

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Denise

Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. Psalm 96:3

I pray all of you are enjoying our Summer Season of Creation Series in worship and also getting out into God's creation and enjoying being surrounded by God's marvelous works!

As we enter August already – where has the summer gone? – we have some great opportunities for fellowship and learning. Opportunities to

"declare God's marvelous works among all the people."

"S'more Love", our Vacation Bible School for all ages, begins Wednesday, August 6 and goes for 4 weeks from 5:30-7:30 p.m. I look forward to our time together as we learn about God's love for us and spend time together across the generations.

South Milwaukee Community Night Out is August 6. We had a lot of fun engaging with the wider community at our table last year. The event is from 5:30-9:30 p.m,. and we need a few volunteers to staff the Trinity table and meet people from our South Milwaukee community.

Also in August we have a great opportunity to have fellowship and worship with our partner Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit. On August 17 at 10 a.m., we are invited to worship in the park with LCGS. The location is yet to be determined. We will have our regular 9:30 a.m. worship here at Trinity, and then I hope you will join us afterwards at the park for worship, food and fellowship. Watch for more details.

On August 23/24, we welcome Pastor Chris Manke, the director of Outreach for Hope, to worship. He will preach and I will lead the service. Outreach for Hope does an amazing ministry in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, making a huge impact on the ministry of churches serving in urban areas of our synod. A walking team is also getting organized for the September 27 Ride/Walk/Run event. Lidia Amonson is organizing our team – thank you, Lidia!

And last, but certainly not least, this year for God's Work Our Hands Sunday and Rally Day, September 7, we welcome Bishop Paul Erickson who will preach and preside at Holy Communion, while I lead the rest of the service. After worship, he will give us a presentation on Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) and how the ministry is adapting with the new immigration reality in our country. As our bishop, he serves on their Board of Directors. Following his presentation, we will go to fellowship hall for lunch and then we will assemble Health and Wellness kits and Community Garden kits for Global Refuge to distribute in their ministry. You can read more about this in the Tidings!

We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up to follow Jesus into the world and serve those who are most vulnerable in our society. To *Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.*

Peace be with you,

Pastor Denise



From Our President

Dear Trinity Family,

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the warmth and joys of summer.

Every weekend in July was filled with activity and travel for Jason and me – which is why you didn't see us physically in church! We had family in town from Colorado to celebrate Jackson's graduation, made a trip to Chicago to celebrate Jason's birthday, traveled to Decorah, Iowa, to attend Nordic Fest with family, and met up with Jason in Phoenix while he was attending the Churchwide Assembly and to visit friends. (More to come from his experience there soon!)

It was great spending time with family and friends – a wonderful reminder of the importance of nurturing relationships and the profound joy they bring. And.... Jason and I are looking forward to a quieter month at home in August while we prepare both of our boys for college. Plus, our Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School kicks off in August – hope to see many of you there!

As we look ahead to the fall, there are numerous opportunities for us to continue gathering as a faith community and giving back to our broader communities. For those who don't know, a group of leaders meets once a quarter for a "Quarterly Planning" meeting to discuss the upcoming quarter. We do this to plan ahead and have shared awareness of the different events and activities for the coming months.

September kicks off with Rally Sunday, where we will participate in a service project, and Bishop Erickson will be joining us! Other familiar favorites on deck – Outreach for Hope Ride/Run/Walk, Guest House Breakfast, Pet Blessing, Craft and Vendor Fair, Halloween event, and more! Please keep an eye on the Tidings, weekly bulletins, and yellow sheets to learn more.

Peace.

Tammy

In Our Thoughts And Prayers And Recently Hospitalized

Janice Navarro, Lori Zingsheim, Cindy Felicki, Marcy Wilhelm, Greg Buck, David Hahn, Larry Sagan, Paul Sevald, Bruce Peacock, Sarah Koers, Kerry Kirchoff, Sandy House, and Kristy

Altar Flowers for August

August 3 Cheryl Parkinson; **

August 10 Mark & Karen Sostarich; **

August 17 **; **

August 24 Denise Herr; **

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August 31

The bouquets are \$20 each. Please sign up on Signup Genius <u>tinyurl.com/TrinityFlowers</u> or contact the church office. You can also sign up on the board outside the church office. (**) means nobody has signed up. You may pick up your flowers or call to arrange delivery.

