



TRINITY MERRILL

LUTHERAN CHURCH



MINISTRIES



SERVE AT TRINITY

Get involved with our community through service. God has placed us in Merrill at this time so that we can use the talents, personalities, and abilities He has given to us to serve Him and others. It is such a wonderful experience to serve Him in your area of giftedness! Listed in this packet are ministries of Trinity. Detailed information and contact information about each area of service can be found under each ministry. No experience is required for any volunteer opportunity. Training will be provided if necessary. Thank you for being a part of our Trinity family!

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ALTAR GUILD

We have ladies and men who take care of the Lord's Altar. We have five regular meetings during the year in January, March, April, September and October.

We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the church basement. Twice a year members receive a six month schedule which shows when they are scheduled to work.

Those on the General Duty Schedule, serve with three to six fellow members for that weekend and serve approximately once every six weeks. When scheduled, someone would work Saturday to dust the altar and get the communion ready for that weekend's services. Then others would work after the 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 6:00 pm service to wash up and refill for the next service.

We have a Linen Committee who wash and take care of the Altar and Communion linens, wash and press pastors and acolytes robes, and change the Paraments (colors) on the Altar, Lectern and Pulpit for each church season.

The Candle Committee checks to make sure there is enough oil in the cartridges for regular services, funerals and weddings. Also the communion candles and the baptismal candle.



Why attend a small group Bible Study?

- Build better relationships: You will build and strengthen your relationship with fellow believers by studying God's Word together and sharing your faith with each other.
- Connects us to God's Word: As we study our Bibles, we learn about God's presence and power in our daily lives, and how to share that with others.
- Builds accountability: Bible study group members help each other to become faithful "readers and doers" of God's Word. Bible study is not a "one and done" process. Rather it is a life-long quest into the heart of God.
- Affirms God's constant presence in our lives: Bible study will open our eyes to God's provisions and grace in our daily lives. It also reminds us that even in the darkest times, we are never alone. Group members pray for and stand by each other as they grow in the Word.
- Strengthens your union with Christ: The more that we study Scripture, the more we learn of God's incredible love for us, and the plan that He has for our lives. We learn that we can come to Him and depend on Him for everything in our lives.

Bibles for all ages are available in the book shelf located in the Trinity Youth Room.

Looking for a study to do at home? The following free books are also available in the book shelf: Not a Fan; Purpose Driven Life; Joining Jesus on His Mission; 40 Days in the World; I Have Good News for You; The Many Wonders of Heaven; The Red Letter Challenge. Please help yourself!

Trinity offers several small group Bible Studies on various dates and times. If interested in attending a Bible Study, contact Sherry Kleinschmidt at 715-536-8681.

BIBLE STUDIES

GREETING CARD CRAFTERS

NEW... We are looking for members who like to craft! We would love to have your hands to help us create awesome cards for Trinity members.

This group will assemble tops of gently used greeting cards with new card stock, include a verse and send them to members. Birthday cards will be made for members who are celebrating their 80+ birthdays, anniversary cards for couples celebrating 50+ years of marriage, and Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas cards for our shut-ins. We also will create cards of congratulations for our new confirmands every year, as well as our brand new members in Baptism.

We are tentatively planning on meeting once a month, time and dates to be determined.

This is an excellent opportunity to socialize and do the Lord's work, plus recycle old cards! What a super fun way to serve Trinity!

If you wish to become a Greeting Card Crafter, donate your cards or cardstock contact Sharon Holz at 715-536-9152.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Harmann Studios will be at Trinity church from June 12 - 25, 2024 taking pictures of our members for the new church directory. The last time we had a directory was in 2015 so we are really in need of an updated one. Please put these dates on your calendar for next year and we look forward to having our entire congregation participate. We will need volunteers to assist in making appointments, helping with check-in, and at least one or two volunteers willing to take pictures of our shut-ins.

Contact person for this event is Jean Ravn at 715-212-5709 or Kermit511@aol.com or Jane Hanson at 715-536-8471.

CHRISTMAS TREE & WREATH SALES

This group of Trinity members works only in November and December. More volunteers are needed to help set up the shed at the east side of the school and set up the trees, tag the trees, and replace empty stands with more trees. This is a self serve lot where buyers put their checks or cash in the mailbox on the shed. Call Dan Frick if you are able to help with the trees.

The wreaths will be decorated in a warm garage beginning November 6th.

If this is something you are interested in contact Grace Frick. The phone number for all volunteers is 715- 536-4985 and/or Dan's cell 715- 218-1290.

