November, 2025



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Our Mission: Courageously Carrying Christ to our Congregation and Community



Amazing Things Are Happening At Trinity

Trinity Men's Breakfast and Bible Study "Living and Leading as a Man of God"

We meet the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast with Bible Study from 8-9 am in the Church basement- Led by Pastor G or Pastor Jon. It doesn't matter if you're 25 or 75, it's not always easy being a Christian man in our society. Whether it's your role at work, or in your family, you face unique obligations, responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities. The good news is that, regardless of where you are in your walk with Jesus, you are not alone. Please join our new Trinity Men's Breakfast and Bible Study, where you'll spend time with other men of the congregation, enjoy breakfast and a coffee, and leave inspired by fellowship and a casual, pastor-led bible study on real-life topics relevant to men. You'll be done by 9 am and ready to kick off your weekend with a renewed purpose of what it means to be a man of God. In order to plan for the meal, Please reserve your spot by calling or texting Mike Milligan at 920.265.7488 or email at mike@ millipad.net, or Jesse Severt at 715.218.9351 or jessesevert@outlook.com.

Reminder: Please be aware that no one from Trinity Church, School, or Early Learning Center will ever contact you by phone or email to request gift cards or electronic donations. Unfortunately, there have been reports of individuals impersonating Church leadership and asking for money or gift cards. If you ever receive such a message, do not respond—always confirm with the church office before making any donation through electronic communication.

Dorcas Card Nook

Check out the Card Nook in our church basement for all your greeting cards! Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, etc. are now in the rack. Coming soon we will have some beautiful Christmas Cards. Individual cards are \$.75 and boxes are \$6.00.



hour on Saturday night

November 1, 2025

Join us for Trinity's special Thanksgivig Services

Wednesday, November 26- 6:30 PM with Communion

Thursday, November 27 - 9:30 AM with Communion

Facebook Live at 6:30 PM on Wednesday., Nov. 26

Radio at 9:30 AM on Thursday, Nov. 27 (730 on the AM dial or 96.3 on the FM)



Trinity Lutheran Church Blood Drive

Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood and in just about an hour, you can save up to 3 lives and help provide livesaving opportunities for patients in need. The Commu-



nity Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive at Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church on **Sunday**, **November 16th**, **from 9:00am until 12:30pm in the church basement**. Please contact Jean Ravn at 715-212-5709 to schedule your life-saving donation. There is no substitute for blood so we really appreciate your donation.

Join the Holiday Choir

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. We would love to have you join us. Choir is open to anyone high school age or older.



Congratulations Pastor Gustafson on your military retirement!

Join us on Sunday, November 9th as we come

together to celebrate Pastor Gustafson's Military Retirement! After the 8:00 am worship service, enjoy a special time of fellowship with cake, and following the 10:30 am worship service, we'll continue the celebration with a potluck meal and cake. Bring a dish to share, enjoy good food and great company, and help us honor Pastor Gustafson's service and dedication to his country and his Lord.

. Please take a moment to register so we can plan accordingly for food and seating. Sign up by going to the event on Trinity's app or website, sign up in the narthex or call the church office at 715-536-5482.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 2025

Menu: Turkey & Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Fruit Salad, Cranberries, Rolls & Pumpkin Dessert.

Pick -Up: Merrill Enrichment Center 303 N. Sales Streetl Merrill Deliver or Carry Out Only

Reservations Required! (No Walk-ins) Call 715-536-4226 by Nov. 13th, 2025 Goodwill donation to St. John Church would be appreciated.

We Love Trinity... Come See Why!!

God's Richest Blessings...

