The Parish Messenger
October 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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PASTOR

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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

Georgetown Lutheran Church
Annual Fall Dinner
Sunday, October 19
11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Menu

Homemade Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Locally Grown Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
Coleslaw, Cranberries, Char's Pickles & Bun
Homemade slice of pie – Apple or Pumpkin

Drive thru meals only - $15 each
No call in orders

Swedish Meatballs w/ gravy for sale - $8 per package

THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION PROJECT

OCTOBER 2025 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, October 5	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, October 6	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting- Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, October 8	6:30 – 7;30 PM	Confirmation - Georgetown
Sunday,October 12	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
Monday, October 13	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting – Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, October 15	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Confirmation - Trinity
Sunday, October 19	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	**ANNUAL FALL DINNER - GEORGETOWN**
Monday, October 20	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, October 22	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Confirmation - Georgetown
Sunday, October 26	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity – CONFIRMATION
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown - CONFIRMATION
Monday, October 27	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity

Security practices have been increased to keep all safe

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

October 2	Ray Clark (T)
	Teressa Jensen (GT)
October 3	Hunter Sellent (T)
October 5	Tim Frendt (GT)(*)
	Andrew Frendt (GT)(*)
	Carl Grenquist (T)(*)
October 6	Wayne Kendrick (T)
October 8	Anne Weise (GT)
October 9	Felicia Braastad (GT)
	Tim Frendt (GT)
October 13	Ira Rouzer (T)
October 17	Deedra Wagner (T)
October 19	Mike Rouzer (T)
October 21	Duke Rouzer (T)
October 28	Hunter Root (T)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Let's all join in celebrating Teressa Jensen's 80th birthday!
Sunday, October 5th
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
Georgetown Lutheran Church fellowship hall

****food will be provided****

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Georgetown is looking for volunteers to help with the live stream. We are looking for a commitment of about one Sunday per month. No previous experience required. We will teach you at your own pace. Contact Gretchen Frendt at 715-475-9453 if you are interested in helping.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Amery Boys High School Soccer Presents
Mexican Meal Fundraiser
Taco Buffet @ Garibaldi's
Sunday, October 5, 4:00 – 7:30 PM
Adults $16
Kids Under 10 - $7

Come and support Kooper Klugow and his team!

Red Cross Blood Drive
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Tuesday, November 4, 2025
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Balsam Lake WI to schedule an appointment.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY NOV. 15TH 9AM-2PM
At Georgetown Lutheran Church
883 190th Ave. Balsam Lake, WI

Homemade Crafts and Baked goods
Silent auction & raffle baskets

Chili and Corn Bread Lunch served $5
Complimentary coffee served all day during event.

Kick off your holiday shopping and come shop for one of a kind unique and handmade gifts

Half of all proceeds will be donated to

"OPERATION CHRISTMAS" of Polk County

SEPTEMBER FUN

Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

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Newsletter items are due to the Parish Secretary by the 25th of each month. If not received by then, there is no guarantee that your items will be in the monthly newsletter.

Thank you - Diana

YAY! It's October!!!!

Don't you just love October? The leaves are turning as we come into the Wisconsin High Holy Season of Deer Hunting. People look forward to it so much. Many seem to have an entire wardrobe of blaze orange, camo, or a combination of these fashionable choices. Much planning happens. It's truly something for many to look forward to.

In the face of the excitement of what's coming, I'd like to focus for a minute on the things we need to put in the past. For instance, I'm DONE canning and freezing for the year. At ALDI there was a big display of apples when I came in and I visibly twitched. I need harvest to be done. That said, I'm really concerned about the things we need to let go of in our lives. We need to talk about the important things. The past has a way of hanging on to us in the unhealthiest ways some times. We go through the confession and forgiveness every Sunday and yet have a hard time forgiving ourselves when God has already done so. We try to let go of conflicts with others but they have a way of coming back up time and again. Let's face it folks, we have baggage. We are very hard on ourselves yet know about the grace and love that God gives. There's no good answer as to why we do this. It certainly is a temptation.

