



September, 2026

The Trinity Tribune

A monthly publication of Trinity Ministries.

This is the *Day*
that the Lord has made;
let us *Rejoice*
and be glad it in it.

Psalm 118:24



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"Carrying Christ to Our Congregation and Community"

Amazing Things Are Happening At Trinity

GOD SAYS I AM...



STRONG
isaiah 40:31



ACCEPTED
romans 15:7



BOLD
1 John 5:14



REDEEMED
galatians 3:13

Teacher



PROTECTED
2 Thess 3:3

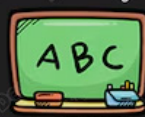
COURAGEOUS
deuteronomy 31:6



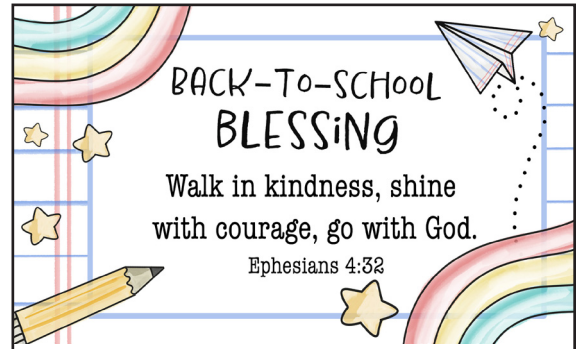
KIND
luke 6:36



CAPABLE
mark 10:27



LOYAL
john 15:13



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

Walk in kindness, shine
with courage, go with God.
Ephesians 4:32

Strong roots do not develop overnight. They grow over time through nourishment and care.

At Trinity Lutheran School, we recognize that Christian education is a partnership among church, school, and home. Every chapel service, Bible lesson, classroom discussion, and act of service helps nurture students' faith.

Thank you, congregation members, for supporting this ministry through your prayers, encouragement, and generosity. Together, we help children grow deeper roots in Christ that will sustain them throughout their lives.

Rooted for a New Year As another school year begins, we thank God for the opportunity to serve children and families through the ministry of Trinity Lutheran School. Our theme for 2026-2027 is **"Rooted in Christ" from Colossians 2:6-7.**

Just as a tree draws nourishment through its roots, our students grow when they are firmly connected to Jesus. Every day, students hear God's Word, pray together, and learn how Christ's love shapes every part of life. As the congregation welcomes students, teachers, and families back to school, we invite you to pray that God would strengthen their faith and help them grow deep roots in His grace. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him..." (Colossians 2:6-7)



ENROLLMENT OPENINGS

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SPAGHETTI DINNER

September 25 | 4-7 pm
Trinity Church Community Hall
107 N State St, Merrill



JOIN US FOR OUR SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER AND RAFFLE!

Come by and enjoy some Spaghetti and garlic bread as a way to support Trinity Early Learning Center. Enter the raffle to win fun prizes!

\$10/Adult
\$5/Children 10 and under

We Love Trinity... Come See Why!!

God's Richest Blessings...

To these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays in September

Joy Hulke.....	September	2
Ida Schult.....	September	5
Robert Natzke.....	September	6
Donald Heyel.....	September	7
Marion Hackbart.....	September	8
Remi Schwartz.....	September	13
Leila Marnholtz.....	September	16
Eileen Voigt.....	September	17
Marjorie Williams.....	September	20
Randall Welch.....	September	23
Lucille Pehlke.....	September	25
Alice Mootz.....	September	25
Carol Leavitt.....	September	27

And to these Couples . . with Anniversaries (50+ Years) in September

Ronald & Rose Peterson.....	65 Years on September	2
Scott & Kathy Weber.....	50 Years on September	11
John & Sherry Geiss.....	54 Years on September	16
Milton & Trudy Kleinschmidt...	60 Years on September	17
Bruce & Anita Schulz...	55 Years on September	24

Pastoral Acts...

Funerals:

Bernette Steffenhagen d/o/d July 15, 2026
Funeral: July 27, 2026

Dorothy Jaeger d/o/d July 31
Funeral: August 7, 2026

Michelle Plautz d/o/d August 4, 2026
Funeral: August 20, 2026

Layne Jensen d/o/d August 11, 2026
Funeral: August 21, 2026

Graveside Commitals

Darwin Kufahl August 4, 2026

Margaret Sense August 22, 2026

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Trinity is pleased to offer free taxi rides to and from worship services through Blue Jay Taxi. Simply call 715-921-4110 by Wednesday before the weekend service you plan to attend.

WHEN CALLING - PLEASE INCLUDE:

- *Which worship service you will attend
- *Your pick-up address
- *How many people will need transportation to and from Trinity church.

