

Times of Trinity - September 2025



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FALL

KICK OFF DATES!

Sunday, September 7
9:00am Worship with Choir & Bells!
Kids Connect (*Begin in Worship*)
10:00am Pancake Breakfast & Fellowship!

Wednesday, September 10
Wednesday Meal & Worship Returns!
5:30pm 6th Grade Begins
5:45pm Parent Meeting for Wed Kids Connect
in Community Room
6:10pm Kids Connect Begins
7:00pm Confirmation Year A/B Orientation
Choir Rehearsal Begins

Wednesday, September 24
7:00pm Confirmation Year C Orientation



Times of Trinity

September 2025

Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, September 7

10:00am-11:00am

Fellowship Hall

*Pancakes, sausage,
juice and coffee*

Freewill Donation - All
donations will go towards
the Becker County United
Way Backpack Program!



FALL 2025 AT TRINITY!

Sundays

Starting September 7th

9:00am-10:00am

Worship

Kids Connect

10:00am-10:45am

Fellowship/Coffee

Adult Education

Wednesdays

Starting September 10th

5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday Meal

Freewill offering

6:10pm-7:00pm

Worship

Kids Connect

5:30pm-6:05pm

6th Grade

AOB Classes

Elem Hang Time

7:00pm-8:00pm

Confirmation

Choir Rehearsal

Is your garden overflowing with abundance? Leave your extra produce on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone taking produce may leave a monetary donation in the can to be sent to World Hunger.



Have you recently disconnected your land line or gotten a new cell phone number? Please remember to let the church office know so we can update our records and keep in touch!



Your commitment makes a difference! Please consider signing up to assist at a Trinity church service. Even a small amount of your time has a BIG impact.

Give your way

Scan the QR code to give to Trinity electronically. Choose the amount and frequency that works with your budget. **THANK YOU** for your support!!





So much of August pushes us toward the beginning of a new school year, school supplies fill the store shelves, sports practices and band camp fill the days, and our routines shift to get us back into the rhythm of the next season. Even if your days are no longer marked by the school calendar and routines, there is something about the fall that brings a new energy as the seasons change. As we look forward to our 2025/2026 program year, our plans have focused around what it means to be “Together in Christ.” From spiritual growth, worship, stewardship, education, and fellowship, we wondered together how we can live out our identity as disciples of Christ, together; moving forward toward the same goals? And as we have answered this question, we have done some rearranging, some reconstruction, some editing, and some dreaming. You’ll see some old favorites continue, some modifications to previous programs, and a few brand new opportunities as well! As we explore our discipleship and grow in faith and action together, I invite you to think about your own life of faith at Trinity and what it means to you to be “Together in Christ.” What strengths and gifts do you have that you could share? What energy do you have for a particular ministry? How does your faith get lived out beyond our time together in worship? There is exciting work ahead and I’m so glad to be “Together in Christ” with you!

~Pastor Megan

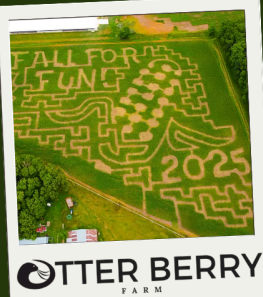
Children, Youth & Family Ministry

TRINITY LOVES THE LAKERS!
GET POPCORN AT A GAME ON TRINITY!

**Trinity Community - Anyone is welcome to find Laura or Suzie at the following Laker games to get popcorn on Trinity from concessions!*

 **FOOTBALL - SEPTEMBER 5th**
 **VOLLEYBALL - SEPTEMBER 30th**
GO LAKERS!

TLC Kids & Youth Early Out!
Wednesday, September 24th 2:00-5:15pm

 It is the first early out in the DL school year and we are planning an afternoon of fall festivities! We will meet at Trinity after school gets out at 2pm and then head out to Otter Berry Farm! There will be a corn maze, corn pit, farm animals, wagon rides, bounce house, straw bale slide and more farm fun! We will return to Trinity at 5:15pm. We will be taking a bus from Trinity to Otter Berry and back.

Who: Kindergarteners-8th Grade
Cost: None! Sign up on Trinity's website!
Sign up deadline: Sept 17th

BAPTISM
Sunday, October 12th
10:30am-11:15am

Are you hoping to have your child or upcoming baby baptized at Trinity? Pastor Megan is inviting families who are looking to have their child baptized in the future to join her for class!