This is a huge fundraiser for Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church!

NOTE: This will be the final year for the Frick's working on the trees and wreaths. Someone to take over this project is needed.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

Trinity's Decorating Committee has been very active in beautifying our church. We have many decorations which we have collected, and we recycle every few years.

We meet a few weeks prior to a special service or holiday with an announcement for volunteers. Our largest occasion that we need volunteers for is Christmas. Along with the Christmas Trees, there is also outside roping and other inside decorations.

The month of November has many meetings to pick out colors and then lights need to be tested, roping for the balcony needs to be fluffed, and the making of "nosegays" and bows to decorate wreaths and roping. The Friday after Thanksgiving volunteers are needed to work decorating the church proper, balcony, and the outside roping beginning at 9 am. We have had some awesome "elves", who have done the roping for a number of years, named Alfts, and would also appreciate help.

The Monday after Thanksgiving, the trees arrive, men are needed to cut off the trunks and set up. If trees are dry (no snow) volunteers can start to put the lights on and then the other decorations. Hopefully, we can all be done by Tuesday evening. Many hands make the job light!

Contact Sue Pernsteiner at 715- 574-3835 for any information and to volunteer. Please feel free to leave a message.

DORCAS SOCIETY

The Trinity Dorcas Society was formed about 50 years ago by a group of women looking for fellowship with other Christian women, Bible study and an opportunity to serve the Lord. An evening meeting time was chosen so that women who worked outside the home could attend. The group chose its name from the story of Dorcas found in Acts 9:36-42. The Bible says she “was always doing good and helping the poor.”

Our projects are supported by donations from our members and profits from our Card Nook and bake sales we hold at various times of the year.

We serve Trinity Church by making donations to our Open Hearts Food Pantry and providing tuition assistance for students attending Trinity School. We sponsor one of the soup luncheons during Lent. We donate a flower or plant to help decorate our church at Easter and then give it to a shut in from our congregation. We also maintain the Card Nook in our church basement.

The Dorcas Society shares the love of Jesus in our community by donating food baskets at Thanksgiving, providing Christmas gifts for a needy family, and making annual donations to the Christmas Spirit Appeal, HAVEN, Pine Crest and the Food for Kids programs along with occasional donations elsewhere.

The Dorcas Society is a member of the LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League). Our members place their loose change in MITES boxes which is then donated to missions throughout the world.

We begin our meetings with devotions. We then have a Bible study and a business meeting followed by fellowship time.

You are welcome and encouraged to join our group at any time! Meeting dates are the third Thursday of the month (September through May). We meet in the Trinity Church Fellowship Room and begin at 6:30 pm

If you are unable to join us but love to bake we are grateful for any donations to our bake sales. If you are unable to join us at meetings or contribute to our bake sales, please consider purchasing items from our self serve Card Nook and items from our bake sales. Above all, please keep the Dorcas Society and its work in your prayers!

For more information contact Jeanne Wangen at 715-536-8695 or Diane Schult at 715-722-3401.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Trinity handbell choir rehearses in the church balcony on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. for one hour. Our time is spent in Christian fellowship preparing music to share at worship. We strive to play once per month. We are also sometimes called to share our music outside of the church in our community. It is our prayer that the music of celebration or meditation we play will touch the hearts of those who hear it both in worship and witness outside of Trinity.

You may contact Allan Klade at 715-921-0900 for more information.

ELDERS

Elders provide leadership and support for church services. We meet quarterly to cover Elder information and needs, with one primary topic to be covered each quarter. The four quarterly meeting topics are:

1. Training of Elder for worship services (preparing the church for worship, ringing the church bells, lighting and sound system support, supporting SCRIP personnel, coordinating the offering, helping with communion and post worship service tasks)
2. CPR training and medical support for services
3. Church Worship Service security
4. Review and celebrate the year's events



GriefShare is a faith based grief support ministry that meets weekly for a period of 13 weeks. Each week participants have the opportunity to watch a video featuring internationally known grief support professionals. Then the group has a discussion about that week's topic. Each person also uses a workbook to do daily lessons at home.

GriefShare seminars are offered at Trinity twice a year. The current seminar began in September and will end at the beginning of December. The Spring seminar will begin in early March. Meetings are held in the church basement every Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one is welcome to join the group at any time. Contact Jeanne Wangen 715-536-8695 with questions or to register.