Radio Broadcasts

are important to our ministry here at Trinity. Thank you to the following for sponsoring a broadcast so we can reach our homebound listeners.



August 2 Sponsored by Beth Weinkauff in loving memory of her mom Carol Ward.

August 9 Sponsored by Chris & Al Schult in loving memory of their parents, Carl & Ella Schult and Arlo and Dorothy Nelson.

August 16 Sponsored in celebration of the 26th Wedding Anniversary of Roger & Becky Hinner

August 23 - Sponsored by Joe & Marlene Thomaschfsky for the blessings they have received.

August 30- Sponsored by Allan & Tammy Klade in loving memory of Doyle A. Klade.

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

August 2 Sponsored by Jim and Jean Wiseman in loving memory their son John

August 9 Sponsored by Carol Holz in celebration of all the blessings she has received.

August 16 Sponsored by Karen Radloff in loving memory of husband, Don and son, Russ Radloff.

August 23 Sponsored by Mike & Beth Houle in celebration of their 17th Wedding Anniversary..

August 30 Sponsored by Dennis & Jocelynn Weber in celebration of their 51st Wedding Anniversary.

Your offering and tithe are a vital part of our growing ministry...

Trinity would like to thank Lee & Diane Pfaff for their donation of a case of wine. Their donation was made in thanksgiving to Trinity member's who supported them at Schult's Country Inn over the years. Your business and friendships meant a lot to them.

Trinity Cares About YOU!

TRINITY YOUTH

Middle School Youth

from 3:15 to 5:00pm

Sept. 2nd, 9th, 23rd, and 30th

High School Youth

from 7-9pm

Sept. 13th and 27th.



Trinity Family Hayride! October 9th

Bring your family to an evening of fall family fun! Join us for hayrides, cozy hot chocolate and apple cider, snacks, campfire, and devotion. Families of all ages and sizes are invited to this night of fall festivities. Just bring a sweatshirt and camping chair! This event is sponsored by the new Faith and Family Ministry team. Sign up with this QR Code or Trinity website. Talk to Pastor Jon, Raena Grisa, or Steph Chapa with any questions!



Help Support Trinity CAFE

Support the fellowship time of the Trinity CAFE by sponsoring doughnuts for a weekend..

The cost is approximately \$75 per Sunday or \$300 per month. Anyone can sponsor...Businesses, families, or individuals are all welcome!

If you're interested in sponsoring this weekly treat, please contact Dawn at 715-536-7693.

Thank you for helping make Sunday mornings a little sweeter for everyone!

"Sunday Morning Bible Class" resumes on September 13th! Join us at 9:15am each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall here at Trinity! This year, we'll be going through the Augsburg Confession. This historic document, written in 1530, is the foundation statement for what we Lutherans believe, teach, and confess--and why! Today, some church bodies are falling away from the truth, because they teach false doctrines of men rather than the truth of God's Word. Let's explore the church's foundation together! Registration is necessary to make sure we have enough materials for you. Please contact the church to sign up."

"Dear congregation, we are working hard to update our accounting records to Quick-books Online. Because of this work, our financial reports are not ready this month. We want to make sure every number is correct and clear for you. We plan to share the report in the October newsletter. Thank you for your grace and support. Please call the office if you have any questions."

JOIN US FOR

*Trinity's next
Community Meal*

WEDNESDAY,

4:30-6:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 16TH

TRINITY OPEN HEARTS FOOD PANTRY

Open on Wednesday's and Friday's 2:00-4:00

Donations are always appreciated!

Bible Legacy Night

September 10 at 6:00 PM

All Trinity third graders and their families are warmly invited to join us for Bible Legacy Night on September 10 at 6:00 PM at Trinity Church.



This invitation is for every Trinity third grader, including students enrolled at Trinity Lutheran School and public-school students who are Trinity members.

This special evening celebrates an important milestone in each child's faith journey as our third graders receive their own Bible from Trinity. Families are encouraged to attend as we gather to give thanks for God's Word and pray that these Bibles will guide, encourage, and strengthen our students for years to come.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Trinity Financial News & Happenings

Prayer Ministry: Strengthening Our Church Through Prayer

Prayer is one of the greatest ways we can support the ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Whether you feel called to pray with others or from the comfort of your home, there is a place for you in our Prayer Ministry.

Join Our Prayer Ministry Group: Everyone is invited to gather for prayer on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the church conference room. Together, we spend an hour thanking God and praying for our church, school, Early Learning Center, staff, ministries, and community outreach efforts. We would love to have you join us as we lift up the work of God's kingdom at Trinity.

