



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing the story of Jesus Christ so all may experience God's Love

We Value ~ Empowerment * Generosity * Identity in Jesus * Relationships * Worship Experience

February 2026

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From Pastor Denise

Lent starts this month on February 18 – Ash Wednesday. This year for Lent we will explore Trinity's core values of Empowerment, Generosity, Identity in Jesus, Relationships and the Worship Experience. As we journey through Lent, we will reflect on these values and intentionally seek to live them out in our daily life of faith. The word 'lent' means 'spring' – a time of renewal and rebirth. So too for us, as we renew our commitment to following Jesus and living into these

values that he too lived out in his life, showing us what it means to follow him.

One thing that will be happening for me and my daughter, Aliliywa, during Lent will be the Greater Milwaukee Synod Solidarity and Accompaniment trip, March 10-19, to visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). There are 15 of us from a number of congregations in our synod going on this trip together. The trip is being led by Bishop Paul Erickson and Pastors Adam and Jordan Miller-Stubbendick. Pr. Adam is the campus pastor at Carthage College and Pr. Jordan is the lead pastor at St. Mary's Lutheran in Kenosha. Pastors Adam and Jordan lived in East Jerusalem for a year coordinating the Young Adults in Global Mission Program for the ELCA. We will be staying at the ELCJHL's guest house in Bethlehem. We will be visiting church leaders, community leaders, and Palestinian Christian families who live in the West Bank. Our delegation will hear from faith leaders – both Lutheran/Christian and Muslim – congregations and ministries in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron, and Ramallah about the realities of life on the ground and what it means to be Christian in the Holy Land right now.

The ELCJHL has a rich history in Palestine. Their Christian faith, of course, dates back to the first Pentecost, 2000+ years ago. The Lutheran tradition began in 1841, when a joint British Anglican and Prussian Evangelical diocese was established in Jerusalem. Today the ELCJHL has congregations in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, Ramallah, and Amman, Jordan. The ELCJHL operates four K-12 schools in Ramallah, Beit Jala, Bethlehem and Beit Sahour. The ELCJHL also has four additional ministries; the Gender Justice Ministry, the Environmental Education Center, the Diaconal Ministry, and Youth Ministry. To find out more you can explore their website at <https://www.elcjl.org/home>.

As I prepare for this pilgrimage through reading and watching documentaries and keeping up with the news, I am realizing that this will be an experience unlike any other I have had in my lifetime. Being with and hearing the stories of people living under such severe oppression will be life changing. One of the sites on our itinerary was recently bulldozed by the Israeli government – the offices of the UNRWA (UN Relief and Works Agency) in the West Bank. This is the reality we will experience. Along with churches and ministries we will be visiting August Victoria Hospital, the Wiam Center, the Military Court Watch, the Tent of Nations, and Dheisheh Refugee Camp to name a few of the places on our itinerary.

Aliliywa and I will be sharing our experiences and stories with all of you upon our return. We will schedule a couple different times to show pictures, share stories and answer questions. In the meantime, here are a couple ways you can begin to learn about the situation in the West Bank and learn about the ELCJHL.

Websites: www.elcjl.org and <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/sumud> (SUMUD) is the ELCA Churches response to occupation and injustice in Palestine and Israel.

Book: "The Other Side of the Wall: A Palestinian Narrative of Lament and Hope" by Rev. Isaac Munther an ELCJHL pastor in Ramallah.

Documentaries: "The Present" available on Facebook and "My Tree" available on Amazon prime.

Please pray for our delegation as we take this pilgrimage of solidarity and accompaniment with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land in March.

Peace be with you all as we begin our Lenten journey together.

Pastor Denise



OPEN CONVERSATIONS *with Pastor Denise*



4th Wednesday of the Month
Wednesday, February 25
from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at
Hillside Coffee House
237 E Ryan Rd
Oak Creek



From Our President

Hello Trinity –

Since I wrote my farewell note last month, this month (my true last President's note), I would like encourage everyone to attend our Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 8th after service. Of note, we are in need of a Vice President and a Secretary candidate for our Executive Council beginning in 2026. These roles are important to fulfill the leadership team duties in support of all of Trinity's ministries. Simply stated:

The Vice President assists the President where needed and fills in when the President is unable to attend meetings. (Jason Woodbury is nominated to become President in 2026.)

