



## The Parish Messenger March 2025

### Mission Statement

We are a Christian community rooted in God's love growing in Christ through reaching out and serving.

### CHURCHES

Georgetown Lutheran  
PO Box 86  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
Office: 715.857.5580

Trinity Lutheran  
2532-15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cumberland, WI 54829  
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### PASTOR

Diane Norstad  
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### WORSHIP TIMES

Georgetown  
Worship 10:30 AM

Trinity  
Worship 8:45 AM

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Georgetown  
9:15 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity  
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

## Parish Lenten Service Schedule

### Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday – Trinity – 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 12

Lenten Service – Georgetown  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 19

Lenten Service – Trinity  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 26

Lenten Service – Georgetown  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, April 2

Lenten Service – Trinity  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, April 9

Lenten Service – Georgetown  
Dinner 5:30 PM, Worship 6:30 PM

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

Georgetown – Worship 6:30 PM

### Good Friday April 18

Trinity – Worship 6:30 PM

## **MARCH 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Meeting/Activity</b>
Sunday, March 2	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 3	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 5	1:00-4:00 PM	Quilting - Georgetown
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service - Trinity</b>
Sunday, March 9	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
	2:00 PM	First Communion Class
	4:00 PM	Crochet/Knitting Group - Georgetown
Monday, March 10	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 12	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Quilting - Georgetown
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service Dinner - Georgetown</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service - Georgetown</b>
Thursday, March 13	8:30 AM	Quilting - Trinity
Sunday, March 16	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 17	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 19	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Quilting - Georgetown
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service Dinner - Trinity</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service - Trinity</b>
Sunday, March 23	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
	11:30-2:00 PM	Palt Dinner - Trinity
Monday, March 24	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, March 26	1:00 - 4:00 PM	Quilting - Georgetown
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service Dinner - Georgetown</b>
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service - Georgetown</b>
Friday, March 28	5:00 PM	Pancake Supper/Youth Lock-In - Georgetown
Sunday, March 30	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, March 31	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity

**\*\*Confirmation students will be leading Lenten services\*\***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Crochet/Knit Group  
Georgetown Lutheran Church  
Sunday, March 9 @ 4:00 PM**

Bring a current project you are working on to share with the group, come to learn, or just come to visit and maybe learn a new hobby!

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**WELCA Quilting  
Georgetown Lutheran Church  
Wednesdays & Fridays  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Come and enjoy a time of crafting, visiting, and, of course, ***some coffee and treats!***



**WELCA Quilting  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Thursday, March 13  
8:30 AM – 2:30 PM**

Come when you can and leave when you want. Always coffee breaks and lunch.

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### **Looking for donations - Trinity**

We are looking for candy and prizes for our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.

Reach out to Lacy Sellent with questions.

**Thanks!**



# PÅLT



# Dinner

Traditional (Swedish) Boiled Påltskall - Butter Fried (American) Påltskall  
Baked Ham - Cranberry Salad - Scandinavian Fruit Soup - Homemade Pie

**Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

11:30am - 2:00pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church,  
McKinley**

*8 miles West of Cumberland / 14 miles East of Luck on HWY 48*

\$15 Adults, \$5 Ages 6-12, under 6 free



# PANCAKE SUPPER AND YOUTH LOCK-IN

WHEN: Friday March 28<sup>th</sup> 5pm-7pm – FREE WILL OFFERING  
(Followed by lock-in)

WHERE: Georgetown Lutheran Church  
877 190<sup>th</sup> Ave, Balsam Lake WI 54810

**ALL** are invited to enjoy Pancakes, sausage, and Eggs and an evening of fun!!!

After supper families are invited to stay for a lock-in with movies, games, and FUN!!

Elementary-age children must be accompanied by a responsible adult/guardian.

Permission/Emergency contact slips must be filled out and returned to either Nicki Norlund, Bruce Peper, or Pastor Norstad





## **FEBRUARY FUN**

Congratulations to Jan Smith on winning this year's Souper Bowl contest with her Chicken Alfredo soup! Another year of delicious soups! Thank you to everyone who participated!



## **LETS CELEBRATE . . . . .**



Joe Glenna (GT)	March 4
Bill Enberg (GT)	March 4
Chazz Hegna (GT)	March 6
Aidan Hansen (GT)	March 7
Dawson Jensen (GT)	March 8
Robin Denver (*) (T)	March 10
Alexus Braastad (GT)	March 14
Linnea Grenquist (T)	March 19
Jim Palas (GT)	March 25
Mandy Rouzer (T)	March 28
Max Bay (GT)	March 29

If we are missing your birthday and/or baptism (\*) and you would like it included, please send to church email.



## **Proverbs 1:7**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Dear Parish,

Very often, in our jobs, we need refresher courses, or continuing education to help us do the best we can. It's not much different in our faith. Each year comes with the Lenten season. Well, Lent is upon us and mid-week services begin with Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps you're busy, we all often are. This season of Lent, however, is well worth the time and effort spent refreshing and challenging our faith.