GRIEF SHARE

LARGE EVENTS ACTION TEAM

Our Large Events Action Team plans our larger community events at Trinity such as our Children's Easter Event, Block Party, Trunk-or-Treat, the Young Adult Mixer, and our Christmas Wreath Lighting. We're looking for creative, Gospel-driven, organized adults who aren't afraid to reach out into the community to help plan these larger events. Our meeting times vary based on the availability of those on the team. To accommodate working schedules, we stay flexible and typically meet in the afternoon/evenings.

If planning is not your thing but you enjoy volunteering, we'd love to put you on our "Common Volunteer" list so we can reach out to you when we need volunteers to help with any of our events. Being on this list does not mean you have to volunteer for every single event, it simply just means that we will reach out to you first.

If you're interested in becoming part of our Large Events Action Team or being a part of our "Common Volunteer" list, please contact Trinity's Director of Communications, Britnee Hartwig, at britnee.hartwig@tmsmerrill.com.

MEN'S CLUB

The mission of the Trinity Men's Club is to provide Christian fellowship for the men of the congregation and is open to all male communicants. We hold our monthly meetings at the Men's Club cabin in Pine River on the third Tuesday of the month and also meet on the first Tuesday of the month just to play cards and socialize.

This Men's Club has been actively raising funds for the congregation for over 100 years. They started by running the bowling alleys at the school, cutting of Christmas trees on the land, Mother's Day dinners, dartball banquets, fair parking and recently doing chili luncheons and brat frys. The Men's Club has returned over \$150,000 of the profits to the church and school over the years

If you are interested in joining or would like more information contact John Matuszak at 715-536-5430.

OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

Our ministry in the food pantry is to help those in need with food. The pantry is located in the lower level of Trinity Church. We are open from 2:00-4:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. We have approximately 80 families visit within one month.

Hours to volunteer are from 1:30 to 4:00 pm. You are scheduled to volunteer once a month or more if you would like. Volunteers help stock shelves and sign the families in. We also have available produce, meat and bread, which are put away at 4:00 pm.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Michele at micked46@gmail.com or call 715-675-4928.

ORGANISTS

Information about Trinity's pipe organ will be shared. Trinity members who play the trumpet will be given the opportunity to accompany hymns. Also, Trinity members who play an instrument and would like to play a solo before or during worship are welcome to ask questions. For more information contact, Eileen Hass organist, at orangedahlia28583@gmail.com

LADIES AID

Volunteers are needed to prepare and clean-up meals for funerals. The meal is time for families and friends to share memories and start the transition from grief to the next phase of life. Monies received from families as a thank you are used for the needs of Trinity and the needs of Ladies Aid. We also participate in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. LWML circuit rallies are held two times a year at area churches and support missions and missionaries around the world.

Our meetings at Trinity Church are on the last Thursday of most months, at 1:00 pm. Meetings start with a Bible study that encourages us to focus on Jesus as we witness in our homes, here at Trinity, and in the world. A short business meeting is followed by yummy treats and fellowship time. We may alternate afternoon and evening meetings to accommodate others that are unable to attend the afternoon meetings.

Prayerfully consider joining us. Be a blessing to our families, a blessing to our current Ladies Aid members, a blessing to yourself, and a blessing to Jesus, who has been such a blessing to us. If you are interested, please contact Fern Whiting 715-539-0633, Diane Kreager 715-536-3499 or you may contact the church office 715-536-5482.



We are a group of 20+ people (known as prayer warriors) who pray daily in our own home for the needs and joys of those who request prayer. A new list goes out each Monday; all requests must be kept CONFIDENTIAL.

A bi-weekly prayer meeting is held every-other-Wednesday morning at 9:30 to pray for our church and its outreaches. Besides our team leadership group, any of our members may join us for prayer at that time. Perhaps we could switch one of our Wednesday morning prayer meetings to late afternoon or evening for the convenience of working people.

We also sponsor the SECRET PRAYER PARTNER outreach during Lent to provide the opportunity for Trinity members to pray for the needs of just one other person throughout those 7 weeks.

Our ministry grew out of the last capital campaign, which like Consecrated Stewards, has had a strong emphasis on caring for others.

We would love to talk to you about being a praying part of this ministry. You may contact Jean Wiseman at 715-409-0379 or jnwsmn@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYER GROUP

RADIO MINISTRY

Trinity's Radio Ministry presents an opportunity to worship the Lord God to anyone who is unable to come to church for any reason. The listeners most commonly thought of are the elderly and those who are homebound, hospitalized, and in care facilities such as assisted living

and nursing homes. But listeners also include those who are vacationing, camping, or traveling in our area and, of course, those who may just have occasional personal commitments that make listening on the radio an opportunity to worship along with those in attendance.