The Secretary takes summary notes at executive and council meetings to capture key decisions and discussion.

The Executive team typically meets the first Tuesday of the month and then meets the following Tuesday with the full council. Having served as Vice President, and now President, for the past four years, I can tell you being a member of Exec team is a fulfilling and excellent opportunity to get involved and give back to Trinity.

If you have questions about either of these positions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our current Vice President – Jason Woodbury, or our current Secretary – Sharon Schraith.

Thank you for prayerfully considering these opportunities.

Peace,

Tammy

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Kim Dey!

Meet Kim! She is so glad to be a part of Trinity. Originally from Milwaukee, Kim has spent many years working and raising her son there. For 35 years, she served as a Respiratory Therapist at Children's Hospital. Now enjoying retirement, she spends much of her time caring for her grandson.

Her son, Alexander, daughter-in-law Meghan, and grandson Alex Jr. live just five minutes away, which she considers a huge blessing. Finding Trinity was truly an answer to prayer, and she is grateful for how welcoming everyone has been.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers and Recently Hospitalized

David Hahn, Paul Sevald, Greg Buck, Gail English, Bruce Peacock, Kathryn Swanson, Bill House, Wayne, Sandy House, Kerry Kirchoff, The Bruneau Family

Altar Flowers for February

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| February 1 | Doris Mueller; ** |
| February 8 | Mark & Karen Sostarich; ** |
| February 15 | **, ** |
| February 22 | Bob & Deb Tice; ** |

The bouquets are \$20 each. Please sign up on Signup Genius tinyurl.com/TrinityFlowers 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.

40-in-40 Drive

Every child enjoys a cake on their birthday. However, it is not always feasible for families. The Caring Outreach team is collecting Birthday kits for Human Concerns during Lent. This begins Ash Wednesday and runs through Easter. A birthday kit consists of a box cake mix, container of frosting and candles. Please place individual kits in a Ziplock bag. Human Concerns will pass these out throughout the year to families. Thanks for your continued support!

New Member Spotlight

Welcome Dawn Burkel!

Meet Dawn — sister-in-law to Frank Auer. After 25 years of dedicated service at the post office, Dawn is now happily retired and enjoying a slower, more creative pace of life. She loves painting, reading, and getting lost in a good audiobook, and you'll often find her tending to her garden and enjoying time outdoors.





Readings for February 2026

Additional reading for 2026 church year: The gospel of Matthew.

January 31/February 1, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany – Family First Worship

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

February 7/8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20

February 14/15, 2026 – Transfiguration of Our Lord – Bell Ensemble

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

February 18, 2026 – Ash Wednesday – Choir

Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22, 2026 – First Sunday in Lent – No Saturday services during Lent – Soul Purpose

Scripture: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

February 25, 2026 – Lent Worship – Holden Evening Prayer – TLC Value: Empowerment

Scripture: Luke 9:1-6

March 1, 2026 – Second Sunday in Lent – No Saturday services during Lent – Family First Worship

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Youth and Family News

Submitted by Ray Bergwin and Alyssa Olson



Souper Bowl of Caring February 7-8

In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since then, more than \$200 million has been generated for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

What if everyone watching the Big Game donates just \$1 or 1 can of food to their local food charity?

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. Bring your donations to church on February 7 and 8 and place them in the big soup pots.

All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice, South Milwaukee Human Concerns. Thank you for your generosity, and thanks to our Thrivent Member Group for supplementing our donations with an Action Team Grant.

Blue Box for ELCA Good Gifts



Have you noticed the blue box in the narthex? Over the last few years, we've used the Blue Box to support ELCA Good Gifts, helping people around the world through projects like helping kids access education to change their lives through a community center computer, funding for 18 girls' school fees, a motorbike for a pastor to access remote communities, and a family farm. What an amazing way to share God's love!

The Blue Box cause is selected by our confirmation students each year, offering them an opportunity to learn about the world and choose how they want to do God's work with our hands.

Last year, our students chose to use the Blue Box funds for some big projects, and we are happy to share that Trinity's generosity exceeded those goals! We were able to provide many vaccinations and health clinic

visits, and fully funded Abundant Community, a new project that provides a whole community in need with a goat, rooster, cow, chicks, honey bees, fruit tree seedlings, farmers' field school, and community garden supplies.