***To sign up for the class, please contact Pastor Megan at 218-847-7211 or email her at megan@trinitylutherandl.org**

COMMUNION
Wednesday, October 8th
5:30-6:00pm

We are excited to welcome you to the table by learning all about the gift of Holy Communion! We are offering a first communion class to all ages of kids. Contact Laura for questions.
Registration Form can be found at www.trinitylutherandl.org
Sign Up Deadline: Oct 1st



Trinity Lutheran Church Council Minutes -August 18th @ 5:00 pm

Members- Julie Aaneson (3) Jon Anderson (3) Kym Wesholter (3) Terry Carlisle (2) Joe Merseeth (2) Neil Jonason (2) Devin Hagen (2) Kaitlin Siewert (1) Lydia Gag (1) Andrea Grimm (1) Ben Jacobson (1) Deb Krogsgaard (1) Keith Hochgraber (1)

Pastor Megan Absent- Joe, Lydia

Call to Order - Kym, Prayer - Pastor Megan

Laura and Suzie discussed CYF request for new TV'S for community room using funds that were designated to CYF. Finance has given approval. TV's are from before building project. Motion made to approve purchase of TV's. (Keith/Terri) No discussion. Approved. Laura and Suzie also requested approval to use funds from Laura's Cont Education ('24/'25), Suzie's Cont Education ('25) and Staff Travel Line (up to \$1400). Finance gave approval of use of funds. Motion made to approve. (Julie/Andrea) No discussion. Approved.

Regular Business:

-Financial Report - Sue

Finance approved moving \$15,000 from savings to checking. Sue stated that due to the increase in offerings for August so far, is going to wait to see how financials for the month plays out before transfers.

Accounts Payable Approval-Motion to approve (Deb/Jon) No discussion

-July Council Minutes Approval-Motion to approve (Jon/Neil) No discussion Approved

-Ministry Review-Julie was able to get another person added to alter guild. Andrea is going to talk with property to get clarification of what needed to be cleaned.

Old Business:

-CYF Funds Follow up-Deb states it was approved by TDF to combine moving Sutter memorial to the designated funds for Sutter. Will be one line item for CYF funds.

New Business:

-Principal Party/Stewardship Update & Discussion- TTT, Life and growth, finance, and executive had a meeting on August 4th to start the process of planning a potential principal party and bigger stewardship project. Lots of discussion was had on the financial situation of the church and what can be done to address. Funds have been given by individuals to help with the Principal Party. Motion made to proceed with the Principal Party. (Julie/Keith). Discussion was had on who would be in charge of planning. Pastor Megan agreed to run the campaign. Members of council agreed to help her as needed. Approved. Also discussed how to give more financial updates to members of church.

-Projector Update- Finance Committee gave go ahead to purchase. Was approved by the executive council and has been purchased.

-TDF Rep - Jon agreed to be representative from council.

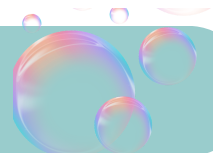
-Property Request Update- Property is requesting to widen the west entry approach. Estimate it to be less than \$2000. Decided to table until the next meeting.

-Outreach Special Offering- Outreach Committee is in need of winter boots for the Winter Gear give away. Would like approval to pass a boot one Sunday and one Wednesday to collect funds to buy boots for give away. Motion to approve (Jon/Ben) No discussion. Approved

-Sue brought to council's attention the credit card is not under church and was instead under administrator. Motion made to authorize Sue to set up a credit card under church. (Keith/Ben) No Discussion Approved. Also informed the council that capital improvements balance is currently \$7,000 and is supposed to add \$1,000 monthly until back up to \$12,000. Motion made to rescind adding funds to Capital Improvement until it hits \$12,000 and leave balance as is. (Jon/Andrea) No discussion. Approved.

The Lord's Prayer

Adjourn 6:45 pm



SERVING

Trinity Quilters

Trinity has an active and faithful quilting ministry. The group welcomes you - all levels of experience are welcome!

Date/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 9:00AM

Knifty Knitters

Join this group as they gather together to knit prayer shawls for those in need of comfort, support or praise.

Date/Time: 2nd/4th Wednesdays at 1:30PM

Youth Winter Gear Give-Away

Every fall, Trinity opens its doors to give warmth to others.

DONATE: We gladly accept donations of new and gently-used winter coats and winter gear for youth of all ages.

