

FEBRUARY

The Parish Messenger February 2026

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
2532-15th Street
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715.822.3001

PASTOR

Diane Norstad
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715-268-5706 (home)
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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, February 18

Ash Wednesday – Georgetown - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 25

Lenten Service – Trinity
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 4

Lenten Service – Georgetown
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 11

Lenten Service – Trinity
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Service – Georgetown
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 25

Lenten Service – Trinity
Dinner 6:00 PM, Worship 7:00 PM



FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, February 1	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, February 2	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, February 4	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Trinity
Sunday, February 8	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	11:45-1:00 PM	Souper Bowl Cook-Off - Georgetown
Monday, February 9	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, February 11	6:30 – 7:30 PM	Confirmation class - Trinity
Saturday, February 14		HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
Sunday, February 15	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:15 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
Monday, February 16	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Wednesday, February 18	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service - Georgetown
Sunday, February 22	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 AM	Book discussion on John Fugelsang's book "Separation of Church and Hate." - Georgetown
Monday, February 23	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Wednesday, February 25	7:00 PM	Lenten Service - Trinity



February 5	Gene Palas (GT)
February 6	Cash Rouzer (T)
February 7	Will Bergmann (GT) Emily Jones (GT)
February 9	Melinda Hansen (GT)
February 12	Robin Denver (T)
February 17	Hunter Sellent (T)(*) Pete Mangelsen (GT)
February 20	Lillian Otto (GT)
February 23	Sherry Doornink (GT)
February 26	Larry Veenendall (GT)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Soup Bowl Cook-Off Fundraiser

Sunday, February 8, 2026

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Competitors: Provide and serve a crockpot of homemade soup for tasting. Please bring a copy of your recipe. Serving cups and trays are provided—no entry fee for competitors.

Entrance for Soup Tasters is \$10.

Bring a donation of canned soup or crackers for Loaves and Fishes and get in for \$8. Enjoy the soups made by the competitors, and bid on your favorites.

Extra Votes: \$1 each OR 1 bid per item donated

Winner will be announced at 1:00 PM.

Winner will have bragging rights for 1 year, and 50% of event proceeds to their favorite Non-Profit Organization. 50% goes to the Georgetown Lutheran Church General Fund

Soup Competitors: Sign up by contacting Gretchen Frendt at frendt4@gmail.com or calling 715-475-9453. Please have your designated Non-Profit ready at sign-up.

**Wanting to learn to crochet or knit?
Then this group is for you!**



**Come and join us at Georgetown Lutheran Church
Sunday, February 15 @ 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!

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

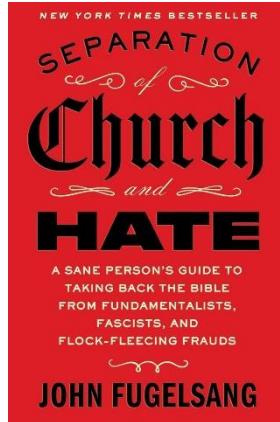
Come and enjoy a time of crafting, visiting, and, of course, **some coffee and treats!**



Book Discussion Sunday, February 22

11:30 AM (following Georgetown Worship Service)

Many of you have brought forward concerns about the amount of division and hatred in our world and I agree it is difficult. There is a book recently published on just that topic. That book is available on Amazon and through the library. Even if you don't get a chance to read it come and join in the conversation. It's sure to bring out many ideas. Watch the newsletter for the exact day and time.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Giveuary at Georgetown Lutheran Church

The church is always in need of supplies. If you are able to donate items, we are needing the following:

Building Needs

- Paper towel
- Toilet paper – 2 ply
- Kleenex
- Bleach
- Mr. Clean – nothing harsher so we don't ruin the tile
- Bathroom cleaner
- Toilet bowl cleaner
- Hand soap – nothing w/ lotion (Soft Soap works best)

Kitchen Needs

- Coffee – regular or decaf only
- Paper plates – large or small
- Napkins
- Ziploc bags – quart & gallon
- Dishwasher tablets
- Gift card to buy product
- Garbage bags (13 gallon)
- Garbage bags (33 gallon)