This year, our confirmation students once again are setting a big goal and challenging you to meet it. They want to raise \$2000 so that we can provide two cows, a small herd of goats, a latrine, school supplies for a classroom, water filters, and hygiene kits!

All year long, we'll be collecting donations big and small in the Blue Box in the narthex. Every little bit adds up to make a big difference! Thank you for generously joining together to support communities and share God's love around the world.

Save the Date: Holy Week Fest and Cinnamon Roll Sale - March 29



Our annual Cross+Generational Holy Week Fest will be **on Palm Sunday, March 29, from 8:45-9:30 a.m.** People of all ages are invited to join us as we celebrate the season and revisit our Advent Will to Dream theme with The Work of Imagination!

After worship, we'll have our GIANT cinnamon roll sale (\$5/roll, cash preferred), with all proceeds going directly to our youth and family ministries.

Highlights from the January 2026 Council Meeting

- Pastor Denise opened with devotions using a reflection on Matthew 3 from Unfoldinglight.net
- All reports were approved.
- Note: 2026 Ministry budget was approved on Jan. 6, 2026 by the Church council at the budget meeting.
- The council officially approved Pastor's sabbatical during June, July and August of 2026 following the TLC sabbatical policy.
- The council approved pastor's housing allowance for 2026, which is in the budget.
- The Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed. Under new business, Alyssa will present on a possible pray ground for the sanctuary and the Mutual Ministry Team will present on the pastor's sabbatical.
- The council reviewed nominations for council. We still need people to fill the positions of Vice-President and Secretary. There are also some open council member positions. Nominating Committee positions are open and one Audit committee position.
- Council will host the Lenten Simple Supper on February 25, 2026.

Lent and Easter 2026

February 18, 2026 - Ash Wednesday

Ashes to Go at 8 a.m. and noon in the parking lot.

6 p.m. Simple Supper (Pizza)

7 p.m. Worship with ashes, Holy Communion and the Choir

February 25, 2026 – Trinity's Core Values: Empowerment

6 p.m. Simple Supper hosted by the Church Council

7 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer led by Pr. Denise and Karel Suchy

March 4, 2026 – Trinity's Core Values: Generosity

6 p.m. Simple Supper

7 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer led by Pr. Denise and Karel Suchy

March 11, 2026 – Trinity's Core Values: Identity in Jesus

6 p.m. Simple Supper hosted by the Caring Team

7 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer led by Lisa Maxfield and Karel Suchy

March 18, 2026 – Trinity's Core Values: Relationships

6 p.m. Simple Supper hosted by Worship and Music Team

7 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer led by Lisa Maxfield and Karel Suchy

March 25, 2026 – Trinity's Core Values: Worship Experience

6 p.m. Simple Supper

7 p.m. Worship with Holden Evening Prayer led by Pr. Denise and Karel Suchy

April 2, 2026 – Maundy Thursday

6 p.m. Simple Supper (Cousin Subs)

7 p.m. Worship with Individual Confession and Absolution, Holy Communion and the Choir