August 2025 Readings for Summer Season of Creation

<u>August 2/3, 2025 – Summer Season of Creation: Sky – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Family First Worship</u>

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:23-28; Psalm 19:1-6; Philippians 2:12-18; Mark 15:33-39

August 9/10, 2025 - Summer Season of Creation: Mountain and Hill - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 48:1-11; Romans 8:28-39; Mark 3:13-19

August 16/17, 2025 - Summer Season of Creation: Animals - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Job 39:1-8, 26-30; Psalm 104:14-23; Revelation 5:1-10; Luke 12:22-31

August 23/24, 2025 - Summer Season of Creation: Ocean and Lake - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Job 38:1-18; Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26; Revelation 16:1-9 and 19:6-8; Luke 5:1-11

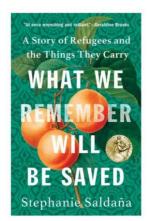
<u>August 30/31, 2025 – Summer Season of Creation: Storm and Weather – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</u> - Choir – Hymn Sing

Scripture: Job 28:20-27; Psalm 29; Revelation 4:1-8; Luke 8:22-25

<u>September 6/7, 2025 – Summer Season of Creation: Cosmos – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – God's Work Our Hands – Bishop Erickson preaching – Soul Purpose – Family First Worship and Rally Day</u>

Scripture: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 148; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 24:44-53

Fall Book Read



With so much in the news about refugees, migration and immigration we will be reading "What We Remember Will Be Saved: A Story of Refugees and the Things They Carry." Join us on **Saturday, October 11, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.** at Castillo's Family Restaurant (5656 S Packard Ave, Ste 21, Cudahy) for breakfast and discussion of this book. Here is the write up found on the jacket cover. There is one copy in the church library. It is available on <u>Amazon</u> and <u>Barnes and Noble</u>.

Eggplant seeds, a lullaby in a vanishing language, an embroidered dress. When people flee their homes, the things they save speak of beauty and suffering and the indomitable human spirit.

In an era of mass migration in which more than 100 million people are displaced comes this lyrical portrait of Syrian and Iraqi refugees and the belongings they carry.

What We Remember Will Be Saved is a book of hope, home, and the stories we hold within us when everything else has been lost.

Journalist and scholar Stephanie Saldaña, who lived in Syria before the war, sets out on a journey across nine countries to meet refugees and learn what they salvaged from the ruins when they escaped. Now, in the narratives of six extraordinary women and men, from Mt. Sinjar to Aleppo to Lesvos to Amsterdam, we discover that the little things matter a great deal. Saldaña introduces us to a woman who saved her city in a dress, a musician who saved his stories in songs, and a couple who rebuilt their destroyed pharmacy even as the city around them fell apart. Together they provide a window into a religiously diverse corner of the Middle East on the edge of unraveling, and the people keeping it alive with their stories.

Born of years of friendship and reporting, What We Remember Will Be Saved is a breathtaking, elegiac odyssey into the heart of the largest refugee crisis in modern history. It reminds us that refugees are storytellers and speakers of vanishing languages, and of how much history can be distilled into a piece of fabric, or eggplant seeds. What we salvage tells our story. What we remember will be saved.

Civic Life and Faith Study

A 6-week Study on Civic Life and Faith led by Pastor Denise will begin October 8, 2025 and be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Trinity.

At the 2025 Churchwide Assembly, the ELCA adopted a social statement on Faith and Civic Life. Join Pastor Denise for this 6-week study exploring this statement and what it might look like to engage in civic life as a Christian and as a Lutheran. The six sessions are:

- Session 1: "How Is God's Invitation to Discipleship Lived Out in a Democracy?"
- Session 2: "How Do Christians Address Controversial Civic Issues?"
- Session 3: "What Are Lutheran Views on Civic Life?"
- Session 4: "What Are the Objectives of Democracy in the United States?
- Session 5: "What's Faith-based Living Got to Do with Civic Life?"
- Session 6: "How Do We Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord in Civic Life?"

The sessions will be a combination of videos and conversation using the participant guides. Participant guides will be provided. Please sign up or let Pastor Denise know you will attend so that we can have a participant guide ready for you.

South Milwaukee Community Night Out

On August 6, the South Milwaukee Police Department is hosting "Community Night Out." Trinity will have an information table at Community Night Out again this year. This entire event, which aims to bring the community together and foster positive relationships with our local police department, is a testament to God's active presence in the world. Our participation is one way that we join God's activity in the world. There is the potential, then, for Trinity to be renewed in mission, faith, and relationships with the community as we share our story and God's story with the broader community. Consider hosting Trinity's information table with Pastor Denise. She will be there all evening, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sign up to help host the table. https://tinyurl.com/2025CommunityNightOut

Backpacks & School Supplies Collection

At Trinity, we value relationships and generosity. We are excited to partner again with Lakeview Elementary and collect school supplies. School supply lists are now available for pickup in the narthex for the congregation. Consider using Raise Right gift cards (such as Target, Walmart, and Meijer) to amplify the impact of your donation. Our school bus-shaped collection bin will be set up for donations of school supplies. Please return the supplies to Trinity by **August 17**.