SERVE: The week of the event, volunteers are needed to help organize and set up for the give-away. The day of the event, many volunteers are needed to help individuals and families find clothing items to keep them warm this winter.

Date/Time: Saturday, October 4

Contact: Trinity's Outreach Committee

Watch for the "Pass the Boot" offering this fall to help purchase boots.



Women of the ELCA Mission Night

Join WELCA for a night of fellowship and packing various mission kits for Lutheran World Relief in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and help pack; supper provided.

Date/Time: Thursday, October 23, 5:00pm

Contact: Denise Hemerick, Deb Melgaard

Christmas Giving Tree

Working together, Trinity provides gifts for families in need in our local community. The Christmas tree goes up mid-November, and individuals and families are invited to take one of the 100+ tags on the tree or online, and shop for a gift to make someone's Christmas a little brighter.

Date/Time: Late November - Early December

Contact: Trinity's Outreach Committee

Christmas Luncheon

Celebrate the season with WELCA All are welcome. Watch for more information mid-fall.

Date/Time: Tuesday, Dec 2, 11:30AM-12:30PM

Contact: Denise Hemerick, Deb Melgaard

Thanksgiving Baskets

Every year, Trinity's Outreach Committee puts together Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need within our community. Food items and monetary donations are needed to fill the baskets; watch for details this fall.

Date/Time: November

Contact: Trinity's Outreach Committee



Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign

Sign up to ring the bells at local businesses in support of the Salvation Army and the ways they serve people.

Date/Time: Early December

Contact: Trinity's Church Office, 218-847-7211

STAY CONNECTED

Stay up to date with the happenings at Trinity! Check out the avenues below in which we will post upcoming events, information and more!



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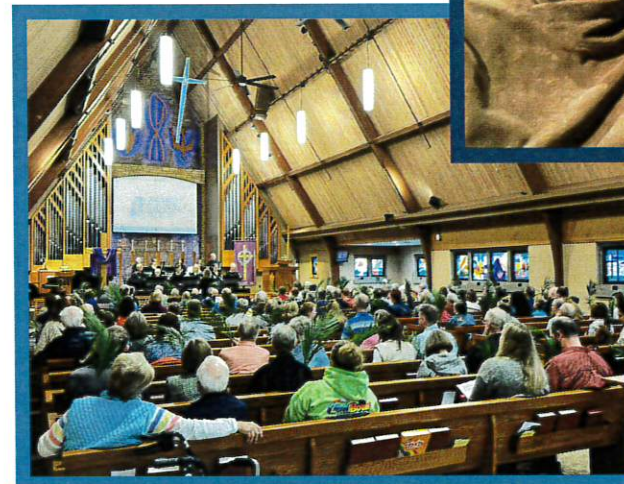
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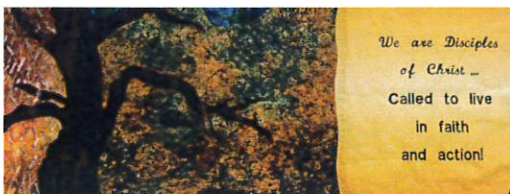
SEPT - DEC 2025

EDUCATION ■ FELLOWSHIP ■ WORSHIP ■ SERVING



We are so glad you are here.

*We hope you can find ways to connect and engage with our community!
There are opportunities for serving and learning, as well as meeting people and having fun together.
Take a look at all Trinity has to offer, and try something new or reach out to learn more.*



CONNECTION

Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to join this group for breakfast to discuss the Bible lessons from Sunday. All are welcome for this weekly time of lively conversation and good fellowship.

Date/Time: Tuesdays at 8:00AM at the Holiday Inn
Contact: Charles Jensvold



Lunch & Learn Series

Join us for a monthly time of connection and learning. A simple soup & sandwich meal served; no need to sign up. All are welcome.

Date/Time: 1st Thursdays, 12:00-1:00PM

- * Oct 2: Balance with Trisa Hutchinson ODT, OTR/L
- * Nov 6: Everything Grandparents Should Know About Autism with Dee Alleckson APRN, CNP, PMHNP-BC
- * Dec 4: Healthy Cooking for 1 or 2 with Toni Swanson RDN, CSG, LD

Contact: Suzie Porter, 218-847-7211

Women of the ELCA Circles

Elizabeth, Miriam, Mary-Martha Ruth, Tabitha, and Esther. There are many women's groups (women of all ages) that meet monthly for Bible study, service & fellowship.