April 1, 2026 – Good Friday

1 p.m. Worship with special music

7 p.m. Worship with the choir

The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday

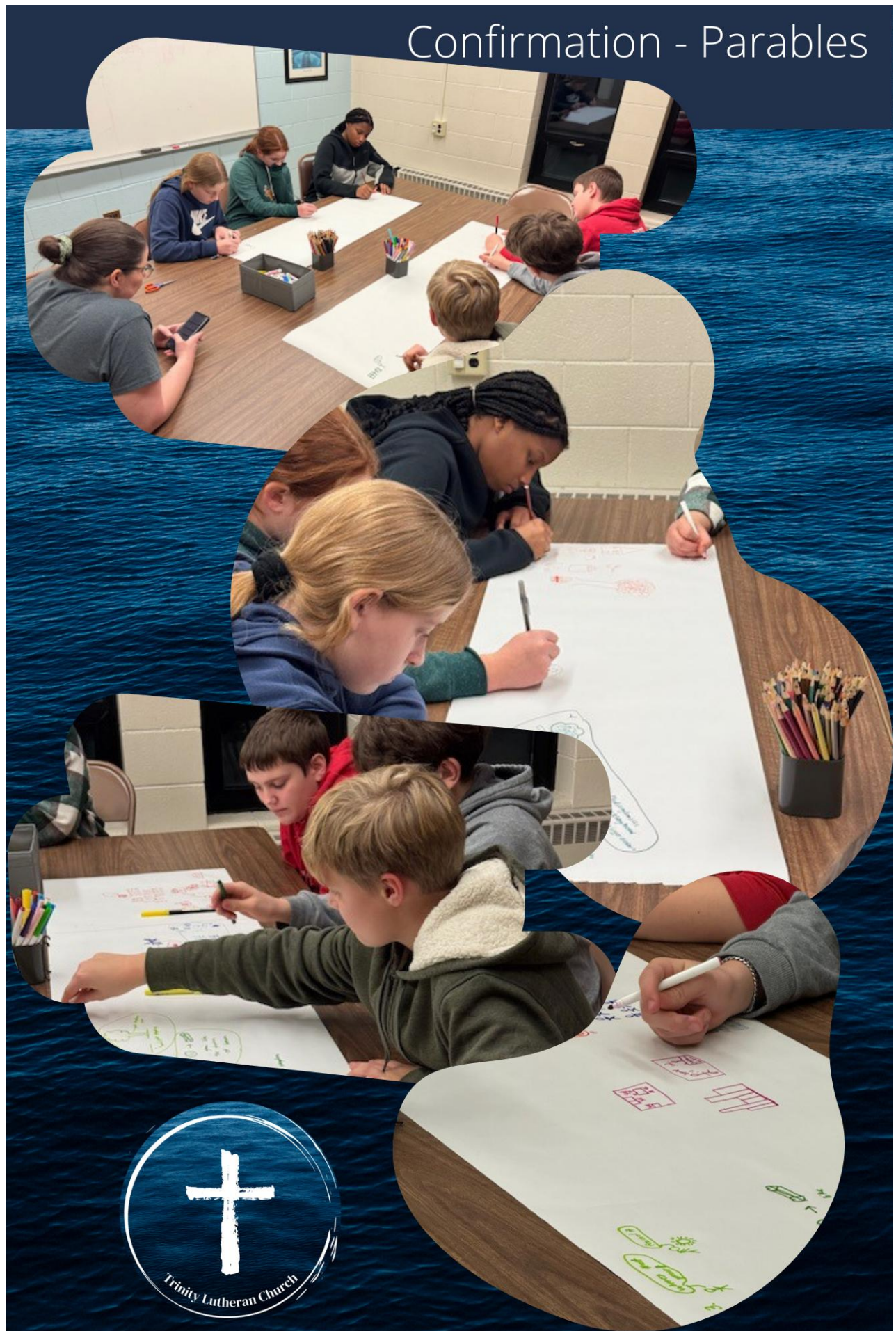
Sunrise service at 6:15 a.m. at Lake Vista Park (Sunrise at 6:26)

Rain? Meet at Trinity

Festival Worship at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity with Bell Ensemble and Choir



Confirmation - Parables



Financial Update for December

Submitted by Aron Miller

We did it again Trinity! We had a very good December thanks to some special gifting at the end of the year. We were able to finish the year with a small positive balance allowing us to return that amount back to the youth reserve account.

Net income for December was +\$8,074.08; Year-to-Date net income was +\$198.54.

Compared to last year at this time, we were up about \$3,000 in operating income but also up about \$3,000 in expenses.

We do want to thank Trinity again for the financial support you provided throughout 2025. It didn't look like we would have the needed income to support our higher than anticipated expenses, but you came through again! Thank you!

Project Uplift:

- Balance of \$26,771.39
- Income of \$1,331
- Expense of \$191.48 for a breaker for the boiler.

Impact report:

Endowment fund grants

- \$37 for our continual support of the All Peoples Food Pantry

Thrivent

- Action team grants:
 - Quilting Supplies
- Choice Dollars:
 - \$500 for Snow pants that were donated to Lakeview school.

Thank you to those who have submitted their 2026 statement of intentional giving. As of 1/29/26, we are about 89% toward our goal of \$264,000 in pledged income and will use these numbers to finalize our 2026 ministry plan. We will continue to collect forms in the offering plate or the church office (in person or via mail) for the next several weeks. Thank you for supporting Trinity's ministry!