Furnace Fund – Georgetown Lutheran Church

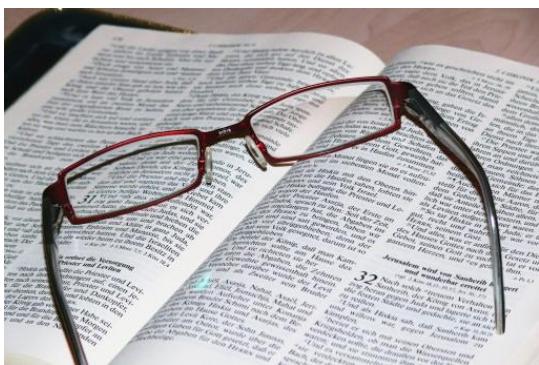
The winter temps have taken their toll on our aging furnaces in our church. Our sanctuary furnace was recently replaced and now we have to pay for it. There is already a fund established to help pay for the cost of \$7,350. If you have extra funds and are able to contribute we would greatly appreciate it.

Donation(s) can be sent to:

Georgetown Lutheran Church – Furnace Fund
PO Box 86
Balsam Lake, WI 54810



Devotions



Need some new material?

Go to <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>

This resource has daily devotions written by Luther Seminary Alumni and you can even sign up to have them emailed right to your inbox...FREE!



Dear Member Congregation Leaders,

In accordance with Luther Park Bible Camp's Constitution, Section C7.01, this message serves as the official sixty-day notice of the **2026 Annual Meeting of the Luther Park Corporation**. Details are as follows:

Date: February 7th, 2026

Time: 9:30 AM coffee and pastries, 10:00 AM meeting start, Lunch following meeting

Location: Ministry Center at Luther Park Bible Camp (*we will no longer be live streaming*)

This notice is being delivered to each member congregation and posted online at lutherpark.org, fulfilling the constitutional requirement for advance notice.

What to Expect at the Annual Meeting

During the meeting, we will:

- Reflect on the past year of ministry at Luther Park
- Present financial reports and updates
- Elect members to the Board of Directors (if applicable)
- Share updates on current initiatives and upcoming projects
- Provide space for questions, discussion, and shared discernment
- Celebrate the mission we carry together

Meeting Materials & RSVP

A complete **Annual Meeting Packet** (agenda, annual report, bios of board nominees, etc.) will be **emailed and posted online 1-2 weeks before the meeting.**

Please RSVP your congregation's delegates by January 30th so we can prepare adequate numbers for food.

[RSVP online using this link](#) or email info@lutherpark.org

If your congregation has accessibility needs or questions, please contact us at 715-859-2215 or [email].

We are grateful for your ongoing partnership in this shared ministry. Your presence and participation ensure that Luther Park continues to be a place where people of all ages experience the life-changing love of God.

We look forward to seeing your congregation represented at our annual meeting!

Luther Park Board of Directors

Luther Park Bible Camp
(715) 859-2215
944 24 1/4 St
Chetek, WI 54728

YOUR 2026 COUNCIL MEMBERS

ELDER

ELDERS are responsible for the worship life of the congregation, fellowship activities and evangelistic outreach of the community.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Stephanie Fansler
- *Tim Frendt
- *Kim Doyle

TRINITY:

- *Randy Mattson
- *Heidi Wagner

DEACON

DEACONS are responsible for the educational and youth ministry of the church.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Kirsten Klugow
- *Bruce Peper
- *Nicole Norlund

TRINITY:

- *Robin Denver
- *Jennifer Barker

TRUSTEE

TRUSTEES are responsible for managing the property and financial affairs of the congregation, including the development of a congregational program of Biblical Stewardship.

GEORGETOWN:

- *Ryan Peterson
- *Andrew Frendt
- *Dennis Weise

TRINITY:

- *Deedra Wagner
- *Ray Clark

TREASURERS

GEORGETOWN:

- *Roberta Hansen

TRINITY:

- *Brenda Rouzer



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Loaves & Fishes Monthly Report

Open Tues. & Thurs. 11 am-1:00pm
Lions Hall, 300 S 1st Street
P.O. Box 554 Luck, WI 54853

December 2025

# Households served	59	Luck 33
Adults:	102	Unity 26
Children:	31	New families: 7
Total people:	132	

Donations: Money: \$5,686

(Below includes TEFAP, purchased food, donations)

Weight of food coming in: 3,486#

Weight of food going out: 3,191#

Volunteer hours: 63 hours.



