



The Parish Messenger October 2026

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
9:30 AM (Sept-May)

Trinity
10:00 AM (Sept-May)

OFFICE HOURS

Georgetown: Mondays
10:00 AM- 3:00 PM
Trinity: By appointment

Georgetown Lutheran Church

Annual Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 18

11:45 AM – 1:30 PM

Menu

Homemade Swedish Meatballs

Mashed Potatoes/Gravy

Locally Grown Sweetcorn & Baked Beans

Coleslaw, Cranberries, 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 - \$9 per package



THRIVENT FINANCIAL ACTION PROJECT

OCTOBER 2026 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, October 4	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:30 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
Monday, October 5	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting- Trinity
	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
Sunday, October 11	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:30 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, October 12	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Sunday, October 18	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:30 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 19	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	6:30 PM	Bible Study – Trinity
Sunday, October 25	8:45 AM	Worship Service – Trinity
	9:30 AM	Sunday school – Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school – Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service – Georgetown
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting - Georgetown
Monday, October 26	9:30 AM	Bible Study – Georgetown
	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity



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)(*)
	Wayne Kendrick (T)
October 6	Anne Weise (GT)
October 8	Felicia Braastad (GT)
October 9	Tim Frendt (GT)
	Ira Rouzer (T)
October 13	Deedra Wagner (T)
October 17	Mike Rouzer (T)
October 19	Duke Rouzer (T)
October 21	Hunter Root (T)
October 28	

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER



Blessing of the Animals Worship Service – Sunday, September 13



Installation of Deacon Scott Burns – Sunday, September 20



WurstFest 2026 – Trinity Lutheran Church



For questions, contact:
Britta Norlund-Bryan – 715.553.2132
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HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE

SATURDAY NOV. 14TH | 9AM-2PM

At Georgetown Lutheran Church
 883 190th Ave. Balsam Lake, WI



Homemade Crafts
 Unique & Handmade Gifts!



Baked Goods
 Delicious Treats Made with Love!



Silent Auction & Raffle Baskets
 Great Prizes to Win!



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

Shop • Support • Make a Difference!

Greetings Trinity and Georgetown members and friends!

It's only been a few weeks, but it feels like I'm now starting to settle into my new call. Once again, many thanks to all of you for doing so much to make Patti and I feel so welcome to be a part of each of these wonderful congregations!

As I write this month's column, autumn has officially begun. Ever wonder why we usually call this season 'fall,' instead of autumn? Well, the internet experts say that there were a lot of British writers back in the 1500's who referred to this season as '*fall of the leaf*,' later shortened to just '*fall*'. Early settlers in the American colonies brought this word with them, and it's kind of stuck with us ever since. Whatever you like to call this season, it is a great time of year- with all the colorful leaves, the cooler days, the pumpkin spice everything, and- no more mosquitoes! But as we know, fall is a season that involves change, too. The colorful leaves eventually drop and leave the trees with bare branches, the harvest will soon be underway, and our hours of daylight will become much shorter. Autumn is also a time when we often find ourselves thinking about the changes that take place in the seasons of our own lives, as we adjust to new rhythms and schedules, think about what we need to get done before winter, and perhaps ponder our relationship with our Creator. It is good for us to take time to rest, to listen for God's voice, and to remember that just as our Lord cares for creation as the seasons change, He cares for us in every season of our lives. Let us remember to give thanks for the gift of God's grace, and to pray for ourselves, our neighbors and for creation itself. If you need some help, I've included a wonderful prayer that you can use during these fall months!

May all of you find peace, a time for rest, and enjoy a bountiful harvest this autumn (or fall) season!

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Scott



A Prayer for Autumn Days

By Joyce Rupp

*God of the seasons,
there is a time for everything;
there is a time for dying and a time for rising.
We need courage to enter into
the transformation process.*

*God of autumn,
the trees are saying goodbye to their green,
letting go of what has been.
We, too, have our moments of surrender,
with all their insecurity and risk.
Help us to let go when we need to do so.*

*God of fallen leaves
lying in colored patterns on the ground,
our lives have their own patterns.
As we see the patterns of our own growth,
may we learn from them.*

*God of misty days and harvest moon nights,
there is always the dimension of mystery
and wonder in our lives.
We always need to recognize your power-filled presence.
May we gain strength from this.*

*God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain,
many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender.
We must wait for harvest in faith and hope.
Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.*

*God of geese going south
for another season, your wisdom enables us
to know what needs to be left behind
and what needs to be carried into the future.
We yearn for insight and vision.*

*God of flowers
touched with frost and windows wearing white designs,
may your love keep our hearts
from growing cold in the empty seasons.*

*God of life,
you believe in us, you enrich us,
you entrust us with the freedom to choose life.
For all this, we are grateful.*

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026

Present: Heidi W., Deedra W., Randy M., Jennifer B., Ray C., Robin D., Deacon Scott B., Brenda R.

Meeting called to order 5:30

Opening Prayer: Deacon Scott

Reports: Secretary and Treasurer, approved

Net Revenue: Aug. \$7,052.03 YTD \$47,086.60 Expenditures: \$6,077.56 \$49,145.54

Deacon's Report:

- Getting feet on the ground and getting a feel for things. He's satisfied with how things are going so far.
- Deacon Scott has photos from Wursthfest that he will share with Christine.
- He has fall retreat October 12th costing \$160.
- He would like the parish to subscribe to Sundays & Season from Augsburg Fortress for \$400/year. Trinity approved it depending on Georgetown's approval.
- He would like to use Spark House for the Confirmation Class. Duke R. & Wyatt N. will be in the class to be confirmed Spring 2028.

