how you can get involved:

September

Week 1 - School Supplies: pencils, crayons, notebooks, calculator, drawstring bag

Week 2 - Personal Care Items: toothbrushes, comb, washcloth, nail clipper, water bottle

Week 3 - Clothing & Accessories: socks, flip-flops, mittens, hats, hair ties, undergarment

Week 4 – Games & Activities: jump ropes, cards, small puzzles, stickers, coloring books

October

Week 1 – Toys: small stuffed animals, dolls, balls, building blocks, yo-yo, fidgets Week 2 – WOW! Items: a special gift that will truly delight a child, stuffy, toy car, jewelry

Week 3 & 4 - Help us fill the gaps! We'll share updates on what we still need.

Each shoebox also requires a \$10 donation to cover overseas shipping and delivery. Your gift not only helps a child receive a box, but ensures they also hear the Good News of Jesus in their own language through outreach and discipleship programs offered by Samaritan's Purse.

As our students sort, pack, and pray over these boxes, they'll also be learning powerful lessons—about generosity, compassion, and the mission Christ calls us to: "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

We invite you to be part of this meaningful mission. Let's come together as a school and church family to bless 100 childrenand perhaps even more—with the love of Jesus. Stay tuned for weekly reminders, supply lists, and updates. Let's pack these shoeboxes full of hope... and send them off with hearts full of love. Contact the school office or Principal Scott Johnson with any questions. Together, we can show the world that God's love fits perfectly in a shoebox.

Dear Trinity Family,

As we prepare to launch a new school year, I want to thank you for your faithful support and prayers. Our staff has been working hard to prepare classrooms, curriculum, and hearts to welcome students back with Christ-centered learning. This year's theme is "Let's Make a Joyful Noise!" (Psalm 98:4), and we are excited to explore what that means in every aspect of school life. We ask for your continued prayers for our teachers, students, and families. Please feel free to stop by, say hello, or get involved—you are always welcome in our school ministry. May God bless this new beginning! Principal Scott Johnson

Trinity Graduate's "Pay It Forward" with Purpose Inspired by a national story where a billionaire challenged graduates to give away half of a \$1,000 gift, Trinity's 8th grade graduates were given a \$100 "Pay It Forward" blessing by an anonymous donor—The challenge was to give away \$50 of the \$100 and they could keep the other \$50 unless they chose to give away the entire amount. We were recently notified of two students who shared how they used their gift to serve others.

Aubrey Renzelmann made a donation to Pine Crest Nursing Home in Merrill, helping enhance their garden patios for residents and visitors to enjoy. With family ties to Pine Crest, this was a meaningful way to bring beauty and joy to others.

Madeline Barker chose to honor her late Grandma Shirley by creating 100 care packages for patients at the Aspirus Infusion Room Clinic, where her grandma received treatment. Each package included items to help patients pass the time and feel comforted during long appointments.

Both girls embraced the call to generosity in deeply personal ways. How might you pay it forward this week? Let's all accept the challenge to serve others with love. We encourage the other graduates to share their stories too.



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We Love Trinity... Come See Why!!

God's Richest Blessings...

To these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays in August

Ralph Zimmerman	August 4
Judith Anderson	
Maria Plamann	-
Joyce Saxby Kawell	-
Violet Volz	
David D'Amico	_
Sandra Annis	-
John Kasper	_
Joyce P. Kleinschmidt	-
Dale Zuelsdorff	-
James Koch	August 18
Roger Brandt	August 19
Carol Holz	August 19
Mable Fromfeld	August 19
Dennis Kniess	August 20
Phyllis Buch	August 20
Phyllis Rhyner	August 21
Paulette Schult	
Irma Stine	August 25
Robert Schneider	August 25
Harold Schulz	August 28
Barbara Weckwerth	August 30

And to these Couples with Anniversaries (50+ years) in August

Pam & Gene Mohrland	52 Years on August 4
Raymond & Beverly David	59 Years on August 6
Willie & Karen Schult	60 Years on August 14
David & Darlene Herdt	60 Years on August 14
Harvey & Terri Thomaschefsky	52 Years on August 18
Dennis & Jocelynn Weber	50 Years on August 30

Check.out the Card Nook downstairs. We have cards to fit all your needs...funerals, get-well, wedding, birthday and others.