To these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays in November

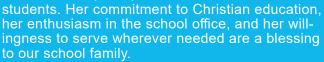
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Cheryl & Paul Proulx	54 Years on Oct. 7
Jim & Jean Wiseman	58 Years on Oct. 8
Walter & Mary Forster	56 Years on Oct. 10
Layne & Judith Jensen	67 Years on Oct. 11
Gerald & Eileen Voigt	57 Years on Oct. 12
Glenn & Elaine Nass	53 Years on Oct. 14
Norman & Joyce Weisenfeld	68 Years on Oct. 19
Carl & Judith Blennert	57 Years on Oct. 19
Ralph & Judy Zimmerman	54 Years on Oct. 23
Norbert & Sharon Holz	56 Years on Oct. 25
Orville & Darlene Schult	65 years on Oct. 29

Thank You, Mrs. Severt!

This month we joyfully celebrate Mrs. Karli Severt for her 10 years of faithful service at Trinity Lutheran School!

Over the past decade, Mrs. Severt has touched countless lives through her dedication, care, and love for all



We thank God for Mrs. Severt's talents, from applying ice packs and bandaids, to joyfully answering the phone, to her friendly welcoming of students in the lunch line, and for the positive impact she continues to make at Trinity. Please join us in expressing gratitude for her years of ministry and in praying for her continued joy in serving the Lord through her work as the Administrative Assistant at Trinity Lutheran School!

Have you purchased Scrip this week?
Scrip are available at all Worship Services
and in the Church Office. Please buy!!

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.

October 5- In memory of Dorothy Wanless by her family and friends

<u>October 12</u> In loving memory Deanna Koebe by husband Jim Koebe

October 19-In memory of Jim Mahn by Jim Koebe. October 26- In loving memory of Roger "Budda" English and in honor of his birthday by his family and friends.

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

October 5-- in celebration of 57 years of marriage to Gerald & Eileen Voigt and in loving memory of parents Lester & Pearl Voigt and Herman & Anna Krause

October 12- in loving memory of Don Winkelman by his wife Kathy Yahr.

October 19- in loving memory of Gerald & Carol Duwe by Brent & Crystal Duwe and Heather & Chris Renzelmann & family

October 26- sponsored in celebration of 56 years of marriage to Norbert & Sharon Holz

Pastoral Acts...

Baptism:

October 19 Hans Randall Menebroeker, son of Ryan & Allison Menebroeker. Sponsors are:Lindsey & ;Ed Minser

<u>November 2</u> Lyndi Jean Sturm, daughter of Ben & Sarah Sturm. Sponsors are: Dan Sturm & Kai Waterdu

Deaths / Funerals:

Herman F. Krueger d/o/d September 24, 2025

Funeral: November 1, 2025

Joan R. Schroeder d/o/d October 9

Funeral: October 17, 2025

John Hagedorn d/o/d October 15, 2025

Funeral: October 28, 2025

The Trinity Ladies Aid will meet on Thurs.

November 20th at 1:00

PM in the church fellowship hall. We welcome and encourage all women to join us.

The Dorcas will meet on Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 PM in the Church Fellowship Hall downstairs. All women are encouraged to join us in Fellowship for a night out with the ladies.

Community and Trinity Happenings!

COMING SOON - Baked Goodies!!!

Trinity Dorcas Ladies are planning to have their Annual Bake Sale on Saturday, December 6th at 3:00 pm in the Church Basement. Plan to be there to get your Christmas Cookies and Baked Goodies. Mark your calendars now!

Church Office Thanksgiving Hours

Purchase your scip and handle any church office obligations before the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Church office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27th and Friday, Nov. 28th



<u>Advent at Trinity – Mark Your Calendars!</u>

The Christmas season is almost here, and Trinity has a wonderful lineup of Advent events to help us celebrate the joy and hope of our Savior's birth! From music-filled worship to family gatherings and festive traditions, there's something for everyone to enjoy this December.

Here's what's coming up — be sure to mark your calendars and watch for more details as we get closer to each event!

