The Parish Messenger November 2025

Mission Statement

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

CHURCHES

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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 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025

Ira Rouzer
Trinity

Emily Frendt
Wesson Braastad
Georgetown

NOVEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, November 2	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:00 AM	Trunk or Treat - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, November 3	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, November 5	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Confirmation Class - Trinity
Sunday, November 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
Monday, November 10	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Tuesday, November 11	6:00 PM	Joint Parish Council Meeting - Georgetown
Wednesday, November 12	6:30–7:30 PM	Confirmation Class - Trinity
Sunday, November 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, November 17	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, November 19	6:30–7:30 PM	Confirmation Class - Trinity
Sunday, November 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
Monday, November 24	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, November 27		NO CONFIRMATION CLASS- THANKSGIVING WEEK
Sunday, November 30	8:45 AM	Worhip Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown

November 4	Jared Lundmark (T)
November 5	Briana Peterson (GT)
November 6	Steve Hansen (GT)
November 9	Judy Glenna (GT)
November 13	Mary Lou Levi (GT)
November 14	Stacy Bergmann (GT)
	Jeanne Johnson (GT)
	Ryan Lundmark (T)
November 17	Keith Ward (GT)
	Griffin Weaver (T)
November 18	Blake Lundmark (T)
November 24	Jim Filkins (GT)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 2
Trinity Lutheran Church
10:00 AM following service

Bring a costume, decorate your trunk, and grab some goodies!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Georgetown Lutheran Church
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.

Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale

Saturday, November 15
Georgetown Lutheran Church
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Homemade crafts & baked goods
Silent auction & raffle baskets

Half of all proceeds will be donated to Operation Christmas of Polk County.

Georgetown held their annual fall dinner on Sunday, October 19.

Thank you to the many volunteers and to those who came through the drive thru to enjoy a delicious meal.

We served just over 400 meals and sold 154 bags of meatballs!

NEW PARISH EMAIL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:
georgetowntrinityparish@gmail.com

Dear Parish,

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU are doing awesome things! That's what you are doing. November is the month of Thanksgiving. Giving thanks is exactly what I'm talking about. Between our two congregations we have created and donated the following:

Quilts 163+
Health Kits 79
School Kits 162+
Baby Care Kits 26

That's awesome. It's 430+ items and many hours. We are a congregation that is not wealthy monetarily, yet we are able to come together to do so much good. That's because of our **other** wealth. We are wealthy in cooperation, love, friendship and generosity.

Matthew 25:40:
"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me"

We have no idea where these items will go in our country or around the world but they will be received by those who are in great need. By serving them we serve Jesus. We serve them with our time, love, prayers, and generosity.

It's no secret that our world needs help and love. What gives me great joy is that our congregations solidly understand that we CAN help. Too often I've heard small congregations wonder what we can possibly do to help. Here at Trinity and Georgetown I don't see you slowing down long enough to ask the question. Whether it's quilts and kits, church dinners, fundraisers, highway cleanup, blood bank hosting or the multitude of other things we do this church keeps going strong.

Let's keep up the good work and go forward sharing the joy of working together to serve Jesus. I am thankful for you. God Bless you all!

In Peace, Pastor Diane Norstad

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

25th Annual Chili Feed
Dine In or Take Out
Free Will Offering
Saturday, November 22, 2025
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM
St. Joseph Catholic Church
1050 Keller Avenue N., Amery

Proceeds to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelter

With the stress of the holidays upon us, the United Way of St. Croix and Red Cedar Valley is here to help. Click on the following link for more information: [| United Way St. Croix & Red Cedar Valleys]

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Council Meeting
October 13, 2025

Present: Heidi W., Dee W., Steve & Judy K., Randy M., Robin D., Pastor Diane N., Brenda R. Meeting called to order 5:35pm
Opening Prayer
Secretary Report - Motion to approve - Dee, 2nd Randy, passed
Pastor Report - Confirmation Oct 26th, Bible Study & Worship Services going well. Continuing Ed Budget - Pastor agreed to stay at $450 from each church.
Treasurer Report - Motion to approve - Robin, 2nd Randy, passed

Sept.	Year to Date
Revenue $9,148.32	$57,958.27
Expenditures $8,826.99	$46,985.07

Old Business:

- Church Safety - Picture of Janelle Smith is posted in the Library. Letter of No Trespass is pending.
- Carpet cleaning was done on Oct. 2nd for $1052.40. Voted and passed to use Palt money to pay for it. Motion - Dee, Robin 2nd.
- Church info business card. Heidi will talk to Lacy about changes.
- Sunday School - Mandy & Elliot are doing well.
- Winterize the church. Scheduled for Oct 19th. Drain hoses, put picnic tables away and look at snowblower.