The Voice of Trinity

Do these factors interest you?

1. Provide support services behind the scenes.
2. Be part of a small group.
3. Commit to several hours once every 4-5 weeks.
4. Serve individually.
5. Be the "Voice of Trinity" on the radio.

Trinity's Radio Ministry group currently consists of four individuals and, over the years, has included both men and women. Each individual is scheduled to be the radio announcer once every 4-5 weeks. The announcer introduces listeners to the worship service by reading an opening announcement and then making periodic announcements, such as the hymn to be sung, and finally a closing announcement at the end of the service.

If you are interested in part of this ministry, please contact Jamie Koch at 715-536-6369 or jbkoch2@frontier.com

Please note that there is not an immediate need for additional announcers, but your interest will be noted and kept for future reference or if a decision is made to enlarge the group.

SOUND SYSTEM

We need people interested in running the system to enhance the sound of our service. In the church, live on facebook, recorded for radio. Runs just like a computer. Multiple screens to do different functions. Training required and will be provided to understand and set up a system for worship services.

Contact Joe Malsack at 715-218-4157 if interested or for more information.

SCRIP

TRINITY SCRIP is a program designed to earn extra income for our church and school. We buy gift cards at a reduced rate and sell at retail value. The difference goes back to the church as profit. We sell gift cards and certificates for many Merrill businesses which include groceries, gas stations, restaurants and retail and specialty shops in this area and beyond. Scrip is a great fundraiser and has the potential to earn a very nice return.

Trinity Scrip is sold before and after each weekly church service and in the church office during the week.

Contact Sherry Geiss at sherry.geiss@gmail.com or 715-536-2802 or if you have questions.

We can always use sellers for the church service. Contact Grace Frick at 715- 536-4985 if you can help with selling. You would be scheduled about every six weeks.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Local churches have provided a Thanksgiving Day dinner to the Merrill community for over 33 years and it is Trinity's turn to host this year. This yearly event serves close to 300 people in our community each Thanksgiving. We need your help in donating your time and food donations. It is a blessing to serve others and with this opportunity we reach out to our community and our church family.

This year the meal will be carry-outs and delivered only from the Enrichment Center from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Meals will be sent out cold so individuals can warm them up when they want to eat.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have any questions, contact Sue Pernsteiner at 715-574-3835 or Robin in the church office at 715-536-5482.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens program has come to a close for 2023. This is the program that was launched in 2013 by Christ United Methodist Church to help address the need for a midday meal for kids in the Merrill area during the summer weeks when school was not in session. In 2014 other churches in the community joined in and the program expanded to cover each weekday during the summer weeks of June, July and August. The program operates for 12 weeks each summer.

This program is sponsored by volunteers from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, St. Stephen's UCC, Christ UMC, Trinity Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church. Last year there were 4875 bag lunches served to the youth of the community. That exceeded any amount the program has ever done in the past. But this year, the same five churches served 7,153 meals!! Over the ten years of operation, the program has adapted to various changes that have come up. Most notably, since COVID-19 happened more than 3 years ago, the meals became brown bag lunches that could be picked up and taken home for the children to eat.

Once again, the Merrill Community Food Pantry partnered with this program and provided some of the staple items for the lunches such as the juice, the snack item and fruit. Without the help that the Merrill Community Food Pantry provides, the churches would find it very difficult to continue to provide complete meals to the children and teens.

This year the program also received a very generous donation from Habitat for Humanity. In addition, the Merrill Lions Club and Merrill United Way provided financial donations. This support helped make it possible for the churches involved to provide the meals.

The T.B. Scott Free Library also partnered with the lunch program. They gave away books to youth as they stopped in to pick up their meals.

The Free Summer Lunch for Kids and Teens would like to extend a very big Thank You to all who were involved in making this program a huge success this summer. This program could not serve the children and youth of the Merrill community without the continued participation of the volunteers from the churches involved as well as the very generous contributions of community partners like the Food Pantry and area businesses. We look forward to being able to serve the needs of the local kids again next summer.

If you are interested in helping to serve meals to children during summer months, contact Carol Heyel at 715-536-5719 or cdheyel@charter.net

TRUSTEES

We meet as needed. We are always looking for people who can be called to do specific work.

We are a group that does the maintenance of the facility and any construction projects.

Contact Dan Schneider at 715-432-4091 for more information.