Become a Prayer Warrior Each Monday, our Prayer Warriors receive a weekly email with prayer requests for individuals and families facing health concerns, emotional struggles, and other difficult circumstances. If you have a heart for praying for others, we welcome you to become part of this ministry.

If you have a prayer request, you can submit it by:

- * Completing the prayer request form on our website
- * Filling out a prayer card and placing it in one of the prayer boxes near the sanctuary exit doors
- * Speaking with one of our pastors
- * Calling the church office and asking Robin to share your request with the prayer team

No burden is too small or too great to bring before the Lord. If you are in need of prayer, please let us know. We are honored to walk alongside you and help carry your burdens through the power of prayer.

Scrip Seller Schedule

September 6

8:00 am - Marty & Barb Sizer
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman
6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

September 13

8:00 am - Fern Whiting & Jane Dehnel
10:30 am - Terry Swanson & Laurie Swope
6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

September 20

8:00 am - Randy & Sharon Welch
10:30 am - Jennifer Rajek
6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

September 27

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefskey
10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult
6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

October 4

8:00 am - Jim & Esther Johnson
10:30 am - Jen Rajek
6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

October 11

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rhode
10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber
6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hulke

October 18

8:00 am - Janet & Emily Grunenwald
10:30 am - Randy & Kathy Pfantz
6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

October 25

8:00 am - Ed & Julie Cordova
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman
6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

Have you purchased Scrip this week?

Scrip are available at all Worship Services and in the Church Office. Please buy!!

Share Your Garden Harvest with Trinity Hot Lunch!

Has God blessed your garden with an abundant harvest this year? Beginning September 1, Trinity Lutheran School is excited to accept donations of fresh, unprocessed garden produce to be used in our hot lunch program.

Donations may include items such as:

Cucumbers

Sweet corn

Cherry tomatoes

Zucchini

Peppers

Green beans

Carrots

Lettuce

Apples

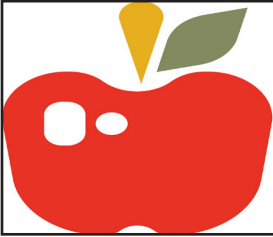
Other garden-fresh produce



Your generous donations will help provide healthy, nutritious meals for our students while allowing them to enjoy the fruits and vegetables grown right here in our community. If your garden is overflowing, please consider sharing your bounty with the children at Trinity. Your gift is a wonderful way to support our hot lunch program and demonstrate God's love through service to others.

Produce donations may be dropped off at the school beginning September 1. If you have questions about acceptable produce or donation procedures, please contact the school office at 715-536-7501 or email Principal Johnson at scott.johnson@tlsmerrill.com.

Thank you for helping us nourish both the bodies and hearts of our Trinity students!



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00am Traditional Worship Service 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service 6:00pm Traditional Worship Service	31	1  Trinity PK-Grade 8 School Starts 8:30am -9:30am Opening Chapel Service 9:30am Park Place Service 10:00am Stone Bridge Service 12:30pm Jenny Tower Bible Study 1:00pm -4:00pm Men's Club Card Party 1:15pm Jenny Tower Service 2:30pm -3:00pm Woodland Court Service 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	2 1:00pm Diane Kreager Bible Study 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 3:15pm -5:00pm Trinity Middle School Youth Group (Gr. 6-8)	3	4 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry	5
6 8:00am Traditional Worship Service 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service 6:00pm Traditional Worship Service 7:00pm -9:00pm Sr. High Youth Group	7 6:30pm Schneider/Kleinschmidt Bible Study	8 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	9 1:00pm Diane Kreager Bible Study 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 3:15pm -5:15pm Middle School (Gr. 6-8) Youth Group	10  6:00pm 3rd Grade Bible Legacy Night	11 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry	12
13 8:00am Traditional Worship Service (IC) 9:15am Sunday Morning Bible Class with Ken 10:30am Contemporary Worship Service (IC) 6:00pm Traditional Worship Service (IC)	14 1:00pm Quilters 6:30pm Schneider/Kleinschmidt Bible Study	15 2:00pm -8:00pm Men's Club Meeting and Dinner 6:00pm Baptism Class 7:00pm -9:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal	16  Community Meal 1:00pm Diane Kreager Bible Study 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry 4:30pm -6:30pm Trinity Free Community Meal	17 2:00pm Pine Crest Service	18 2:00pm -4:00pm Food Pantry	19 7:30am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study "Living and Leading as a Man of God"
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CUT AND SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH SOMEONE !



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Services are in person at Church and also
on FACEBOOK at [Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranMerrill](https://www.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)