

# THE TRINITY HERALD

notes and news from

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*Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.*

## A Time to Plant!

*"For everything there is an appointed time. There is an appropriate time for every activity under heaven: a time to give birth and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot plants." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, EHV)*

I'm calling the winter of 2022-2023, *"The Winter of My Discontent."* Why? Too often I found myself out-of-sorts. The challenge of completing a building project when contractors are swamped with work and there are supply-chain shortages was part of the reason.

But far worse than that? Monitoring the constant, conflicting, and confusing news reports about politics, pandemic, morality, and crime fueled my discontent like a gas truck.

So I cut back on checking my news app. I replaced *"checking the news,"* with *"checking the Good News."* That hastened the melting of my winter-of-discontent. It's hard to be blue, when the Psalmist touches your heart with these words: *"Why are you so depressed, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I will again praise him for salvation from his presence."* (Psalms 42:5)

Yet, even when wrapped in the comfort of our Lord's precious promises, sometimes doldrums evaporate slowly. It wasn't until this week, that the snow-banks of my winter-of-discontent began to melt completely. Why? I started to clean up my garden. That meant 2 days of chipping up a brush pile I've allowed to accumulate for 5 years. Now those chips will be used on paths in my garden and around my blueberry bushes. I'm replacing the plastic deer fencing that Bambi and her babies mistook for a *"make-your-own-gate-whenever-you-want-it-to-get-to-the-buffet"* with 8-foot steel deer fencing and far more robust fence posts. I hope to have most of my prep work done by this Memorial Day weekend.

I even have my plants and my seeds ready. But the planting in my garden's self-watering tubs—that will wait until after Memorial Day. This is, after all, the Northwoods, and the forecast calls for frost yet later this week!

But our gracious Lord willing, I will plant, because the Pastor who confirmed me, Rev. A.T. Degner, felt every pastor ought to have a garden. My garden reminds me that all I can do is plant, water, fertilize, pull out weeds and put down a mat of grass-clippings and cardboard for row cover. Only the LORD can bring growth, just as he promised. (Genesis 8:22)

When I putter in my garden, I also remember how only the Lord makes us Christians grow, and only the Lord can make a congregation like Trinity grow. As the Apostle Paul once observed, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth."* (1 Corinthians 3:6-7 EHV) Even during the winter-of-my-discontent, God's Word and Sacrament brought growth here at Trinity! You and I witnessed that—in the 2023 confirmation class, in the new faces we see in the pews, and in old faces of fellow believers who weather our winters of discontent—only because our roots go down deeper and deeper into Christ.

Privileged to serve,



Rev. Glenn Schwanke

## PRAYERS

Please remember the following members and friends of Trinity in your prayers and your words of encouragement to them:

Helen Anderson  
Carolyn Johnson  
Nancy Kremsreiter  
Laura Lee  
Sheila Lemke  
Harvey Sadler  
Peggy Schuenemann  
Brandon Trapp  
Brett Wieting

If you would like to be included on this prayer list in future newsletters please contact the church office.



## OTHER AREA SERVICES

Zion, Rhinelander  
Services on WCYE 93.7 FM  
at 9:00 am

Christ, Eagle River  
Services on WERL 950 AM  
at 10:00 am

Time of Grace—Sundays  
WSAW Wausau 6:30 am  
FYI Network 6:30 am  
Cowboy Channel 8:00 am  
American Forces Network  
10:00 am

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Sundays at 9:00 am  
Mondays at 6:30 pm

Online on our YouTube  
channel, [@trinityminocqua](https://www.youtube.com/@trinityminocqua).



## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, you once sat over against the treasury to observe how your people gave. You have caused your presence there in the Temple to be recorded that we might know that you are still concerned. Grant to us the willingness and love that the poor widow manifested who gave all that she had; and grant to us a proper concern like yours, that your children give as you have prospered them, that your coffers may be filled with the means to spread the gospel in the world, to maintain the ordinances of your house among us, and to provide the means whereby the sufferings of many may be alleviated. In your name we ask this. Amen.

## WORSHIP NOTES

- June 4/5 = Matthew 28:16-20 "Treasure of the Trinity" (Trinity Sunday)
- June 11/12 = Matthew 9:9-13 "Follow Me"
- June 18/19 = Ephesians 6:1-4 "Dads, We Are Under Surveillance!" (Father's Day)
- June 25/26 = Matthew 10:32-39 "A Grace-Empowered Birthday" (Augsburg Confession)
- July 2/3 = Exodus 32:15-29 "Who Is On the Lord's Side?"
- July 9/10 = Matthew 11:28-30 "Meet Jesus, Your Best Friend!"

**Worship Online:** Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week's sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*® by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We're streaming our Sunday services live!** Spread the word!