This year's series is called, "Scenes in the Life of Jesus." Let's take a fresh and fun look at the life of Jesus and how it impacts us in our daily lives. Following Ash Wednesday, we'll be meeting for meals, fellowship and worship each Wednesday. You'll have an opportunity to visit with others in the parish and reflect on Jesus' life and ministry. We'll have the opportunity to build up our current relationships and build new ones.

I once asked a congregation class to explain to the smaller children when they'd be done learning about Jesus. I did get the expected, but quite wrong, answer that we'd be done when we were confirmed. I'm still not quite certain how that young man took the truth that the end of his instruction wasn't nearly as close as he thought!

We all learn every day about our faith. We learn through our congregations as well as our daily lives. One way we often overlook is learning through the experiences and faith of others. We all come with varied life experiences and perspectives. We all have something to contribute regardless of age or any other factor.

So, take the time out of your busy schedules, make Lent a priority, and join with us as we focus our minds and hearts on the life of Jesus.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.**

In Faith, Pastor Diane N.

# **NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS**

## **Trinity Church Council Minutes February 10, 2025 5:30 PM**

**Present:** Heidi Wagner, Deedra Wagner, Steve and Judy Kelch, Robin Denver, Randy Mattson, Bill Anderson, Rev. Diane Norstad

The meeting opened at 5:30 PM.

**Voting of Officers:** Heidi Wagner as President, Robin Denver as Secretary

Secretary's Report approved. 1st motion: Steve Kelch 2nd motion: Judy Kelch

Treasurer's Report approved. 1st motion: Robin Denver 2nd motion: Heidi Wagner  
Jan net revenue \$4395.36 Expenditures 5525.52 Balance - \$1136.16

**Pastor's Report:** Confirmation is going well. 6 Confirmands. They will be leading Lenten Services. Youth Jr. & Sr. High Synod gatherings are coming soon. Jr. High is April 12th. High School is July 8 - 11. I would like to see letters, mail out and calls made as reminders for these events. Need list of children and parents for both churches.

**Old Business:** Still looking for items for the wish list.

### **New Business:**

- Update new council members list and photos for the wall.
- Progress on Palt Dinner. Scheduled for Sunday March 23rd.
- Contemporary/Folk Worship comes back the 5th Sunday of the Month. Bill Anderson, Shane Beecroft, Jim Springsteen and Emilie Springsteen have agreed to play. If you would like to join the band, please talk to a council member.
- Installation of Council will be March 23rd during service.

Adjourn meeting at 6:44. 1st motion Steve Kelch 2nd motion Robin Denver Next meeting March 10th at 5:30.

Respectfully, Robin Denver, Secretary



**Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
February 13, 2025**

**Members Present:** Judy Gammel, Keith Ward, Dennis Wiese, Bruce Peper, Tim Frendt, Andrew Frendt, Nicole Norlund, Kim Doyle, Treasurer Roberta Hansen.

**Members Absent:** Sherry Doornink, Pastor Diane Norstad

The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward.

**Prayer and Devotions:** Keith Ward read from the publication "Christ in Our Home" that encourages us to be Evangelists.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no Secretary's report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roberta Hansen passed out the Treasurer's Report for January. She commented that we were starting the year in "the black". She indicated that Endeavors come to clean the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month. Our Prudential account has changed names and increased in value. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report, Calendar, and Family/Visitor Update:** Pastor was not in attendance.

**Council Member Reports:**

**Elders:** There was discussion about a newly developed form for Funeral and Memorial Services held at our Church. It outlined the costs for services that we provide from the church, and it clarified how families can use our new technology in the sanctuary and the community room.

**Deacons:** A meeting is scheduled for February 16 for the Deacons from Georgetown and Trinity to discuss a few upcoming events for our young people.

**Trustees:** It was determined that changing the pilot lights in the stove may not be possible because parts may not be available. The exhaust fan in the ladies' room needed cleaning and was disconnected. It will need to be replaced.

**Old Business:**

1. Update on the call committee. The committee met with Randy for an update. Our site profile may need to be updated.
2. Update on parsonage. There was a workday last month.
3. Youth retreats. The last one was cancelled. That will be an agenda item for the upcoming meeting of the Deacons.
4. The igniters have been replaced.

**New Business:**

1. Building Use Requests: No new requests currently.
2. A new plan for Funeral/Memorial Services was discussed. It was indicated that we should not allow others to connect their computers, etc., to our equipment. We need to be clear in the Computer Slide Show section that

they cannot connect to our equipment in the Church, but it is okay in the Fellowship Hall.

3. Upcoming fundraising activities:

- a. The Garage Sale will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> (1/2 day).
- b. Pancake Supper and youth lock-in for youth will be held on March 28. The pancake supper will consist of pancakes, scrambled eggs, and sausage and will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Lock-in for youth will begin immediately after supper.
- c. Blood Drive April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Discussion:** There was considerable discussion about Council Meeting dates and times and what works best for members. It was decided that our Council meeting would move to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after Church. Members will get their snacks and join the meeting as soon as possible.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at approximately 11:45 AM.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel

	<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
INCOME	\$5,659.00	\$5,659.00
EXPENSE	\$4,219.98	\$4,219.98
DIFFERENCE	\$1,439.98	\$1,439.98