We live as though the promises of hope, grace, and forgiveness are too good for us to believe that they're true. We are unkind to ourselves in ways that Jesus certainly never was and wouldn't condone now. The Apostle Paul speaks to this in Romans 8,, "**31** What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? **32** He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? **33** Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. **34** Who is to condemn? It is Christ[t] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. **35** Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? **36** As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. **38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, **39** nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The promises of Christ are <u>not</u> too good to be true. Dig in your heels and stake your claim to faith in Jesus Christ. Let go of the baggage. Set it down. Live in the freedom that Jesus has given you.

In Faith, Pastor Diane

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2025

Present: Heidi W, Deedra W, Steve & Judy K, Randy M, Robin D, Pastor Diane N
Absent: Brenda R
Meeting called to order 5:35 pm
Opening prayer
Secretary & Treasurer's Reports approved, Motion by Robin D, 2nd by Randy M. Passed.

August:	**Year to Date:**
Revenue $9,921.16	$48,786.76
Expenditures $3,528.18	$38,293.06

Pastor's Report: Update on Janelle Smith case. Her picture and vehicle info will be posted at the church. Letters will be sent out to the confirmation families.

Old Business:

- Wurstfest - Saturday, Sept 13. We are ready.
- Carnival & Carshow - Sounds like a lot of people may be gone on the 27th.
- Sunday School - Mandy Rouzer is in charge of the curriculum. Elliot Erickson volunteered to be a teacher. We will still need teachers for the weeks he is gone. We will need to get a schedule from him. Judy K is going to contact Mandy R to send a letter out to young families.
- Roof repair - We're looking at next year. Still need estimates so we can raise money for it.
- Balls and a new tote for youth - Judy K is waiting for sales on them.
- Carpet cleaning - Oct 2nd. Move all the tables into the kitchen & hang the chairs after fellowship on Sept 28
- Parsonage: The Barker Family has moved in. Pastor Diane brought the agreement for usage that the parish agreed upon. The Barkers were present to sign the agreement.

New Business:

- Church Safety - We will have the Shepherding group for the month make sure the doors are locked prior to service. Steps are being taken to ensure everyone's safety. A motion was made by Randy M, 2nd by Robin D to have a permanent no trespass against Janelle Blechinger Smith. She will never be allowed to set foot on the church property.
- Lawn Care - Motion by Robin D, 2nd by Dee W - passed for lawn mowing & trimming to be paid $150 Front sign needs info put on it. Sunday Service 8:45 and Carnival & Car show info.
- Piano tuning - Piano will be tuned as needed.
- We will not be adjusting the heat & air schedule. Steve K has arranged for the septic at the church and parsonage to be pumped this week.
- Dee W is going to have the mail for the parsonage be delivered to the church. She will talk to The Postmaster on Friday.
- Winterization - Picnic tables on patio need to be collapsed and put in the shed after the carnival.

- Heidi W will contact Lacy S about making little cards with church info to hand out. Worship times, Sunday School, Bible Study, email, Facebook and mail phone number for the church. Trinity on one side and Georgetown on the other.

4th Quarter Mission: Food shelves in Luck and Cumberland. Motion by Judy K and 2nd by Robin D. - Passed.
Meeting Adjourned 6:55pm Motion Robin D, 2nd Judy K. passed.
Lord's Prayer
Next Meeting Oct 13, 2025. 5:30pm

Respectfully, Robin Denver

TRINITY'S 2025 ENDOWMENT GIFT APPLICATIONS OPEN

Deadline: November 1, 2025

Gift Applications for Trinity's 2025 Endowment gift are now posted on the kiosk in the church entryway and on Trinity's website. Applications for the $2,800 gift must be completed and returned to the Endowment Committee by November 1, 2025. Again this year, the gift must be for the benefit of a Trinity member or the congregation as a whole. In the case that multiple applications are received and approved, the gift will be divided.

The approval process begins with acceptance by the Endowment Committee, which then recommends acceptance by the Church Council. With Church Council approval, it proceeds to the congregation's Annual Meeting in January 2026. With final approval there, the gift is disbursed in February 2026.