TRINITY COUNTERS

The Money Counters meet every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. We separate the offering envelopes from loose cash and coins. Loose cash and coins are recorded on the Plate Offering Sheet.

Next, we separate the offering envelopes into packs according to the envelope number (100s, 200s, 300s, etc.) Each pack is then arranged in numerical order.

Every envelope is cut open with a manual or an electronic opener. Then we record cash, coins, and checks from each pack on a separate sheet.

A Total Contribution Sheet is used to record totals of each pack in the appropriate columns. Cash, coins, and checks are counted and totals for each are checked to see they match with the totals on the Total Contribution Sheet.

We need substitute money counters to be called when one of our regulars is unable to attend. If interested in being put on a call list, please call Willie Schult at 715-536-6458.



TRINITY YOUTH

Trinity Youth is committed to providing fun, engaging, and Christ-centered activities for the youth of Merrill. We have weekly youth groups, monthly events, holiday parties, summer trips, and many spontaneous trips to Culver's! Youth Group provides an opportunity to grow in faith with other students and to practice Christian living in sports, school, and at home.

High School Youth meets Sundays from 7-9pm. Middle School Youth meets Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30pm.

If you're interested in joining our email list to stay up to date on events OR interested in helping volunteer, please email DCE Devan Arntson at devanarntson@trinitymerrill.com.

TRINITY MERRILL LUTHERAN CHILD CARE

Trinity Merrill Lutheran Child Care has a mission to provide a safe, affordable, high quality and developmentally appropriate learning environment. We will educate children to have a closer relationship with God from a scriptural point of view. All staff work hand in hand with parents to ensure every child has a positive christian learning experience. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders. Trinity Merrill Lutheran Child Care is proud to be encouraging self development, self-esteem, self-confidence and the love of Jesus in all children.

Our location is 201 Stange Street. And, we are open from 5:30 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday except major holidays.

For more information contact Lisa Johnson, Child Care Director, at 715-722-0523 or lisajohnson@trinitymerrill.com

TRINITY MERRILL LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We are excited about our learning environment, which prepares students with the skills they will need in the future. Each day, teachers and learners work together, learning through a combination of text and experiences. of the classroom. We have active, competitive sports teams (volleyball, soccer, and basketball), and a phy ed curriculum promoting life sports. Music and art instruction are a part of each child's experience, and all students participate in monthly Family Service Groups. Students have leadership opportunities in the student leadership team, student-led weekly chapel, and National Junior Honor Society.

We know that learning is easier when you have an excellent teacher. That's why our educators are lifelong learners and passionate about the subjects they teach. Each teacher is state licensed and most are LCMS called. Teachers range in experience from five to 40+ years as educators. Our support staff of aides, administrative assistant, cooks and custodians overflow with love and the same passion for excellence.

TRINITY QUILTERS

Simply said, the Quilters make quilts of all sizes. The majority of these quilts are donated to the Orphan Grain Train charity and sent anywhere in the worldwherever there is a need.

The Quilters meet Mondays from mid September through June from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (with holiday breaks, of course) in the lower level of the church. This is where we tie the quilts. Several members take the quilts home, hem them and return them. They are packed in bags.

When there are enough bags to fill a carload, they are taken by one of our members to St. Mark's, Wausau. Here Orphan Grain Train volunteers sort the quilts and repack them. They are then shipped to Westfield and out into the world.

Some members sew quilt tops at home. The tops are brought to church and made into quilts. Fabric they use may come from their "stash". We also have donated fabric which we use to sew the tops. Donations of cotton quilting fabric are always appreciated.

Most of the quilts are tied with yarn which is also donated. Members also make afghans, lap quilts and scarves from the yarn. These are also donated to the Orphan Grain Train.

Thanks to Thrivent, we have used their dollars to purchase polyester batting which is used as "filler" in the middle of the quilts. This is easier to work with, to tie and makes the quilts totally washable. Thank you Thrivent!!

The quilt backing is usually donated sheets. Again, thank you for these donations.

We have an annual Quilt Show on Mother's Day weekend in May. Quilts are available for purchase, and over the past five years we have been able to donate over \$3,000 to both Trinity and Orphan Grain Train! The quilts which remain after the Show are also donated to Orphan Grain Train. Typically two carloads and over 100 quilts are taken to St. Mark's!!

Pray for our mission and Orphan Grain Train.

You do not have to be a quilter or know how to quilt to join us!!! If you can tie a knot, we'll teach you the rest! Contact Carol at 715-536-5224 or Kay at 715-536-3343 for details or to answer any questions.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

It takes many volunteers for our services to run smoothly.