Date/Time: Varies, call the church office to learn more.
Contact: Denise Hemerick, Deb Melgaard



If you can help serve/clean up or bring desserts for a Lunch & Learn, please contact Suzie.

Fall Hikes

Join Dotz in exploring some treasured places in our backyard here in Becker County. Young & old - and all ages in between - all are welcome for these afternoon adventures of exploring creation around us. Sign up to receive more details about these hikes.

Date/Time: Sundays, 3:00PM

- * Sept 14: Ortenson Gardens & Barefoot Frida
- * Oct 12: North Country Trail

Contact: Dotz Johnson, Suzie Porter

Prayer Journals

Prayer journals can be a resource or a creative way to pray. Sign up to learn more about how prayer journals can be used, and you'll leave with a new journal and supplies to get you started. Cost: Free
Supplies covered by a Thrivent Action Grant.

Date/Time: Sunday, October 26, 3:00-4:00PM
Contact: Carmen Nodsle, Suzie Porter

For connection opportunities that require sign-up, please sign up at www.trinitylutherandl.org or contact Trinity's office at 218-847-7211 for more information.

SAIL

SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) is an evidence-based strength, balance and fitness program for older adults. The class is FREE, and takes place at Trinity in the Loft.

Date/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00-2:00PM
Contact: Bonnie Mohs

Grounded - Sunday Coffee for Young Adults (20's & 30's)

Meet up with other young adults after worship once a month. We'll discuss the sermon and build connections. Coffee is on us! Location will vary; sign up to be notified of location each month.

Date/Time: 2nd Sundays-Following Worship
Contact: Suzie Porter, 218-847-7211



Study: A More Excellent Way - The Gospel in an Age of Division

Using a study by the Rev. Dr. Joy J Moore, we'll explore how we can navigate challenging times of division with grace and scriptural wisdom. Free; in advance. Zoom option available.

Date/Time: Thursdays, 6:00-7:00PM
Begins September 25; 7 Week Study
Contact: Suzie Porter, 218-847-7211

Advent Small Groups

Join a small group for connection & reflection in Advent. More information available mid-fall.

Date/Time: TBD
Contact: Pastor Megan Clapp

Footsteps of Paul: Greece & Turkey Trip

Learn more about this June 2026 trip offering with Pastor Megan. Registration for trip is open; see Pastor Megan for more details or attend the meeting to learn more.

Date/Time: Oct 29, 7:15PM
Contact: Pastor Megan Clapp



MUSIC

Trinity Senior Choir

No previous experiences required - just a desire to sing and join in fellowship with others. This choir rehearses weekly, and shares their gift of music during select Sunday morning services, as well as special services from September to May.
Date/Time: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00PM (*Begins Sept 10*)
Contact: Tom Young, Trinity Choir Director

Trinity Special Music

Share your gift of music with Trinity! Greta is always looking for special music for our various worship services at Trinity.
Contact: Greta Johnson, Trinity Music Coordinator



Trinity Chime and Bell Choir

Be a part of a small group who loves praising God through music and fellowship. The Bell Choir will start ringing rehearsals in September in The Loft and perform at one Sunday service a month from September to May. The Bell Choir has regular members, but are always looking for substitutes. All levels of abilities are welcome and training is available. If anyone is interested in joining our group, please contact Terri Hutchinson @ 218-849-6416.

Date/Time: Mondays, 6:30-7:30PM (*Begins Sept 8*)
Contact: Terri Hutchinson, Bell Choir Director



FELLOWSHIP

Food, Fun & Fellowship

An afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship for adults of all ages. Join us for lunch, and stay to play games or visit with others. Feel free to bring your own game. No need to sign up, just show up for good food, fellowship and fun! Lunch is served at 11:30am; games and fellowship follow lunch.

Date/Time: 3rd Tuesday of Each Month, 11:30AM

- * September 16
- * October 21
- * November 18
- * December 16

Contact: Trinity's Church Office, 218-847-7211

Carol-n-Cheer!

Take a moment for the season and join Trinity as we take over Buck's Mill for a time of singing our favorite Christmas carols and songs (kid ones too!), eat delicious food and cheer! All ages are welcome to join in this fun time together during the Christmas season!

Date/Time: Pencil in Dec 7, 4-6PM...to be confirmed soon!
Contact: Laura Kessler, 218-847-7211