Motion made to approve reports - Robin, 2nd - Deedra. Approved

Old Business:

- 3 roof proposals - gather info for Annual Meeting.
- Front door to be fixed by Rice Lake Glass and Door for \$1607.00 Motion made by Randy, 2nd - Robin. Approved.
- Welcome Breakfast for Deacon Scott. Oct 4th, 8AM.

New Business:

- Q4 Mission Oct - Dec. Alzheimer's Research and Support Sunday School curriculum - use Spark program.
- Christine will do Godly Play 1x/mo.
- Christmas Program will be decided on, depending on how many kids we have.
- Office hours for Deacon Scott will be Mondays at GT after morning Bible Study, with late afternoon hours at Trinity until evening Bible Study.
- Parish Council Meeting is Nov 8, 5pm at GTLC. Meal then meeting. Trinity will have a brief meeting at 4:45, prior to the meal.
- Council Meeting dates for the rest of the year: Oct. 12, Dec 14, and Jan 11th at 5:30 pm.
- Annual Meeting is Jan 24th.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer Robin, 2nd - Jennifer. 6:30pm

Next Meeting October 12th at 5:30pm. 2nd Monday of the Month

Respectfully, Robin Denver

**Application Period for
Trinity's Endowment Fund's 2026 Gift Is Now Open**

Trinity's Endowment Committee is now open to receiving 2026 gift applications. The **Application Forms** are posted on Trinity's Website [Trinity Endowment Fund - Trinity Lutheran Church McKinley](#) and on the kiosk in the church entryway.

The **Application Form** must be submitted by a Trinity member and must be for the used for Trinity Congregation and/or one or more of its members. If multiple applications are received and accepted, the 2026 gift amount will be divided.

Completed **Application Forms** should be returned to Christine Anderson or Wayne Kendrick by November1, 2026.

After receipt and acceptance by the **Endowment Committee**, the **Church Council** must approve and pass on the recommendation of the Endowment Committee to the **2026 Annual Meeting**, which will be held in January 2027. Dispersal of the gift would then follow in February 2027.

Trinity's Endowment Gift for 2026 has been set at \$3,200.

Questions? Please contact Christine Anderson, Committee Chair, or Wayne Kendrick, Treasurer.

**Georgetown Council Meeting Minutes
Sunday, September 20, 2026**

Meeting was called to order by President Ryan Peterson.

Roll Call taken by Nicki. Absent from Meeting were Kim Doyle, And Andrew Frendt

Stephanie led council members in an opening Prayer

Motion was made and carried to approve meeting agenda as presented and given to council members

Roberta Hansen presented finance report. Motion made and carried to accept report as presented.

OLD BUISNESS:

1. Deacon Scott sign on road sign and for new paper: Bruce will go to sign-X in St. Croix falls to get the updated decals for the sign
2. Building Maintenance:
 - Kitchen Entry Light: Bruce has been talking with the electrician about getting a different fixture in place. Talk was had that the existing light is sufficient. Issue has been tabled until more investigation is done about the light.
 - Handicapped parking lot decals: Fixing the decals has been tabled for now until the heaving/sinking of the cement slab has been addressed
 - Hallway and meeting room ceiling: this project is done and completed
3. Community Meal Update and Plan: Meeting was held and a committee was put together. 1st meeting went well. Council will be updated when there are more details
4. TV monitor on back wall of church & kids' area: TV to put up by the "old Bathroom." Nothing has been finalized yet on this and more discussion needs to be had. Issue has been tabled until next meeting
5. MPM Pest control bids: Ryan presented the council with bids from MPM to treat the outside of the building for bugs. This issue has been tabled and will be presented at the annual meeting for approval and budget planning
6. Butterfly garden: The ridge that was created when the flower garden was put in has been addressed and fixed

NEW BUISNESS:

1. Sunday school update: Sunday school is doing well. At time of council meeting only 2 Sunday school sessions have been held. There is not much to report currently.
2. Lutenin Concrete Proposal: A motion was made and carried to accept the bid that was Presented to the council for fixing the concrete slab in front of the church doors. Estimate for fixing the concrete slab is \$2000.00
3. Snow removal: We need a new person/company to plow snow this coming winter. Council members were asked if they knew people in the business to get quotes and further discussion will be had at next council meeting.
4. Fall Dinner: Prep for the fall dinner is well underway. Always looking for meatball rollers. Volunteers are welcome
5. Wapo Dinner Theater: Lake Wapo Dinner Theater is looking for volunteers. Food prep, busing tables, singing in the choir and more. Ryan would like to get a small group of people to help for a night. Ryan will make announcement after next Sundays Church service.
6. Parsonage: The internet was canceled/never in-service. Bruce is in dispute with the company over the Bill as this was never in-service and the equipment never used and was sent back to the company.
7. Back deck: Some boards need to be replaced. Dennis volunteered to look into that and take charge on getting the deck fixed
8. Deacon Scott: brought up using "Sundays in Season" to provide liturgies, music suggestions. This also uses "spark house" for confirmation and Sunday school materials. He has used this in the past and finds it a very good source. Church will need to set up an account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Elders: Stephanie reports that she is worried about the depth of our congregation. She encourages everyone to invite others to church.

Deacon report: given during NEW BUISNESS regarding Sunday school. Nothing else to report at this time.

Trustee: Nothing to report currently

(Stephanie departed at 1:47pm)

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT MONTH:

1. Next meeting: October 25th, 2026
2. Joint council meeting to be held November 8th, 2026, at 5pm. Georgetown is hosting and providing meal.

Bruce led the group to the closing Prayer.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting.



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 Frenndt at 715-475-9453 if you are interested in helping.