There are opportunities to acolyte, help serve donuts and beverages at Trinity Café, greet people as they arrive at church, run the soundboard or screens during worship and usher during the services.

ACOLYTES

Acolytes are current confirmation students. A white robe will be provided for you to wear. An acolyte will light the candles prior to worship services.

At special worship services, you may be asked to lead the processional at the beginning of a worship service. You will assist the pastor with minor duties during the worship service, such as helping with the distribution of communion.

Dawn Teske does the scheduling of the acolytes. Feel free to contact Dawn at 715-536-7693 or dawn.teske53@gmail.com.

CAFE

Serving coffee and donuts attracts members, encourages bonding and stimulates growth. CAFE volunteers welcome worshippers by serving coffee, orange juice, milk and donuts before and after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship services.

CAFE volunteers arrive 30-45 minutes prior to a worship service to brew the coffee and set out the donuts, milk and orange juice, which will be at church for you.

You can choose the service times that work best for you. Based on the amount of volunteers, you are scheduled every other month.

If you're interested in becoming part of our CAFE volunteers, please email Dawn Teske at 715-536-7693 or dawn.teske53@gmail.com and she will add you to the schedule.

TRINITY GREETERS

Trinity greeters are responsible for greeting people as they enter with a friendly hello, smile and a handshake. But more than that, they are responsible for creating a warm, caring and genuine atmosphere for friendship and fellowship at Trinity Merrill Lutheran Church. Provide directions and information if asked by a worshiper. Be on time, arrive 30-45 minutes prior to worship services.

Greeting others should never be viewed as an obligation; it is a privilege!

If you would like to be a Trinity greeter, contact Dawn Teske at 715-536-7693 or dawn.teske53@gmail.com

USHERS

The role of a church usher is to help first time guests, repeat visitors and members experience the sacredness and joy of our worship services.

Ushers welcome worshipers as they enter the sanctuary. You handout/distribute our worship bulletins. If someone needs help with seating, you offer to help them. Ushers assist with collection of offerings and pew dismissal for communion.

If this is something that interests you, contact Dawn Teske at 715-536-7693 or dawn.teske53@gmail.com and she will add you to the schedule.

PROJECTIONISTS

Projectionists help guide the congregation through the worship services. You operate our computer that displays the lyrics and other slides on the screens for our worship services.

Currently, we only have four people who are trained as a projectionist. Confirmation students we need you! Training will be available.

If this is something you are interested in, please contact Dawn Teske at 715-536-7693 or dawn.teske53@gmail.com and she will add you to the schedule.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council meets twice a month. The 2nd Thursday of the month informally and the 4th Thursday of the month officially.

Council follows the church constitution and policies. They set the strategic direction of our congregation over the long and short term. They approve the annual budget and our financial progress on a monthly basis.

The pastor reports to the council and reviews the monthly reports of the pastor and his direct reports and ministry teams.

Council members hold a three-year term with a maximum of 3 terms on the council. Each year three members' positions are up for election. People interested in serving on the council should talk with Pastor Gustafson.

TRINITY KIDS

Trinity Kids is Trinity's Sunday School Program. Sundays from September through April
Trinity Kids is held from 9:15 am to 10:15 am. Adult and youth volunteers lead lessons and activities sharing God's love with children grades preschool through 5th. We know life is busy and we don't expect volunteers to be able to commit to being there every Sunday. Those interested in volunteering can contact Wendy Jean Owens at wj_owens@hotmail.com or Devan Arntson at devanarntson@trinitymerrill.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Trinity Kids is Trinity's Sunday School Program. Sundays from September through April
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CELEBRATION CHOIR

A choir offers opportunities for members to use their gifts, to contribute to the beauty and reverence of the worship experience and to help create a sense of community and unity among the congregation.

We are looking for people who love to sing! A choir is an opportunity for several generations to serve together. There's something God-honoring about an older saint and a teen believer singing next to one another.

It's not just the singing that makes a difference. It's also the smiling and the singer who closes their eyes and takes us to God through their own personal worship. It's a large group praising God together.

We are also looking for someone who loves to play the piano as an accompanist.

We meet once a week for practice time and sing at worship services. Dates and times to be determined. Enjoy fellowship and a wonderful way to praise the Lord!

If you are interested in joining our Celebration Choir as a member, director, and/or an accompanist, contact Sharon Holz at 715-536-9152 or Cindy Latzig at 715-536-3086.

