



Hello September

The Parish Messenger September 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

DEACON

Scott Burns

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

Mondays 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Come join us at Georgetown Lutheran Church for our annual
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WHEN: Sunday, September 13

WHERE: Georgetown Lutheran Church

TIME: 10:30 AM

Sunday school at 9:30 AM

Bring a lawn chair and your furry, feathered, scaley, or wooly family member(s) for an *outdoor* service.
All animals in attendance will be blessed.



Please have all animals leashed.
All participants will be responsible for cleaning up
after their own animals.

SEPTEMBER 2026 CALENDAR

Date	Time	Meeting/Activity
Sunday, September 6	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown
Monday, September 7	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting- Trinity
Sunday, September 13	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
	9:30 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown Blessing of the Animals
	10:30 AM	Worship Service-Georgetown
Monday, September 14	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
	5:30 PM	Council Meeting - Trinity
	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity Installation of Deacon Burns
Sunday, September 20	9:30 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:30 AM	Worship Service - Georgetown Installation of Deacon Burns
	11:45 AM	Council Meeting- Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
Monday, September 21	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity
	8:45 AM	Worship Service - Trinity
Sunday, September 27	9:30 AM	Sunday school - Georgetown
	10:00 AM	Sunday school - Trinity
	10:30 AM	Parish Worship Service - Georgetown
	9:30 AM	Bible Study - Georgetown
Monday, September 28	6:30 PM	Bible Study - Trinity

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.



September 3	Cami Banger (GT)
September 4	Andrew Frendt (GT)
September 6	Britta Norlund-Bryan (GT)
September 9	Autumn Otto (GT)
September 14	Jordan Sellent (T) Sara Sellent (T)
September 16	Emilie Springsteen (*) (T)
September 24	JoAnn Sellent (T) Gretchen Frendt (GT) Char Glenna (GT)
September 29	Maggie Swiontek (GT)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Sunday School Kick-Off
Georgetown Lutheran Church**

Sunday, September 13

9:30 AM

All youth are welcome!

**Sunday School Kick-Off
Trinity Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 27
Following worship service**

****looking for volunteer teachers****



Fall Extravaganza!
Free Event - Sept. 26, 2026
1-4pm

Car Show

Inviting Classic cars: Original,
Restored and Work in Progress.
Dash plaques to first 20.
People's Choice Awards.
Free registration.



Kids Carnival

Games with great prizes,
and much more!
Free event.

Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley

2532 15th St. Cumberland, WI 54829
(10 miles west of Cumberland on Hwy 48)

Details posted on our Facebook Page
@Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley.

Concessions will be available.

EVERYONE is welcome!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



It's WURSTFEST!
• FREE SAMPLES
• Raffle Prizes!

**Saturday, September 12
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

We are looking for workers and bakers of many bars and cookies. Please contact her if you can help. 715-419-2356.



SAVE THE DATE

**Annual Fall Dinner
Georgetown Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 18
11:45 AM – 2:00 PM**

MENU

***Swedish Meatballs*
potatoes/gravy
fresh corn
baked beans
coleslaw
*pie***

AUGUST FUN

Shanty Town Campout was held at Trinity on Saturday, August 15. Thank you to Anderson's for providing us with some of our housing material (AKA cardboard), Kathy Grenquist for the use of her badminton set (with light up birdie!), and Sellent's for chaperoning. It made for a fun evening--rain and all!



Meet your new rostered leader: Deacon Scott Burns!