## BIBLE STUDY NOTES

- **Wednesday "Lunch Break" Bible study** (12:15 p.m.) will continue all summer long. We're digging into a thorough in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.
- **Pastor's "Wednesday Encouragement" blog**, continues to be found on Trinity's Facebook page and on our church website. Pastors Luchterhand and Schwanke take turns writing this weekly devotion. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Bible Blitz is returning July 18-20<sup>th</sup>!** Professor Keith Wessel (professor of Latin and Greek at Martin Luther College; also a classmate of mine) has agreed to present on some combination of The Tabernacle/Ark of the Covenant and the Temple in Jesus's Day, using Jewish worship practices to tie both Old and New Testament together for our understanding.
- I'd like to turn this Tuesday—Thursday gig (6:15-8:15 p.m. each night) into a **Family Vacation Bible School**: Bible Blitz for the adults and a VBS for kids. Perhaps even a bit of food available at the start for hungry arrivals? Adult and teen helpers needed to put this together – please check your calendars and contact me about serving the Savior in this way!

## Bible Study



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like us on Facebook (Trinity Lutheran Church & School of Minocqua)

Follow us on Instagram ([trinitylutheranminocqua](https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranminocqua))

Subscribe to our YouTube channel (Trinity Minocqua)



- **School Divine Call News:** On May 13<sup>th</sup>, the Lord blessed us with an MLC graduate to serve as our 7-8 grade teacher for a one-year assignment, Mr. Sheldon Habben. He will arrive during the summer months.
- On Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Trinity called Mrs. Kim Brace to fill our K-1 teaching position through a one-year call. Keep Kim and family in your prayers as she deliberates. May the Lord of the church carry out his gracious will as he continues to guide our church and school family.
- **Highway Cleanup along Hwy 47 – Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** was a success! Twenty people, evenly split between adults and teens carried out this service opportunity in a timely fashion. Thank you!
- **Teen Group will meet** this summer – date and time yet to be determined.
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We're putting content on the page several days each week. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our "Where's Marty?" campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... trinitylutheranminocqua

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:**

Make plans to attend our upcoming Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 18. The meeting will take place following worship, around 10:30 am. We will hear ongoing reports of God's working through our ministry, and discuss and approve Trinity's budget for 2023-2024. The budget, and potentially other reports, will be available a week prior to the meeting for you to look over.



**OFFICE HOURS**

With the conclusion of the school year comes a change in the church and school office hours for the summer. The plan is for the office to be open Monday through Thursday mornings, 9:00 am to noon. If you are in need of entering the building but would like to know if there is someone available to let you in, you can always call in advance, 715-356-2255.

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*Flower Chart*

If you would like to donate flowers during the year, you can sign up in the binder to the right of the picture window in the welcome center. There is the availability of two bouquets per week. Bouquets are now \$30 each. Payments can be made in the box by the binder.



That's a wrap! We have just completed our 47th year at Trinity Lutheran School. We have had a wonderful year! Thank you to our school and church families for supporting our school all year.



Next year will look a little different around here. We will be saying our "see you agains" to the Wieting family in June. We will also be welcoming Sheldon Habben as our 7-8 grade teacher this summer, as well as a new K-1 teacher. Please keep the teachers and Trinity School in your prayers as we all go through this transition.

We are already starting to plan for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are, or know of someone interested in what Trinity Lutheran School has to offer, please contact the school office at 715-356-2255. We'd be happy to have you talk to a teacher or give you a tour of the school.

Please continue to keep Trinity School in your prayers. This is **YOUR SCHOOL.** Please feel free to participate in any of the activities at Trinity.

**Upcoming Dates**

**Tuesday, August 8**

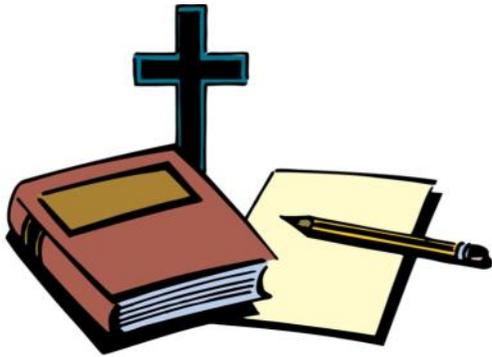
Registration Night 4:00-8:00 pm

**Monday, August 28**

First Day of School

Opening Service 8:30 am

**Midweek Chapel:** Our midweek chapel services are held on Wednesdays at 8:15 am during the school year. This year, the students mission offerings are being sent to the Ukrainian Lutheran Church.



# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

**REGISTRATION NIGHT**  
**Tuesday, August 8**  
**4:00-8:00 pm**

If you, or know someone, who would be interested in what Trinity Lutheran School has to offer, please feel free to contact us this summer.

We'd love to give you a tour of the school and have you meet the faculty.

Call us at 715-356-2255 or check us out at [www.trinityminocqua.org](http://www.trinityminocqua.org).



## *Care Connection Ministry*

### Trinity's Care Connection Ministry

Trinity's Care Connection Ministry assists our members and their families facing illness or other hardships connect to services within our church and community.

- assessment visits with members & families
- training volunteers
- respite for caregivers
- rides to appointments, church or other needs
- supportive phone calls
- grocery shopping, preparing & delivering meals

If you or a family member is facing a time of illness or hardship and would like to learn how Trinity's Care Connection Ministry might be able to assist you, please contact Pastor Luchterhand and he will forward your request to a CCM care coordinator. This ministry will respect your privacy and will not seek compensation for services.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry of please contact the CCM's volunteer coordinator Carne Andrews at 715-225-5567.