God's Work Our Hands this year will feature the work of Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service). Our Bishop, Rev. Paul Erickson, serves on the Board of Directors. He will be joining us for worship on Sept. 6/7, and after worship, he will give a presentation on the work of Global Refuge and

how it has been affected by federal cuts in refugee services. After the presentation, we will go to Fellowship Hall for lunch. Trinity will provide Cousin's Subs through a Thrivent Grant – please bring sides to go with the subs. After lunch, we will make two types of Neighbor Kits for Global Refuge. Below are the items needed for each kit. We will collect your donations for these kits in August, and then the Thrivent Member Group will supplement the items so we have complete kits to assemble and send to Global Refuge. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Denise.

Garden kits support the refugee-focused community garden in Fargo, North Dakota. Items needed:

- plastic retail bags or 3 gallon zipper bags to hold the kit items
- gardening gloves
- gardening apron
- kneeling pads
- sun hat
- sunscreen
- (optional items include twine, reusable produce bag, reusable grocery bag)

Health and Wellness kits provide essential hygiene items. Items needed:

- 3 gallon zipper bags to hold the kit items
- toothbrush
- toothpaste
- bar soap
- travel size or small shampoo
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- (optional items include hand sanitizer, lotion, umbrella)







The FireSide, Community Meal, All Peoples Food Pantry





Youth and Family News

Submitted by Ray Bergwin and Alyssa Olson

Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School

Dive deep into the book of Jonah and learn what it really means to have a God who is "gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love" with S'more Love Cross+Generational VBS.

Join us **Wednesday evenings in August** for simple suppers with friends, art, games, stories, and more as we explore God's always-more love and forgiveness with S'more Love VBS.

All individuals planning to attend or volunteer should complete the registration form at

https://forms.gle/PbKvV3p2USxsEptv7 or scan the QR code, or submit a paper form at church and leave it in Alyssa's lockbox in the main office. Friends and neighbors are welcome!

If you have forest, camping, or s'more-related decorations, toys, or props you are willing to lend to the church, please let Alyssa know at youthtlcsm@gmail.com. We're excited to transform our space as we celebrate God's love.



Education Classes Return

Sunday school and confirmation classes are back beginning **September 7**!

Please join us for Sunday school at **8:45** a.m., followed by a very special family worship with Bishop Paul Erickson at 9:30 a.m. to kick off our God's Work Our Hands service project for Global Refuge. After worship, we'll gather in the fellowship hall downstairs for lunch, our GIANT cinnamon roll fundraiser, and our service project.

Confirmation class for 6th through 8th grade students kicks off on September 8 at 6:30 p.m.

All children and teens need updated registration forms on file. Families can fill these out at https://forms.gle/K2i7XFP4YVUoSLy76 or obtain a paper form at church starting at the end of August.

Anyone interested in volunteering with education programs can reach out to Ray Bergwin (414-764-1765) or Alyssa Olson (youthtlcsm@gmail.com).





TRINITY NARTHEX

SEPTEMBER 7 10:30 AM

JUST \$5/ROLL

all proceeds go directly to youth and education ministries

Enjoy a delicious fresh-baked GIANT cinnamon roll at church or to go!

Thank you for supporting our ministries!

Highlights from the July 2025 Council Meeting

• The TLC council did not meet in July 2025 as we did not have any actionable items.

Financial Update for June

Submitted by David Hahn

June was another somewhat normal summer month with a small deficit, thanks to a five-weekend month and Reserve Money Market CD interest.

- 1. Net income for June was -\$1,289; Year-to-Date income is -\$7,932.
- 2. We had to borrow another \$5,000 from the reserve to cover the checking account balance.
- 3. Compared to last year at this time, we are up \$1,000 in gifting.

Thank you, Trinity, for your year-round support of our operating budget through your generous gifts. Please keep in mind that when considering your regular gifting routine, most of our expenses remain relatively consistent throughout the year.

Project Uplift: balance of \$28,247, income of \$296, and expense of \$1,780 for partial back door ADA mechanism replacement.