Quick background and some fun facts:

<u>Graduated from:</u>	Luther Seminary, 2020 (the first class to have its graduation ceremony online!) I also hold a BA from UW-Stout and MSE from UW-Superior.
<u>CPE (chaplain residency):</u>	RC Freedom Ministries, San Antonio, TX; clinical placement- Allina Health, Twin Cities.
<u>Internship:</u>	Bethany Lutheran, Rice Lake, WI
<u>Ordained:</u>	September 2021
<u>Previously served at:</u>	Ridgeland Lutheran, Ridgeland, WI (5 years). New Brighton (MN) Dept. of Public Safety as a Community Chaplain.
<u>I am married to:</u>	Patti, middle school music educator and accomplished church musician!
<u>Where we call home:</u>	Haugen, WI (the suburbs of)
<u>Fur babies:</u>	Thelma (Great Dane), Harkin (Golden Retriever)
<u>First career:</u>	Law Enforcement
<u>Interests:</u>	HD motorcycles. Dogs. Carpentry. Boating and spending time at our property 'up north' in the Hayward lakes area. Performing with a number of musical groups in the surrounding area. I have been an EMT for the past 35 years and remain active as a first responder with our township's fire department.
<u>Favorite:</u>	Food- pizza. Color- black. Instrument- trumpet. Soda-Faygo diet root beer. Team- Badgers, Brewers, Packers. (Sorry, 'purple and gold fans'- but you can expect to take some razzing from <i>this</i> preacher!)
<u>Fun facts:</u>	Served in the U.S. Coast Guard-Auxiliary for 20 years. After seminary, I worked as a UPS driver because the ECLA call process had come to a halt due to the pandemic.

I will be sharing more about me and about my story of answering God's call to ministry in upcoming monthly columns and of course, in my Sunday messages. Patti and I are looking forward to meeting all of you in person and becoming a part of these wonderful congregations!

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILS

Trinity Council Meeting August 10, 2026

Present: Heidi W., Deedra W., Randy M., Ray C., Robin D., Brenda R.

Absent: Jennifer B.

Meeting called to order 5:30pm

Opening Prayer - Heidi W.

Secretary Report (from notes) approved. Motion Robin, 2nd Ray

Treasurer Report approved. Motion Robin, 2nd Deedra

July Year to Date Net Revenue \$4,275.98 \$40,019.98 Expenditures \$5,876.84 \$40,666.96

Wilkill will spray in Sept for Asian Beetles and spiders. \$174.00.

We are ordering Pre-pay fuel for the church through Synergy. 1,500 gallons for \$1.52/gal

Old Business:

- Land usage donation form has been completed for 2025 & 2026 seasons.
- The Dittbrenner Family will not be using the fields in 2027. We will be reaching out to neighbors.

New Business:

- The funeral for Norman Anderson is August 22nd. Visitation at 10, service at 11, lunch to follow.
- The service on 8/23 is not joint, email was sent out. Emilie Springsteen is leading.
- August 30th is Deacon Scott's 1st service. We hope all will attend!
- We are looking at having a welcome breakfast sometime in September.
- Wurstfest at Louie's is September 12th. Heidi is looking for workers and bakers of many bars and cookies. Please contact her if you can help. 715-419-2356.
- Sept. 13th is Blessing of the Animals at Georgetown. 10:30 service. Everyone is welcome, bring your animals. Not a joint service. Trinity will still be having their service at 8:45.
- Sept. 20th is Deacon Scott's Installation. Please attend.
- Sept 26th - Carnival & Car show. Debbie Wickstrom is looking for prizes and helpers.
- Deedra is getting a quote from Rice Lake Glass, to get the front door fixed. Insurance Mutual sensor issue was just low batteries.
- Dana Riewestahl came out to check & open the drain so the Aquarius overflow problem is fixed.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Motion - Robin, 2nd - Randy . 6:45pm

Next meeting is Sept 14, 2026. 2nd Monday of the Month.

Respectfully, Robin Denver

The Trinity Council sends a BIG thank you out to the lay leaders who lead our services in this time of transition. Thank you Wayne, Mandy, Robin, and Emilie for your leadership. Thank you also to Christine & Sherry for music and Diana for keeping it all in order at the office and with the bulletins.

Georgetown Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, August 2, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Ryan Peterson.