Needs for next month: Vegetables: canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce. Pasta: macaroni, rice, noodles, spaghetti. Misc. peanut butter, cake mix, brownie mix, muffins. **We can always use more volunteer workers. If interested, please contact Pam Girtz 320-232-7541 email: girtzp@gmail.com; or Gena Bugno nobug115@yahoo.com**



Community Referral Agency

Providing Shelter and Services for Survivors of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault

A graphic for the "CRA JANUARY shelter needs list". The background is a dark blue with white snowflake patterns. The CRA logo is at the top. The word "JANUARY" is written in large, blue, block letters with a snowflake texture. Below it, "shelter needs list" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The graphic is divided into sections: "FOOD ITEMS:", "PANTRY:", "MISCELLANEOUS:", and "GAS CARDS: \$10-\$15 LOCAL WALMART OR WAYNE'S GIFT CARDS FOR FRESH BREAD, EGGS & MILK".

- FOOD ITEMS:**
BUTTER
SUGAR
FLOUR
COFFEE
JUICE
CEREAL- ALL KINDS
KETCHUP
JELLY
MAYO
PICKLES
PANCAKE MIX
SYRUP
KIDS SNACKS
HOT DOGS
SALT & PEPPER
CHICKEN AND BEEF BROTH
SOUPS:
CHICKEN NOODLE, BEEF STEW ETC.
- PANTRY:**
BLEACH
HAND SANITIZER
LYSOL WIPES
LARGE GARBAGE BAGS
LIQUID LAUNDRY SOAP
PAPER TOWELS
WINDOW CLEANER
DEODORANT, WOMEN & MEN
CONDITIONER
KLEENEX
CLING WRAP
ALUMINUM FOIL
GALLON ZIP LOCS
DRYER SHEETS
HAND SOAP
ALL PURPOSE CLEANER
FLOOR CLEANER FOR MOPPING
BROOMS & MOPS
MR. ERASERS
9 VOLT BATTERIES
FOOD STORAGE CONTAINERS
- MISCELLANEOUS:**
TAMPONS
BODY WASH
BATH TOWELS
SIZE 5, 6 & 7 DIAPERS
BABY WIPES
MEN'S BOXERS M, L & XL
- GAS CARDS: \$10-\$15 LOCAL WALMART OR WAYNE'S GIFT CARDS FOR FRESH BREAD, EGGS & MILK**

crashelter.org



Word From The Pastor

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would seek to overthrow Your Son
and to destroy what He has done.

Verse 1 of Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word by Martin Luther

Dear Parish,

Lent is upon us and it is a time of reflection. This year I encourage all of us to refocus on Christ. We live in a chaotic world with many opinions and voices that bombast us every day. Keep out the noise. This Lent let's open our Bibles to the Gospels of Jesus Christ, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Honestly, isn't it better to go to the source that accept the online ramblings of those who would twist the Gospel? Isn't it better than someone who posts snippets of scripture out of context to bolster their own agenda? In Lent we reflect and we refocus on who Jesus is and how He lived. We seek the example of Jesus is in our lives and for our world. So, dust off, find, or get ahold of a copy of God's Word. Seek and find Jesus for yourselves and for our world today.

You may also be wondering about Lenten Wednesday worship. Please see the calendar for our schedule. We will be led again by our confirmands and will need many people to help with some creative skits. Our theme is "Farming with God." Many of our scriptures refer to farming and we certainly are familiar in our area. We will have our usual reflection, camaraderie, good humor and good meals. I hope to see you all there.

This Lent let's step back and fill our souls with the good things of God that we may live to serve God and neighbor well.

Peace,

Pastor Diane Norstad

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Church Council Minutes Georgetown Lutheran Church Council Meeting No regular council meeting was held in January



1 Corinthians 13:4-8: Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 16:14: Let all that you do be done in love.

1 John 4:8: Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 Peter 4:8: Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Colossians 3:14: And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

1 Corinthians 13:13: So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

John 15:13: Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

John 13:34-35: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Galatians 5:13-14: For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 4:19: We love because he first loved us.