Thank you to those who helped to beautify our church with altar flowers in July.

July 13- The altar flowers are in celebration of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mike & Kate Schneider.

<u>July 20</u> - The altar flowers are in loving memory of Grace Lau by Shawn, Laurie, Molly & Bethany Schultz.

<u>July 27 -</u> The altar flowers are in memory of Richard Kleinschmidt's heavenly birthday and for the blessing of family by Connie Kleinschmidt.

NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS...

You are being asked to attend a very important congregational meeting concerning our governance and changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. We will also be asking the congregation about the hiring of a DCE. This important meeting will be held on Sunday August 10 at 12:00. PLEASE ATTEND!

Radio Broadcasts are so important to our ministry here at Trinity.

Thank you to the following for sponsoring a broadcast so we can reach our homebound listeners.

July 6 - In loving memory of the 93rd birthday of Herb Simon on July 3 by his wife Mardell & his family. July 13 - In celebration of the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Mike & Kate Schneider on July 12. July 20 - In celebration of the 46th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Jackie Jackson on July 14 July 27 - In loving memory of Shirley Olkives by her family and friends.

Pastoral Acts...

Baptism:

<u>July 13</u> - Waylyn Allen Lee Peterson, son of Justin Peterson and Zoe Renee Berna. Waylyn's sponsors are Caitlin Moore and Brandon Lawrie.

730 AM

<u>July 27-</u> Lincoln Harrison Collisworth, son of Edmond Collinsworth & Mercedes Marie (Gipple) Collinsworth. Lincoln's sponsors are Jacob Collinsworth & Katelyn Hahn.

Deaths / Funerals:

Dorothy Lass d/o/d June 16, 2025;

Funeral: June 25, 2025

Marcus Pankow d/o/d June 18, 2025;

Funeral: July 7, 2025

Dennis Krenzke d/o/d June 26, 2025;

Funeral: July 2, 2025

Leland Raasch d/o/d July 10, 2025

Funeral: July 15, 2025

Russell "Russ" Iwen d/o/d June 12, 2025

Funeral: August 21, 2025

TRINITY OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

Open on Wednesday's <u>and</u> Friday's 2:00-4:00 Donations are always appreciated!

Community and Trinity Happenings!

WHAT IS THE MINISTRY OF THE PRAYER WARRIORS?

There's a prayer ministry in our church that is made up of about 35 women and men. Since its inception about 8 years ago, we have been referred to as Prayer Warriors. As Prayer Warriors, we receive a weekly list of people who feel the need of daily prayer. Most of the needs are health related, but we also pray for young people in the military, or stressful situations that arise in life. We also offer up Prayers of Thanksgivings for God's blessings. We pray in our own homes. Prayer Warriors are very conscious of the fact that prayers are to be kept confidential. If you have a prayer that needs to be prayed daily, you may submit it to us with the following information: (1) The name of the individual to be prayed for.

(2) The request itself written in your own words. (3) The length of time you are requesting prayer (for example, two weeks). If no time is indicated, your request will be included for one week.

We are separate from our church altar prayers. You may contact us for daily prayer by any of the following ways. However, please make sure you supply the 3 numeric points of information listed above.

- Send your request to Jean Wiseman at jnwsmn@gmail.com. She types up our weekly list each Monday. Please have your requests to her by 8 a.m. Monday morning.
- Call the church office and give Robin the required information. She will pass it on so it will be included on our list.
- You may also go to trinitymerrill.com on your office or laptop computer. At the homepage, choose the CONNECT option. On the next screen, choose the PRAYER REQUEST option. Type in your thanksgiving or request.
- On your cell phone, go to the church website, touch the 3 short lines above our church name, choose the CONNECT option, and the PRAYER REQUEST option on the next screen. Fill in your thanksgiving or prayer request.

We are a quiet ministry at Trinity dedicated to serving those in need of prayer. If you are carrying a heavy burden or want to praise God for a special blessing of thanksgiving, we invite you to contact us.

ATTENTION: The Early Learning Center Rummage Sale
Trinity Church on September 4, 5 & 6th. 8:00-6:00 PM daily
Items may be dropped off and set-up is September 2 & 3rd. 8:00-6:00
We're accepting clean, usable items
(clothing, kitchenware, toys, books, tools, etc.).
No TVs, cribs, car seats, or broken/dirty items, please.