- Wednesday, December 3 Trinity Advent Series: Jim Pekol Polka Band (6:30 PM)
- <u>Saturday, December 6</u> Christmas Wreath Lighting (6:30 PM)
- Sunday, December 7 Living Nativity
- <u>Sunday, December 7</u> Trinity Dorcas Ladies Annual Bake Sale (3:00 PM)
- <u>Wednesday, December 10 Trinity Advent Series:</u> Firm Foundation Ringers (6:30 PM)
- Thursday, December 11 6th–8th Grade Christmas Service (6:00 PM)
- <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 16</u> 2nd–5th Grade Christmas Service (6:00 PM)
- <u>Wednesday, December 17</u> Trinity Advent Series: The Garms Family (6:30 PM)
- Thursday, December 18 4K–1st Grade Christmas Service (6:00 PM)
- <u>Saturday, December 20</u> Christmas Movie at the Cosmo (3:30 PM)

Watch for additional information regarding the All Youth Christmas Party. Beautiful music, joyful fellowship, and meaningful worship await as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. Stay tuned for more details coming soon — and get ready to celebrate this Advent season at Trinity!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, we reflect with grateful hearts on God's many blessings. Our students are thriving, learning not just academics but the eternal truths of God's Word. We're especially thankful for your support in our recent service projects and offerings that help others in need. Together, we're showing students what it means to live out faith. Please continue to pray for wisdom, joy, and endurance for our staff. May your Thanksgiving be filled with peace and gratitude in Christ. This month we will assemble the shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Thank you for your help with the success of this project.

~ Principal Johnson

On November 2nd at all three services, Trinity will celebrate All Saint's Day and commemorate our brothers and sister who have been called to their eternal home this past year. Please be sure to join us for this special service.



High School Youth Group will be on Nov. 2 and 16th from 7-9

High School Thanksgiving Party Nov. 23 from 7-9pm Bring a dish to share, sign up coming soon

Middle School Youth Thanksgiving Party will be Nov 23 from 4-6, bring a snack to share, sign up coming soon!



Trinity Children's Christmas Programs



Thurs. Dec. 11 - Grades 6-8 - 6:00pm Tues. Dec. 16 Grades 2- 5 - 6:00pm

<u>Thurs. Dec.18</u> - Grades 4K - Gr. 1- 6:00pm

Celebrate with a lively presentation of songs and recitations. Stay for a cookie and punch reception in the church basement after the program.

Bring your family, neighbors and friends as our children share the wonderful message of Jesus' birth.

Trinity Financial News & Happenings

		September 2025 PROFIT LOSS							
	Sep-25	Sep-25	Sep-25	Sep-2025	Sep-2025	Sep-2025	Sep-2025	Sep-2025	Jan-Sept. 2024
Ministry	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss	YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD P & L	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	Prior P&L YTD
Church	\$ 90,199.41	\$ 97,948.48	\$ (7,749.07)	\$ 948,126.27	\$ 565,285.53	\$ 382,840.74	\$ 348,715.09	\$ 34,125.65	\$ 438,565.25
School	\$ 121,005.28	\$ 87,111.00	\$33,894.28	\$ 554,432.03	\$ 840,056.95	\$ (285,624.92)	\$(456,220.21)	\$ 170,595.29	\$ (294,379.68)
Teacherage	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 7,450.00	\$ 2,273.33	\$ 5,176.67	\$ 5,756.80	\$ (580.13)	\$ (18,532.26)
Child Care	\$ 61,793.74	\$ 59,217.80	\$ 2,575.94	\$ 547,293.57	\$ 559,178.42	\$ (11,884.85)	\$ (28,455.02)	\$ 16,570.17	\$ (177,640.31)
After School Care	\$ 3,928.00	\$ 2,105.59	\$ 1,822.41	\$ 51,573.15	\$ 37,854.38	\$ 13,718.77	\$ 9,466.92	\$ 4,251.85	\$ 13,676.51
TOTALS	\$ 278,376.43	\$ 246,982.87	\$31,393.56	\$ 2,108,875.02	\$ 2,004,648.61	\$ 104,226.41	\$(120,736.42)	\$ 224,962.83	\$ (38,310.49)

