



The Parish Messenger August 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
Cumberland, WI 54829
715.822.3001

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

None currently as we are
between Pastors

INTERIM CONTACTS:

GT-Ryan Peterson
715-554-1237
Trinity - Heidi Wagner
715-419-2356

AUGUST PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

As we are between pastors, each church will be having lay leaders and Pastor Kendrick. Below is our service schedule and who will be our leaders by week:

Trinity

Sunday, August 2	Mandy Rouzer
Sunday, August 9	Pastor Wayne Kendrick
Sunday, August 16	Robin Denver

Georgetown

Sunday, August 2	Nicki Norlund
Sunday, August 9	Pastor Wayne Kendrick
Sunday, August 16	Kirsten Klugow

A special thank you to everyone that has helped with services over the past few weeks. We are lucky to have such an amazing church family with leaders willing to help out.

thank you

****No council minutes from either church available at time of publication. Georgetown Lutheran did not have a meeting in July.****

AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, August 2	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, August 3	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting- Trinity
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, August 9	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, August 10	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Saturday, August 15	8:00 AM	Blake Lake Association Meeting - Georgetown
Sunday, August 16	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, August 17	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Tuesday, August 18	12:00 – 6:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive - Georgetown
Sunday, August 23	10:00 AM	Joint Parish Worship Service – Trinity
Monday, August 24	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Sunday, August 30	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, August 31	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	7:00 PM	Bible Study - Trinity

LETS CELEBRATE

Heidi Wagner (T)	August 2
Loretta Bay (GT)	August 3
Paul Bergmann (T)	August 6
Carol Mangelsen (GT)	August 6
Deb Monson (GT)	August 9
Lyle Jensen (GT)	August 12
Jim Glenna (GT)	August 13
Emilie Springsteen (T)	August 15
Rachel Bystrom	August 16
Gail Anderson (T)	August 20
Mercedes Madison (GT)	August 23
Mary Ward (GT)	August 24
Travis Sellent (T)	August 25
Colton Braastad (GT)	August 26
Dennis Glenna (GT)	August 27
Mya Anderson (T)	August 31
Alex Binfet (GT)	August 31



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



A shoutout to everyone that contributed towards our furnace fund at Georgetown Lutheran.

It is officially paid off!! 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shanty Town Campout

Saturday, August 15
Trinity Lutheran Church
7:00 PM



Bocce ball and badminton. Cardboard will be available for those who would like to build a shanty to stay the night.

SAVE A LIFE

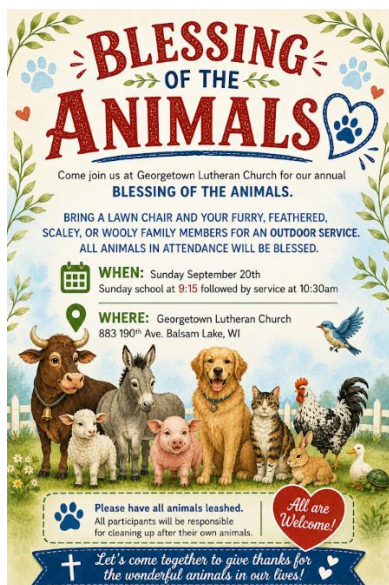


GIVE BLOOD

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Monday, August 18
12:00–6:00 PM

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



Sunday, September 20

Blessing of the Animals
Georgetown Lutheran

Ukee Lutherans

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Sunday, August 30

10:30 AM



The UKEE Lutherans are a joyful group of seven ukulele players who have been making music together since 2022. We enjoy bringing a fresh and lighthearted twist to traditional sacred music, sharing familiar hymns and songs in a way that lifts spirits and invites participation.

Our group has shared music in a variety of settings, including nursing homes, church services, special music offerings, and even leading entire worship services. Wherever we go, our goal is to spread joy, fellowship, and the unique sound of the ukulele.

The UKEE Lutherans include Denny Pearson, Jean Pearson, Sheila Brom, Barb Sparish, Meri Ryan, Tami Pearson, and Pastor Angie Kutney. We are always grateful for opportunities to play, worship, and share the joy of music wherever we're invited.

MORE SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Trinity Lutheran celebrates early confirmation. Congratulations to our confirmands Paige, Griffin, and Evelyn. God bless you!



Sunday, July 26 Parish Worship Service at Trinity Lutheran

Despite it being hot and humid, thank you to those that stuck it out for a little softball. Until next time . . .



Pastor Diane's Farewell Party

We had a great turnout to wish Pastor Diane and Tim well wishes in their next adventure. We sent them off in Lutheran style – a good ole' fashion potluck.



Welcoming Deacon Scott Burns

We are excited to have called Deacon Scott Burns to serve as our minister here at Georgetown and Trinity. In addition to his ordination as a Minister of Word and Service (Deacon), he has extensive training and experience in preaching, as well as synodical authorization to preside over the sacraments in our parish.

Deacon Scott has been serving at his current call for five years and previously spent many years working in public safety. We look forward to him beginning his ministry with us on August 30th!

What is a Deacon?

The front of our bulletin boldly proclaims, “Ministers: All members.” We are lay ministers who minister at work, home, school, volunteer and take on leadership in our congregation. We are faithful people who serve our community by leading in various ways—Sunday School, worship, music, youth, Bible study, and more—and some of us serve as deacons on the church council.

So, what exactly is a deacon?

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the word “deacon” originates from the biblical Greek term *diakonia* (meaning service or waiting at table) and the New Testament office of *diakonos* (servant or helper). Within our church context, the term generally refers to two distinct roles:

- **Council Deacons** are church members elected by the congregation to serve on the church council, taking care of specific congregational tasks. In our case, these tasks focus on faith formation and education.
- **Rostered Deacons** are professional, publicly accountable leaders on the official ELCA roster.

Pastors and Rostered Deacons: What's the Difference?

Rostered ministers in the ELCA serve on two distinct rosters: pastors (**Ministers of Word and Sacrament**) who preach and administer the sacraments, and deacons (**Ministers of Word and Service**) who connect the church and the world through service.

While the responsibilities of rostered deacons and pastors overlap—both are public ministers who proclaim the gospel—their primary focus areas differ:

- **Pastors** traditionally serve in congregations by preaching, teaching, providing pastoral care, and presiding over the sacraments (Holy Communion and Holy Baptism).
- **Deacons** focus specifically on serving at the intersection of the church and the world. This ministry may take place within a congregation or in specialized fields such as social work, youth ministry, administration, or non-profit leadership.

Similar Training and Preparation

The education and training requirements for rostered deacons and pastors are remarkably similar:

- **The Candidacy Process:** Both tracks require a formal, multi-year synodical candidacy process involving psychological evaluation, interviews, and deep spiritual discernment.
- **Core Education:** Both groups are trained in foundational theological subjects, including Scripture, church history, the Lutheran confessions, and systematic theology.