Label your totes if you'd like them returned. Stickers from previous sales must be removed.

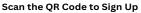


Sign up in the Narthex, by visiting trinitymerrill.com/ blockparty, or by scanning the QR code!











Trinity Financial News & Happenings

19			June 2025 PROFIT LOSS														
		Jun-25		Jun-25		Jun-25	,	Jun-2025	Jun-2025		Jun-2025		Jun-2025		Jun-2025	Jai	n- June 2024
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School	5	30,911.94	5	84,646.71	5	(53,734.77)	5	406,841.50	\$ 581,485.34	5	(174,643.84)	5	(276,689.76)	5	102,045.92	5	(186,556.51)
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Child Care	S	65,721.84	\$	58,631.54	\$	7,090.30	5	373,563.17	\$ 356,916.22	5	16,646.95	5	(16,186.38)	5	32,833.33	5	(95,155.01)
After School Care	5	9,308.00	\$	7,161.90	\$	2,146.10	5	20,982.40	\$ 14,817.17	5	6,165.23	\$	497.09	5	5,668.14	5	3,768.47
TOTALS	5	263,533.03	5	218,282.86	\$	45,250.17	\$1	,393,500.73	\$1,319,691.04	\$	73,809.69	5	(65,937.64)	5	139,747.33	5	3,591.49

ADOPT A BILL Summer months are tough on the finances of a church. We are asking you to consider adopting a bill over and above your weekly offering. Simply, grab an envelope off the board in the narthex and after you've made your donation, throw the envelope in the plate or return it to the church office. Thank you!

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STUDENTS... Bring your backpacks to the Block Party on August 17th to receive a special backpack blessing during the 10:30 Church service.

Thank you to our members that donated to Fill the Gazebo this past June. 1,057 pounds of food and \$7165 was received. This amount is divided among the three pantries in Merrill plus the Food for Kids program. Donations are what keeps our pantries helping to feed the Merrill area.



THANK YOU, SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM!!

We appreciate and give thanks to our Summer Lunch Program for their commitment to Trinity and to what God is calling them to do in our church to build His Kingdom. Launched in 2013 and now supported by five area churches, including Trinity Lutheran Church, the Summer Lunch Program provides weekday lunches throughout the summer. Trinity is proud to participate by serving once a week. We are grateful for their dedication to Trinity!

Scrip Seller Schedule

E August

8:00 am - Jane Dehnel & Fern Whiting 10:30 am - Jennifer Rajek

6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

August 10

8:00 am - Marty & Barb Sizer 10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber 6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

August 17

8:00 am - NO SERVICE 10:30 am - Block Party - NO SCRIP SALES 6:00 pm - NO SERVICE

August 24

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefsky 10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult 6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

August 31

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rhode 10:30 am - Robin Grenfell & Raena Girsa 6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

September 7

8:00 am - Janet & Emily Grunenwald 10:30 am - Randy & Kathy Pfantz 6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

September 14

8:00 am - Ed & Julie Cordova 10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber 6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

September 21

8:00 am - Fern Whiting & Jane Dehnel 10:30 am - Jennifer Rajek 6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

September 28

8:00 am - Randy & Sharon Welch 10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman 6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

If you are willing to help sell scrip during services.... Please call Grace Frick at 715-536-4985.





Sunday	Sunday Monday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
27 8:00am Traditional Worship Service (IC) 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (IC) 6:00pm Traditional Worship Service (IC)	28 6:30pm Kleinschmidt Bible Study	29 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	30 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry	31 11:30am –1:00pm Kids Summer Lunch Program	1 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry	2		
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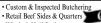


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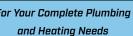
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AUGUST 26, 2025 for Trinity School

Join us for our weekly services:

Services are in person at Church and also

on FACEBOOK at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranMerrill 8:00am Sunday Morning Traditional Service

10:30am Sunday Morning Contemporary Service

6:00pm Sunday Evening Traditional Service (in person only - not live streamed) 8:00 am Service can also be heard by radio on 730 AM & 96.3 FM at 10:30 am (Communion is served in person at church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)