Nicki took roll call. All GT council members were present

Tim led the council in opening prayer.

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

Motion was made and carried to approve of the previous meeting minutes from June 14th, 2026, meeting.

Roberta Hansen presented council with treasurers' reports for both June and July.

Roberta informed council that fuel for this coming winter has been pre-purchased. 3200 gals of fuel has been prebought for heat this winter for GTLC.

Roberta has not paid for Lupine Gardens at this time. Waiting for Them to come back and fix a "ridge" of sod that was created when the butterfly garden was in. Ryan will call to inquire about them coming back to fix this issue.

Committee reports:

Elders: It has been arranged for the Uke Lutherans to come on Aug. 30th, 2026, for worship

Deacons: Blessing of the animals to coincide with the start of Sunday School on Sept 13th. The date of the event has been updated and changed due to the installation of Deacon Scott Burns on the 20th of Sept.

Trustees: No reports to give currently

Old Business:

- Pastor Update: Deacon Scott Burns has had to push back his start date from Aug23rd to Aug 30th, with his installation to be held at GTLC on sept 20th.
- Building Maintenance:
 - Kitchen door has been replaced. Project is complete
 - Meeting room Ceiling has been fixed. Painting still needs to be done on the ceiling and the wall
 - Exterior Lights: Luck electric has been out to fix the lights outside
 - Kitchen entry Light: This still needs to be addressed. Looking into getting a motion sensor light instead of a light that would always be on in the evening/night.
- Thermostats: Hunter has installed programmable thermostats to help with energy efficiency within the building. Project is nearly complete
- Butterfly Garden: Lupin Gardens has been out and the project is complete. Aside from the ridge of SOD that needs to be leveled out. Big thank you to everyone that has been out watering the new garden while the new plants get roots established.
- Community Meal: Ryan put out on Facebook to look for a community volunteer to help head up this project. As there has been no luck finding a leader yet to date. This project is still on hold. Also need to have 1 or 2 more people go through the safe serve classes. Currently to only one certified is Kirsten Klugow.

- Pastoral coverage: Since Deacon Burns cannot start until the 30th that left 1 more Sunday to cover be our congregation members. Keith Ward and Jeanne Johnson have agreed to cover that Sunday together.

New Business:

- Sunday school Start Date: Nicki will contact Krystal and Chase Overby to inquire if they are still willing to continue with teaching GTLC Sunday school program and confirm a start Date with them.
- Fall Joint Council Meeting: to be held Nov. 8th, 2026, at GTLC at 5pm. GTLC to provide meal
- MPM pest control: Ryan presented council 2 options for pest control. The council is to review the 2 quotes/options and more discussion will be held at next council meeting
- Installation of Deacon Scott Burns: Will be held at GTLC sept 20th 2026 with Lidixe Montoya presiding. GT will get a cake to celebrate and serve at fellowship following service
- Other New Business: a discussion needs to be had about the parsonage and usage of parsonage at next joint meeting in November.
- The cement apron at the front door needs to be addressed. Need to investigate a company that does cement work and can somehow "smooth" out the ridge between the black top and the cement. As it is a tripping hazard. Council will revisit issue at next meeting with any suggestions on a cement company.
- The handicapped markings on the handicap parking spots need to be repainted. Keith Ward has stencils to repaint them. Need a volunteer to help get them repainted. Project has been tabled until next meeting.

Next Council Meeting set for Sept. 20th following church service

Kim led closing prayer

Motion was made and carried to adjourn meeting

Back-to-School Prayer

Dear God,

As we begin this new school year, we ask for Your guidance and protection.

Bless the students with curiosity to learn, courage to try, and kindness to share.

Grant teachers' patience, wisdom, and joy in their calling.

Surround every classroom with peace, respect, and understanding.

Keep everyone safe, healthy, and hopeful through each challenge and success.

May this year be filled with growth, friendship, and light.

Amen.