HAVEN Giving Tree

The HAVEN Giving Tree will be available in the Narthex beginning November 30th. Please take a tag from the tree and purchase a Christmas gift for a person who is staying at the HAVEN. Gift tags will be numbered by family and include adult age, son and/or daughter age, size, and their wishes. Wrap your gift, attach the gift tag on the top of your present and place it under the tree no later than December 22nd. Gifts will be delivered to the HAVEN on December 23rd. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Teske at 715-536-7693.Merrill HAVEN is for people who have experienced abuse. They provide safety, shelter and assistance to victims and survivors in a free and confidential manner. Through education and advocacy, they support their journey of empowerment to achieve economic and emotional independence.

City of Merrill Trick or Treating Friday, October 31, 2025-4:00-7:00 PM

TRINITY SCRIP NEWS THE HOLIDAYS WILL BE HERE SOON!!

Now is the time to start buying gift cards for your family celebrations, meal planning, decorations, gift giving, etc. Trinity Scrip, is a fundraiser that was started to earn extra income for the church and school. We realize that with our changing economy, many prefer to use their charge cards because of the incentives given. Scrips only incentive is that your purchases help with needed income for the church and school. As members of Trinity that's a pretty good reason to buy. Pick up some cards today. Your purchases will make a difference and help this fundraiser grow. Our wishes to you and your family for a Happy Thanksgiving. Thank you.

Do you need a new recipe for your dinner quests or for your Christmas baking?

The Dorcas Ladies have their 50th Anniversary Cook Book for sale in the church office or pick one up at their Card Nook in the church basement. They sell for \$10 and make good gifts...or try a new recipe for dinner tonight or a new drink. There are Appetizers, soups, and salads, vegetables, main dishes, breads and rolls, cookies and candy, desserts andbeverages. YOUR FAMILY WILL LOVE IT!

November 8, 2025 - City Wide Merrill Craft Shows

Scrip Seller Schedule

November 2

8:00 am - Ed & Julie Cordova 10:30 am - Jen Rajek 6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

November 9

8:00 am - Fern Whititng & Jane Dehnel 10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber 6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

November 16

8:00 am - Randy & Sharon Welch 10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wseman 6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

November 23

8:00 am - Marty & Barb Sizer 10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult 6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

November 30

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefsky 10:30 am - Robin Grenfell & Raena Grisa 6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

December 7

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rhode 10:30 am - Randy & Kathy Pfantz 6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

December 14

8:00 am - Janet & Emily Grunenwald 10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber 6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

December 21

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December 28

8:00 am - Fern Whiting & Jane Dehnel 10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman 6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

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



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26 Operation Christmas Child Project is collecting items that we still need to fill our boxes. Check out the bulletin each week for more information or Call the School. 8:00am Traditional Worship Service (IC) 9:00am -10:00am "What We Believe" New Member Class 9:15am -10:15am Ken Van De Zande Bible Study "The book of Ecclesiastes" 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (IC) 6:00pm Traditional Worship Service (IC)	27 1:00pm -3:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Kleinschmidt Bible Study	28 6:00pm -7:00pm Handbell Rethearsal 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	8:10am TLS Chapel service by Grade 6 9:00am Prayer Warrior Ministry meets in Conference Room 1:00pm Diane Krueger Bible Study 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 3:30pm -5:30pm Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Youth Group 6:00pm Holiday Choir Practice Church Choir Room 6:30pm -7:30pm Circuit Reformation Service with Pr. Ryan Peterson from Concordia St. Paul 6:30pm -8:00pm Public School Confirmation	30	Halloween No SCHOOL NO SCHOOL - End of Quarter 1 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 4:00pm -7:00pm City Wide Merrill Trick or Treat	1 Turn your clocks BACK one hour
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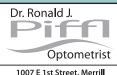
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Services are in person at Church and also

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)