February 2026

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Web Site: WWW.TLCSM.ORG

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Family First Worship in person and online 10:30 Education & Youth Ministry Team meeting in person 10:30 Caring/Outreach Ministry Team Meeting in person | 2 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation | 3 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 10:30 Property Ministry Team Meeting in person 7:00 Executive Committee Meeting on Zoom | 4 10:30 Staff Meeting in person 6:30 Trinity Grief Group | 5 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 6 Pastor's Day Off | 7 Human Concerns Weekend 8:30-4:00 Together In Mission 5:00 Worship in person |
| 8 Human Concerns Weekend 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online 10:30 Annual Meeting | 9 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Finance Ministry Team Meeting on Zoom | 10 7:00 Council Meeting on Zoom | 11 | 12 Tidings Articles Due 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 13 Pastor's Day Off | 14 1:00 Saturday Stitchers 1:00 Restaurant Meet Up at Olive Tree Cafe 5:00 Worship in person |
| 15 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online with Bells 10:30 Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting in person | 16 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation | 17 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting | 18 Ash Wednesday 8:00 Ashes to Go 12:00 Ashes to Go No Trinity Grief Group 6:00 Simple Suppers 7:00 Lenten Worship in person and online | 19 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Community Meal at United Church of Christ South Milwaukee 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 20 Pastor's Day Off | 21 No Saturday Worship during Lent |
| 22 8:45 Sunday School for Elementary 9:30 Worship in person and online with Soul Purpose | 23 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 6:30 Confirmation | 24 | 25 9:30-11:30 Open Conversations with Pastor Denise at Hillside Coffee House in Oak Creek 1:30 Mutual Ministry Meeting in person 6:00 Simple Suppers 7:00 Lenten Worship in person and online | 26 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 10:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Bell Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 Choir Rehearsal | 27 Pastor's Day Off | 28 No Saturday Worship during Lent |

Letters of Appreciation



P.O. Box 314
1029 Milwaukee Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI 53172
414-764-5340

Dear Friend,

South Milwaukee Human Concerns would like to thank you for your generous donation to our food pantry. Because of people like you, we continue to fulfill our mission of "help and hope." It is only with the help of our caring community that we can provide sorely needed assistance to the less fortunate.

Thank you so much for your continuing support, we greatly appreciate it!

Happy New Year

Very Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra DeBoer".

Debra DeBoer
Executive Director
So. Milwaukee Human Concerns, Inc.
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debrahcsomilw@gmail.com
smhumanconcerns.org

Mission Statement:

South Milwaukee Human Concerns, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 organization receiving no taxpayer funds that delivers critical help and hope to needs-based residents through emergency food, clothing and other essential services.

Terrill Kevin Janelle
 Lijah Bailey Akeon Annalise. house child
 Hudson Bby Akynde
 Amira Ruby Tahira Myla
 Aylah Keylee Brielle
 Jaelyn Rose Dominique
 Brandi JONATHAN Robert
 Lavanda Mikayla Bryan
 Demetrius Gloria Ameca
 Marcey Amira Kaniyah Bridget
 Laquon Barak Shelby RAY & MA

MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Hephatha

Thank you for

ALL you do to
Serve God with us.



To Everyone with Trinity Lutheran Church.
 Thank You so much for your generous
 donation of cereal to South Milwaukee
 Human Concerns.
 Your support of our mission and our
 community is so greatly appreciated.

Best Regards
 Deb De Boer
 SM Human Concerns



12/17/2025

Trinity Lutheran Church
2507 Fifth Ave
South Milwaukee, WI 53172



Dear Friends at Trinity Lutheran Church:

As we enter this Advent season, many of us may feel a weight on our hearts. Perhaps you're grieving the loss of a loved one, you're unsettled by the headlines of division or disaster, or you're anxious about challenges that lie ahead. In times like these, the hope we all yearn for can feel distant and even out of reach.

And yet, in times of hardship, we are called to embody the Christmas gifts of love, grace, and hope in Jesus.

Every day, our Ministry Partners embody this gift as they walk with families in need..