Impact Report:

Endowment Fund Grants

- \$1,460 Hunger Task Force to help fund summer meals for kids that were lost as part of Federal cuts.
- \$21.94 for Godly Play material

Thrivent

• ATG for school supplies and VBS

Misc

\$1,598.10 for interest earned on 13-month Money Market Reserve CD









August 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:30 Soul Purpose Worship in person 10:30 Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting in person 6:00 Sundaes on Sunday	28 8:30- 1:30 Office Open	29 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting	30	31 8:30- 1:30 Office Open	Aug 1 Pastor's Day Off	2 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship in per- son
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31 9:30 Hymn Sing Wor- ship in person and online	Sept 1 Labor Day Office Closed	2 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 7:00 Executive Com- mittee Meeting on Zoom	3 10:30 Staff Meeting in person	4 8:30-1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study resumes weekly schedule	5 Pastor's Day Off	6 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship

Letter of Appreciation



5000 W. Electric Avenue West Milwaukee, WI 53219 Phone: 414.777.0483 www.HungerTaskForce.org



July 8, 2025

Pastor Denise Mbise Trinity Lutheran Church 2507 5th Avenue South Milwaukee, WI 53172-2731 Thank You Pastor Denise!

Dear Pastor Mbise:

Please accept my profound gratitude for your generous donation to Hunger Task Force of \$1,460.00. Your impactful gift will help Hunger Task Force continue to provide healthy, culturally appropriate food for children, families and seniors in need throughout our community.

Right now, our team is working hard to address the tremendous need we've been experiencing. The high costs of living have resulted in a 35% increase in visits to our network of pantries and meal sites compared to this time last year, making your support of our mission more critical than ever. Your leadership assures Hunger Task Force's dignified service to each and every person seeking help, and for that we are deeply grateful.

Hunger Task Force believes that every person has the right to healthy food obtained with dignity. From food banking and farming to advocacy and statewide organizing, we work to prevent hunger and malnutrition throughout the year by providing food to people in need today and by advocating for social policies to achieve a hunger free community tomorrow. With the support of generous donors like you, ending hunger is possible.

Hunger Task Force is committed to stewarding your support with integrity. Your donation will empower us to extend crucial basic needs to people facing hard times. Whether through the purchase and distribution of nutritious foods, the growth and provision of fresh-grown produce or the assistance to reduce barriers to basic needs access, your generous support ensures help for people in need when they need it most.

I appreciate and value your trust in Hunger Task Force to carry out this important work with compassion and dignity. On behalf of our staff, board of directors, volunteers, community partners and the more than 50,000 people we serve every month – *thank you*!

Sincerely,

Chief Executive Officer

Hunger Task Force, Inc. provided no goods or services to you in exchange for your contribution, and, as such, your donation is fully tax deductible as allowed by law. Hunger Task Force never sells or shares our donors' information.



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your generous donation in Memory of:

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Your continuing support helps provide the longuity of our partny. Thank you for helping our community.

Join the Trinity team in Kenosha! Can't make it? Consider donating by visiting https://tinyurl.com/TLCRideRunWalk.









Morning of Saturday, September 27

Hope in Motion!

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$165K for grants to ministries serving communities experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road** (8:30 am) **and/or trail bike ride** (9:30 am) unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run**, a **walk** (10 am), a **picnic** (11 am) and **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- Grafton: Meets at Grace Lutheran Church
- Kenosha: Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- Milwaukee: Meets at Washington Park (no bike rides at this site)
- Waukesha: Meets at Fox River Sanctuary, E.B. Shurts Building (NEW VENUE!)

There is **no registration fee** - but we encourage you to donate and/or fundraise towards our \$165K goal! **Every dollar raised supports our Ministry Partners' work** of clothing, feeding and caring for our neighbors in need.

Register + learn more at OFHRRW.org

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Live auction begins at 10:00 AM

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Friday August 8 | 4 PM - 7 PM

- Preview Quilts
- Silent Bid on Ouilts
- Bid on Silent Auction Baskets
- Wisconsin Fish Fry
- Gift Gallery
- Crafts & Fabric Sale

Quilts posted online at www.lutherdale.org

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August 2025 TIDINGS

For more information about our congregation, please visit our website at www.tlcsm.org.



In person worship at 5:00 p.m. Saturday
In person and livestream worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday
Sunday School 3-year-olds – 8th grade at 8:45 a.m.

(Labor Day – Memorial Day)
Church office Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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