Begun in January 2020 with a gift of $40,000 from the Elsie Marklund estate with the stipulation that it be for Trinity and/or its members, the Endowment Fund now exceeds $56,000, while making annual distributions. Since its inception, this main fund has been joined by two additional funds because of different designated gifts: Undesignated and ELCA Ministries. These two additional funds have not yet grown to the required size for gift distributions.

To contribute to the Endowment Fund, please contact a member of the Endowment Committee to ensure that the gift's purpose is met.

Members of the Endowment Committee are: Wayne Kendrick, Chair; Christine Anderson, Secretary; Kris Mattson, Congregational Representative; Deedra Wagner, Church Council Representative; Heidi Wagner, Church Council President; and Pastor Norstad.

Georgetown Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 14, 2025

Members Present: Sherry Doornink, Judy Gammel, Tim Frendt, Kim Doyle, Bruce Peper, Nicole Norlund, Keith Ward, Andrew Frendt, Dennis Wiese, Treasurer Roberta Hansen.
Members Absent: None
The meeting was called to order by Keith Ward.
Secretary's Report: The minutes of the meeting were reviewed as printed in the Parish Messenger. The minutes were approved as written.
Treasurer's Report: Roberta Hansen passed out the Treasurer's Reports for August and reviewed the income and expenses for August. As approved at our last meeting, $900.00 was sent to the ELCA for the Texas Relief Fund. $200.00 was sent from the Blessing Bucket to the Barker Family. WELCA voted at a meeting to allocate $3500 toward the expense of the air conditioner. A motion was made and approved to pay the balance from the Youth Activity Fund. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
Pastor's Report. Pastor indicated that we have new staff for Sunday School this year. We have new forms to register children to attend. Information has gone out to Confirmation students which will be starting at the end of the month. We need to plan an installation service for our new Sunday School staff.
Council Member Report:

Deacons: Blessing of the Animals will take place at an outdoor service, weather permitting, on September 21 at 10:30 am.
Elders: Working with the Pastor.
Trustees: It was mentioned that something appears to be missing off the roof. Nicki indicated that she would ask Charlie to take a look. Tim was thanked for installing a doorbell at the main door. It was suggested that we could work with the Shepherding groups to lock the Church doors when needed.

Old Business:

1. Building Security update. Locking of the Church doors will remain as discussed last month at the Council meeting. If our security needs change, we will begin to lock all doors during our Sunday Church service. It was discussed and approved that we need to purchase a wireless security system for the Church. A motion was made and seconded that we should purchase a wire-based security system, not to exceed $2000.00, with cloud-based storage with monitors in the office and the sanctuary. Motion carried. It was also suggested and approved that we should purchase a short-term Wi-Fi system not to exceed $250.00.
2. Sunday School Superintendent, teachers, students. The new staff for Sunday School are Crystal Zuniga and Chase Overby. We welcome them!
3. Church activities for the month of September. Discussed already.
4. Change of email address. Diana will be changing the email address for the Church.

New Business:

1. Building Use Requests: The use of the Fellowship Hall on October 26th was approved. Bruce will be borrowing some tables and chairs for a wedding on September 20th.
2. Joint Parish meeting. A joint parish meeting with Trinity was scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm at Georgetown. Supper will be at 6:00 pm with the meeting to follow at 6:30 pm.

Open Discussion:
The Holiday Bazaar will be held on November 15 at Georgetown. New vendors that would be selling items to support the Church are invited and encouraged to participate. Independent vendors selling their own merchandise will be charged a fee for a table.
"Souper Bowl Sunday" is scheduled for Sunday February 1st, one week before football Super Bowl. Participants are encouraged to bring a "cauldron" of homemade soup to share after Church service and be voted on by participants. More details will follow.

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 11:45 am
Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Gammel

	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	$5,968.00	$48,396.00
EXPENSE	$11,679.60	$55,691.29
DIFFERENCE	($5,711.60)	($7,295.29)