- **Breaking The Chains Church** has significantly reduced recidivism, with only one member returning to incarceration. The ministry fosters strong community support and engagement among returning citizens.
- **Hephatha Lutheran Church (Milwaukee)** fosters community growth through worship and outreach, supporting 400 children and their families, including nearby Hopkins Lloyd Community School families, through a Strong Baby Sanctuary program, and the Coalition on Lead Emergency.
- **Kenosha Vocational Ministry** helps returning citizens rebuild their lives and achieve success. The ministry's relational model effectively rehabilitates individuals and reduces recidivism.
- **Emaus ELCA (Racine)** embraces serving neighbors with love and community support.

Thank you for accompanying Outreach for Hope and our Ministry Partners in our mutual ministry work.

May God bless you and yours this season... and may all of God's children know of His love, grace and goodness at Christmas time and throughout the year!

Thank you for your donation of **\$150.00** in support of Outreach for Hope. This year, we celebrate eight years of your support for our efforts throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

We encourage you to learn more about our Ministry Partners – the 21 congregations and organizations in Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha and Sheboygan who directly benefit from your support. Their work helps thousands of folks in these communities with food and clothing, employment and legal assistance, children's and adult programming, and so much more! Visit outreachforhope.org or feel free to email us at info@outreachforhope.org – or call us at 414-671-1212.

Thank you for your support!

Peace,

Pr. Chris Manke
Executive Director, Outreach for Hope

*Dear friends at Trinity -
Thank you for your continued support. Because
of you, our Ministry Partners continue
to bring hope and transformation.
Thanks you so much and Merry Christmas!*

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A YEAR OF REACHING OUR
U.S. NEIGHBORS

CLOSING CONGREGATION
PLANTS NEW SEEDS OF LIFE

AND MORE!



LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF

Love IN ACTION



Neighbors in Mississippi lost everything after catastrophic tornadoes and floods. Your Quilts and Kits reached those most in need, like this grateful recipient in the Delta region. Photo Credit: Mississippi Food Network.



DIVINELY TIMED EXPANSION REACHES COAST TO COAST IN FIRST YEAR

ONE YEAR AGO, your faithful compassion opened a new chapter for Lutheran World Relief, **expanding our beloved Quilt & Kit Ministry to our neighbors in crisis here at home** — in addition to those your love has always surrounded abroad. For those facing devastating wildfires, hurricanes, floods and tornadoes, your quilts, kits and support have been

a lifeline — a true godsend. **Your faith in action embraces those who have lost everything and restores hope.**

When disaster strikes, your love is the first to surround our hurting neighbors. After **Hurricanes Helene and Milton** decimated communities across the Southeast, your gifts were already on the move. **Even before**

landfall, 10 shipping containers — filled with more than **60,000 handmade quilts** and **76,000 essential kits** — were en route across **six states**. You also provided more than **\$1 million** in cash grants to trusted local partners. This allows

"The quilts were not only warm but beautifully made. The quality was amazing, and it felt like a gift of love in every stitch."

— Hurricane survivor and displaced mother in Florida










LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2025?

803,181 QUILTS & KITS
 IN **15** COUNTRIES

| <div> 315,818 QUILTS</div> <div> 179,200 SCHOOL KITS</div> <div> 231,811 PERSONAL CARE KITS</div> <div> 66,984 BABY CARE KITS</div> <div> 9,368 FABRIC KITS</div> <div><i>This shipping information is from LWR's 2025 Fiscal Year (Oct. 2024 - Sept. 2025).</i></div> | COUNTRY | SHIPPING WAREHOUSE | QUILTS | SCHOOL KITS | PERSONAL CARE KITS | BABY CARE KITS | FABRIC KITS |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | ANGOLA | Maryland | 33,000 | 16,900 | 27,000 | 9,000 | |
| | DJIBOUTI | Minnesota | 9,520 | 15,225 | | | |
| | GEORGIA | Minnesota | | | 65,100 | | |
| | | Maryland | 49,500 | | | | |
| | HONDURAS | Minnesota | | 29,290 | | | |
| | JORDAN | Maryland | 6,600 | 6,500 | | | |
| | LIBERIA | Minnesota | 5,100 | | | 3,500 | |
| | MADAGASCAR | Minnesota | 9,520 | | | 7,350 | |
| | MALI | Maryland | 51,975 | 19,500 | 15,000 | 6,000 | 1,568 |
| | ROMANIA | Maryland | 6,270 | 3,380 | 3,900 | | |
| | SERBIA | Maryland | 7,425 | | 6,300 | | |
| | SIERRA LEONE | Minnesota | | 15,225 | | 7,350 | |
| | TANZANIA | Minnesota | 9,520 | | | 7,350 | |
| | UKRAINE | Maryland | 8,250 | | 6,000 | | |
| | UNITED STATES - EAST | Both | 85,737 | 40,794 | 65,561 | 20,950 | 5,360 |
| | UNITED STATES - CENTRAL | Both | 17,720 | 4,350 | 9,150 | 784 | 1,800 |
| | UNITED STATES - WEST | Both | 10,581 | 28,036 | 33,800 | 1,200 | 640 |
| ZIMBABWE | Minnesota | 5,100 | | | 3,500 | | |
| | TOTAL | | 315,818 | 179,200 | 231,811 | 66,984 | 9,368 |