New Business:

- New Model Constitution for Congregation of the ELCA & amendments. Current Constitution has newly approved amendments to the constitution.
- Budget money for the NWSW - going to send $2625 now and then start paying quarterly from now on instead of one payment at the end of the year.
- Budgeted money to LPBC of $250 will be sent out.
- Broken stand pipe off SE corner of Sanctuary - Steve K will look at it and cap it.
- Road Cleanup - Timing doesn't work for the whole confirmation class on Sunday or Wednesday night. It is too dark on Wednesdays.
- Sellents are having a Haunted Woods/ Lighted Trail & Smores. Saturday Nov 1. 6-8pm.
- Trunk or Treat Sunday Nov 2, 10 am. We will pause after this year due to the lack of children coming.
- Barker Family - If the parish purchases the new flooring, Rick will install it.
- Looking to do a fundraiser to the Barkers to help with the cost to rebuild.
- Confirmation Date - Oct 26th Ira Rouzer is our Confirmand.

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm Motion - Robin, 2nd Steve, passed
Lord's Prayer
Next Meeting - Parish Council Meeting @ GT Nov 11th Meal at 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm

Respectfully, Robin Denver

Georgetown Council Minutes
Sunday, October 12, 2025

Members Present: Sherry Doornink, Judy Gammel, Tim Frendt, Bruce Peper, Nicole Norlund, Keith Ward, Andrew Frendt, Treasurer Roberta Hansen, Pastor Diane Norstad
Members Absent: Kim Doyle, Dennis Wiese
Guest: Ryan Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward. Members were asked to express something thankful about the person to their right.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting were discussed and approved as written.
Treasurer's Report: Roberta Hansen passed out the Treasurer's Reports for September and reviewed the income and expenses for September. An insurance check was received from the Barker family to reimburse the Church for their use of the Parsonage. Roberta revised some of the items appearing in the budget. An additional two roasters were purchased for the kitchen as several had to be disposed of. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
Pastor's Report. Based on the constitution of the church, we need a motion to approve who is being conformed this year. A motion was made to approve the future Confirmation of Emily Frendt and Wesson Braastad. Pastor Diane asked the Council members to consider calling past members of our congregation to encourage them to join our worship and other church activities. She agreed to divide up the list of members and identify specific points that could be addressed when calling.
Council Member Report:

Deacons: Chase and Crystal are doing a good job leading Sunday School. Nicki substituted for the teachers recently and helped them with materials. Bruce brought treats to be used for Sunday School participants.
Elders: The Elders have been very involved in preparing for the fall dinner. The telephone in the kitchen is attached to a cord which needs to be changed so that it can be brought out into the community room when necessary. Ryan agreed to purchase a new telephone for the kitchen.
Trustees: The issue of something missing on the roof was solved when further investigation discovered that everything was fine. The doorknob in the Sunday School room isn't locking consistently.

Old Business:

1. **Building Security update:** Ryan Peterson presented a floor plan to outline his recommendations for a comprehensive security system for the church. The system, as presented, would cost $1400.00, which would be working directly with the vendor. The plan includes: 1 TV monitor, 6 exterior cameras, and 3 interior cameras. It was made clear that information on the cameras would be only retained for 30 days and would not be shared on the internet. There was much discussion about the cost, the location of the cameras and the need for an extensive security system. The system, as presented, was brought to a vote and was approved, but was not unanimous. Six Council members voted for the plan and one member voted against the plan.
2. **Joint Parish meeting agenda:** The Joint Parish meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm at Georgetown. Agenda

items for the meeting will include budget, flooring at the Parish house, discussion about in-service for the Pastor and a joint activity for February 2026. Georgetown will provide supper at 6:00 pm with the meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm.

3. **Additional Church activities:** Cake will be served on October 26th at Fellowship.

New Business:

1. Building Use Requests: The Hansen family will be having Thanksgiving at the Church
2. Other new business. There is a problem with the address of the Church. Roberta is working on getting the address corrected.

Open Discussion:

We will be providing supper for the November 11 meeting with Trinity and assignments were made as follows: Soup – Keith and Nicki; Sandwiches – Bruce and Sherry; Dessert – Pastor and Judy; Beverages - Tim and Andrew.

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 14, 2025, at 11:45 am

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel