



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

July 2026

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From Pastor Jon Breimeier

More from a book I am reading this summer, Jesus: A Pilgrimage.

It is by Father James Martin; I recommend it highly.

Father Martin and a friend/colleague traveled through the Holy Land; he connects sites they visited to the accounts in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They found the “Bay of Parables” on the Sea of Galilee. It took a lot of persistence, many locals and local religious had not heard of this “Bay”. But when they finally were able to track it down, it was a revelation. “Immediately the ground dropped away

from us, and we found ourselves on the rim of a natural amphitheater. People had likely stood here and listened to Jesus preaching from the boat. As I gazed on the blue-green water sparkling under the sun, I could easily picture Jesus sitting in a boat just a few hundred feet from where we were standing. I couldn’t stop smiling when I realized what we had found. Then I saw something that amazed me even more. All around us was this: rocky ground, fertile ground, stony ground, and even a thorn bush.” [We will hear this story July 11 & 12]

Father Martin encourages imagining yourself as part of any Bible story. Engage your senses. If you have done much gardening or yard work you will have encountered rocky ground or thorns. Ouch! Aching back! But then you know the delight of good soil, perhaps with compost mixed in - you can picture your plants growing and flourishing. “You can almost see the people nodding in agreement as Jesus spins out earthly tales of people, places, and situations they would have known well.”

“His [Jesus’s] use of parables, then, parallels the gracious entrance of God into our human existence. Just as it was not beneath Jesus to approach his listeners in ways they could understand, so it was not beneath God to come in a way we can understand - in Jesus. With a parable Jesus says, ‘Do you want to know what the reign of God is like? Let me tell you a story.’ In Jesus, God says, ‘Do you want to know what I am like? Let me be a story for you, the story of Jesus.’ In a sense, Jesus is the parable of God.”

Father Martin points out that wit and humor are important elements of Jesus’s parables; they are also for Fr Martin. One of his books is *Between Heaven and Mirth*.

Summing up the parable of the Prodigal Son, Fr Martin writes: “Like the father’s forgiveness, God’s love is prodigal, foolish to those who look upon life in worldly terms. God’s mercy is relentless. God’s mercy is joyful, like the father rejoicing in love and compassion”

From Our President

Hello Trinity,

As we welcome the month of July, I want to express my gratitude for the faithfulness, generosity, and dedication that continue to strengthen our church family. Whether through worship, volunteering, prayer, or fellowship, each of you plays an important role in our ministry.

Summer often brings opportunities for rest, travel, and time with family. As our schedules change, I encourage us all to remain connected to Christ and to one another. Our congregation is blessed by the many ways members share their gifts and support our mission of proclaiming God's love in our community.

We also look forward to the upcoming events and ministries planned for the summer months. These activities provide wonderful opportunities to grow in faith, build relationships, and welcome others into our church family.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Trinity Lutheran Church. Together, guided by God's grace, we can continue to serve, care for one another, and share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

May God bless you and your loved ones throughout the summer season.

Blessings,

Jason



In Our Thoughts and Prayers and Recently Hospitalized

Joyce Warwick, Doris Mueller, Kristen Swanson, Gail English, Cindy Felicki, the family and friends of Kerry Kirchoff.

Altar Flowers for July

July 5	Cheryl Parkinson; **
July 12	Mark Sostarich; **
July 19	**, **
July 26	Cheryl Parkinson; **

The bouquets are \$25 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.

Readings for July 2026

Additional Reading: Romans 7-9; Isaiah 44 and 55; and Those missing verses!

July 4 & 5, 2026 - Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Family First Worship

Scripture: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 11 & 12, 2026 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Lisa gone

Scripture: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 18 & 19, 2026 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Pastor David Rebey - Soul Purpose

Scripture: Isaiah 44:1-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 25 & 26, 2026 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost -

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

August 1 & 2, 2026 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Family First Worship

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sundaes on Sunday

Now on to another great Cross Generational event; **Sundaes on Sunday!** This is an annual event and since it has been so successful throughout the years, please join us again! This is a great opportunity to connect with your Trinity family at Trinity while enjoying the outdoors!

We will host this event on **Sunday, July 26 at 6:00 p.m.** at Trinity. There will be an ice cream sundae bar with a good will offering. Please bring a lawn chair with you.



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



Youth and Family News

Submitted by Alyssa Olson



**SUNDAYS
IN JULY
11 AM-1:30 PM**

Won't You Be My Neighbor

Cross+Generational Faith Engagement

All ages are invited to Trinity's summer faith formation sessions (VBS) as we practice loving our neighbors

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Cross+Generational Faith Formation this Summer

Sundays in July (July 5, 12, 19, 26)

11 AM-1:30 PM

Welcome to the neighborhood, where strangers become friends and friends know and love you just the way you are!

You're invited to join us for this cross+generational exploration of what it means to be a good neighbor, inspired by Mr. Roger's Neighborhood and Daniel Tiger. As we gather around the table to share a meal, we'll also share Bible stories and examples of people living out their faith through peace and justice. Music, games, art, and much more help us connect to true neighborliness that will extend far beyond our walls.

These cross+generational faith engagement sessions (VBS) are designed for people of all ages, young and old together and learning from each other. Lunch will be served. Sessions are offered at no cost to participants, though donations are always appreciated. Find more information and sign-up at

<https://forms.gle/BhdtPRghi1L2soZ68>



Kenosha Pride

All are invited to join our family outing to Kenosha's Pride festival, July 11. We'll meet at Trinity to carpool down for this free celebration of the diversity of God's people, and we'll get to meet several churches who are sharing God's love with all. Whether you're part of the LGBT+ community, interested in the RIC process, or just looking for a good time outside with friends and family, this is the event for you. Stay tuned for times and a sign-up.

Blue Box for ELCA Good Gifts Update

Have you noticed the blue box in the narthex? We practice sharing God's love with our global neighbors through contributions to ELCA Good Gifts collected in this box. 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, we exceeded expectations and raised \$1805! We were able to provide many vaccinations and health clinic visits, and fully funded Abundant Community, a 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 challenge you to meet a big goal! 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!

As of mid-May, we have raised \$170.22. Can you help us reach our goal? 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.



Summer Fun at Lutherdale

Looking for something fun to do this summer?

From kid and family camps to bus trips and quilt auction, our local Lutheran outdoor ministry center has it all! Check out Lutherdale.org to find out more.

"Camperships" are available if the cost of camp is inaccessible. Please reach out to Alyssa at youthtlcsm@gmail.com with questions.



Save the dates for the 2027 ELCA National Youth and Young Adults Gathering! June 28-July 2, 2027

The Youth Gathering is a unique faith formation experience. Every three years, thousands of ELCA teens from across the country converge on one city for a week of worship, service, and fellowship unlike any other.

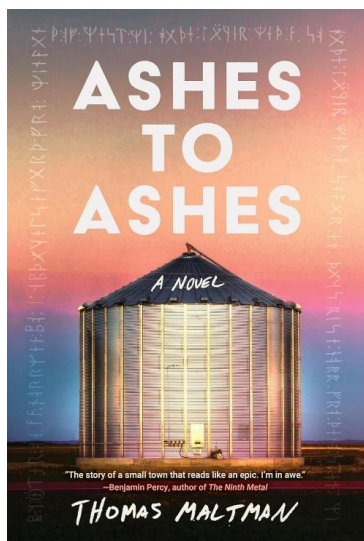
Teens must be in 8th-12th grade in fall 2026 to attend the Youth Gathering.

For those aged 18-35, the national Young Adult Gathering will take place simultaneously. There are also pre-events for youth with disabilities and youth of color to gather in the community before the large event. Our tentative plan is to take the train, with potential for a fun extra stop along the way!

Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/gathering-2027/about-what-is-the-gathering> and stay tuned for informational meetings and registration this fall.

We'll need adults to help lead, plan, and fundraise. In the coming months, please prayerfully consider if you might be feeling called to be part of this once in a lifetime faith experience.

Late Summer Book Read – September 19, 2026



We decided to try something a little different over the summer. *Ashes to Ashes* is a young adult novel. You can read the description below. We will meet on Saturday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m. at Castillo's restaurant (5656 S Packard Ave #21) in Cudahy for discussion and breakfast.

Small-town Minnesota teenager Basil "The Brute" Thorson—a shy, reluctant wrestling star and "special" tracked into special education classes—vows to make his family whole again in the wake of multiple tragedies, during a year in which his community is roiled by strange religious and mythological events.

Another perceptive and empathetic novel from the author of *Indie Next* and *All Iowa Reads* selection *Little Wolves*, blending myth, history, and religion with a nuanced look at contemporary rural life, perfect for fans of Marilynne Robinson, Richard Russo, and Paul Harding.

When the ashes from an Ash Wednesday service in the prairie town of And when, Minnesota, refuse to wash off, members of a small congregation are left wondering whether they've been blessed or cursed. For sixteen-year-old Basil—a shy wrestling star reeling from a farming accident and his mother's institutionalization—the ashes become a sign. He embarks on a secret ritual of fasting and prayer, seeking meaning in his unraveling world.

Meanwhile, Basil and his friends come upon what may be the centuries-old remains of a Viking explorer in a local meadow, a find that brings its own complications, as folk history clashes with the agendas of online racists. As Basil's relentless fasting warps his grip on reality, the danger he poses to himself and his family escalates. Blending the fragments of a Norse saga with a finely observed portrait of rural Midwestern life at the start of the pandemic, Thomas Maltman delivers a novel of narrative daring and profound empathy—his most inventive and compassionate work yet. (From [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com))

Courtyard Refresh



Financial Update for May

Submitted by David Hahn

Financial Update for May: May's financials were substantially down from April's very good month but we were able to maintain a positive year-to-date net income.

1. Net income -\$4,097; Year-to-date +\$6,130.
2. Gifting was down \$23,000 from last month.
3. We did have to move back \$5,000 from our reserve investment to cover checking account balances.
4. Compared to last year at this time, we are ahead in income by \$15,000 but also ahead in expenses by \$1,500.

Thank you Trinity for your financial support throughout the year. As we head into the summer months, please keep in mind that most of Trinity's monthly expenses are fixed and regular gifting is important for maintaining our ministries.

Project Uplift: Balance of \$25,189, Income \$583, expenses \$3,260 roof repair.

NOTE: Over the last three years, Project Uplift's reserve funds have been almost cut in half with about \$25,000 being spent on boiler, roof, office a/c, and other general maintenance issues. Our church is getting older and will continue to need upkeep. Please help us keep Project Uplift funded through regular or special gifts.

Impact Report:

Endowment Fund Grants.

- \$1,000 for scholarships.
- \$105 for All Peoples food pantry.

Thrivent:

- One Action Team Grant-school supplies.

Cinnamon roll sale of \$264 for Youth reserve account.



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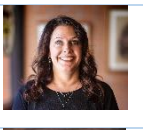
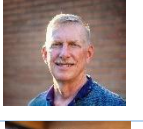
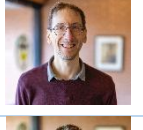
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30 Worship in person and online with Soul Purpose	29 8:30-1:30 Office Open	30 8:30-1:30 Office Open	July 1	2	3	4 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship in person
5 Human Concerns Weekend 9:30 Family First Worship in person and online 11:00-1:30 Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School	6 8:30-1:30 Office Open 7:00-8:00 Finance Ministry Team	7 8:30-1:30 Office Open 9:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 7:00 Executive Committee Meeting	8	9	10	11 5:00 Worship in person
12 Tidings Articles Due 9:30 Worship in person and online 11:00-1:30 Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School	13 8:30-1:30 Office Open	14 8:30-1:30 Office Open 7:00 Council Meeting on Zoom	15	16 10:30 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Community Meal	17	18 1:00 Saturday Stitches 5:00 Worship in person
19 9:30 Worship in person and online 10:30-11:30 Stewardship Ministry Team 11:00-1:30 Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School	20 8:30-1:30 Office Open	21 8:30-1:30 Office Open 9:00-12:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting	22 9:30 Open Conversations at Hillside Coffee House in Oak Creek	23	24	25 5:00 Worship in person
26 9:30 Worship in person and online 11:00-1:30 Cross+Generational Vacation Bible School 6:00 Sundaes on Sunday	27 8:30-1:30 Office Open	28 8:30-1:30 Office Open	29	30	31	August 1 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Hymn Sing Worship in person
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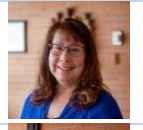
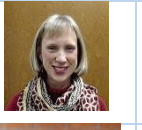
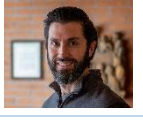
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July 2026 TIDINGS

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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)

Summer Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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