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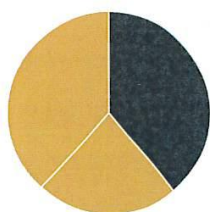
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MISSION SUPPORT: WHAT DOES MY OFFERING DO?

Every week, Lutherans across the country gather to worship. Many of us give to our congregation as part of this experience. ELCA members give about \$1.6 billion annually as regular offerings to ELCA congregations and worshipping communities. When you give your offering, most of it stays with your congregation to fund its vital work. A portion — about 5%, on average — becomes Mission Support, given by your congregation to your synod. Because of Mission Support, our hands can do God's work in more places than any one person or congregation could alone. Together we experience the way of Jesus; discover community, justice and love; and help more people experience the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.



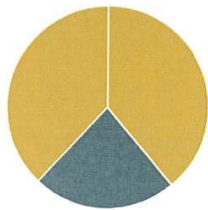
Your **MISSION SUPPORT** funds a variety of churchwide ministries.



38% BUILDS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES in the United States by enabling us to:

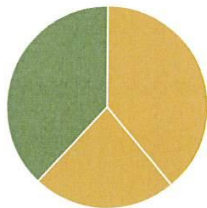
- Plant and support hundreds of worshipping communities.
- Revitalize congregational ministries and reach out to their surrounding communities.
- Promote leadership opportunities, discernment and education through leadership initiatives.
- Support the work of seven ELCA seminaries and 27 ELCA colleges and universities.
- Host events and leadership opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Support regional work through directors for evangelical mission as well as candidacy and leadership managers.
- Prepare and implement a system for recruiting and assigning rostered ministers.





Another **23% GROWS THE GLOBAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** and addresses issues around the world, enabling us to:

- Accompany new Lutheran churches, expand ministries and train leaders and evangelists.
- Send missionaries to accompany communities around the world.
- Address social inequities and work for justice.
- Cultivate and maintain relationships with 149 other churches through the Lutheran World Federation to strengthen the church and its global work.
- Foster relationships between ELCA synods and 65 companion churches, for a total of 127 official relationships.
- Work with leaders and members of our African-descent, American Indian, Alaska Native, Arab, Middle Eastern, Asian, Pacific Islander and Latiné communities.



Finally, **39% STRENGTHENS AND SUSTAINS THE MINISTRY and MISSION** of the whole church, enabling us to:











- Offer ministry resources and opportunities to lay leaders for networking.
- Develop social messages of the ELCA as topical documents to focus attention and action on timely, pressing matters of concern to church and society.
- Sustain ecumenical and interfaith relations.
- Partner with congregations and ministries across the church as they explore new, innovative ways of being church in a constantly changing world.
- Invest in technology and communications.
- Engage in research and strategic planning.
- Create and share resources for faith, discipleship, prayer, stewardship and worship.









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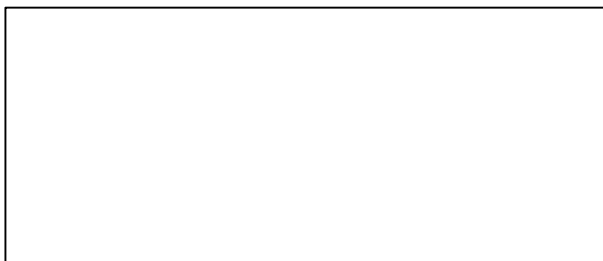
In person worship at 5:00 p.m. Saturday

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)

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