#### Times of Trinity - August 2025



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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



### Wednesday, August 20th

#### 5:00-6:30pm Backyard BBQ!

All are invited to join us in TLC's backyard for a meal, time to play and connect with each other after the busy summer! Take time together before the school year begins!

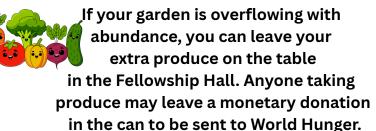
#### 6:30-7:30pm Back to School BINGO

Come play in the Fellowship Hall and win fun back to school prizes and enjoy a root beer float!





The Winter Gear Give-A-Way collection has begun. Please bring new or gently used coats, snow pants, and boots to the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach.





August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. is the next Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Mark your calendar & make plans to join everyone in the Fellowship Hall.





# CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Share your musical gifts with the church! There are several ways to get involved and share your passion for music.

**Worship Band**: Musicians and vocalists are needed for the Worship Band at the Wednesday evening service.

Contact Pastor Megan or Greta at tlchurch@arvig.net for more information.

**Bell Choir**: Embrace the unique fun of playing handbells. No prior experience necessary but reading music is a must. Reach out to Terri at tlchurch@arvig.net for more information.

**Trinity Choir**: If a more traditional singing experience brings your heart joy, this is the group for you. All are welcome. Reach out to Tom at tlchurch@arvig.net for more information.

# Children, Youth & Family Ministry

As you look at the year ahead, we hope you will consider your gifts and how you might be able to volunteer with children and youth ministry at Trinity! It takes so many caring individuals to make this ministry happen! We need people that will care about and invest in our youth and meet them where they are at. Some ways to help...

Kids Connect Team Teacher, Confirmation Small Group Guide, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Confirmation Mentor, Elementary Hang Time, Special Events, High School, Behind the Scenes and more!

We want to find the best way to use your gifts! If you are interested in volunteering please fill out the form on our website asap or talk to Laura or Suzie! It takes a village!

Reminder: 10th Grade Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, August 24 from 5-8Pm!



#### Trinity Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 15 @ 6:30

**Members-** Julie Aaneson (3) Jon Anderson (3) Kym Wesholter (3) Terry Carlisle (2) Joe Merseth (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-** Deb, Lydia, Devin, Keith

Call to Order/Prayer - Kym

**Mission and Vision Continuation**- Council members shared and discussed dreams they have for TLC.

#### Regular Business:

**Financial Report** - Sue's computer was being fixed, so did not have full report. Will be sent out once computer back. Invoice was received for air conditioner, payment will be made out of capital improvements. Bill is looking into replacing projector screen; working on getting second bid. Joe is going to follow up with Bill.

Accounts Payable Approval-Motion to approve (Joe/Terry) No discussion Approved.

June Council Minutes Approval-Motion to approve (Terry/Ben) No discussion Approved.

#### **Ministry Review**

Kaitlin is going to work with Janelle to get an updated committee assignments sheet.

#### **Old Business:**

CYF Funds Follow up-Deb is still in the process and will give more info once knows more.

**Hiring Update** - Pr. Megan reports that Janelle is managing beautifully and is working to switch everything over to digital. Pr. Megan also had a conversation with a potential candidate for the pastoral care position and was decided through the conversation that would not be a good fit for TLC or the individual. Care Connectors continue to do great work and Julie is willing to continue to lead the group. Currently there are about 11 individuals in Care Connectors.

Principal Party- There is a meeting on August 4th with committees involved with planning.

#### New Business:

#### Synod Road Trip Stop- August 18th 6pm

TLC will be a host for Synod Road Trip Stop in August. It is a good meeting to attend to better understand what the Synod does. Neil is going to contact Life and Growth committee members to see if they will help. Council members will also be present to help.

Was decided to move next council meeting to August 18th following Synod Road Trip stop.

The Lord's Prayer

Adjourn- Kym 7:28

Respectfully submitted by Kaitlin Siewert, Council Secretary

This past month we have had some wonderful volunteers who came to

improve various parts of Trinity! We are so thankful for your extra time, care and energy in making this a better place for our community!



Thank you Tom & Sheri Gray for caring for our flower beds and making them look fantastic!

Thank you to our garage crew who helped sort, build and organize our garage space so we can use it better!

Terry Carlisle, Brian Hanson,
Shawn May, Jason Westholter,
Ryan Hill and Aaron Braaten



Thank you to those that helped improve our playground area to continue to keep our kids safe!

Terry Carlisle, Brian Hanson,
David King, Wall Holm and
Colin Gedrose

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM CLASSES

Promises are made at baptism to bring up our children faithfully. Our 'AOB' classes help fulfill these promises. Each age level is invited to attend a class with a parent or caring adult to learn about a certain aspect of faith together. If youth would like to attend a class they have missed they are more than welcome just let Laura know! New this year, AOB classes will only be offered on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:05pm.

AGE	FAITH TOPIC	DATE
PreK (4 & 5 yrs)	<b>Church Seasons</b>	Wednesday, October 1st
Kindergarten	Baptism	Wednesday, November 12th
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Prayer	Wednesday, January 28th
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	<b>Apostles Creed</b>	Wednesday, January 21st
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Bible	Wednesday, September 24th
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>Ten Commandments</b>	Wednesday, February 4th
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Sunday, February 22 <sup>nd</sup> ~ 4:00-5:30pm
	<i>If this is your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader</i>	rs First Communion, we will celebrate in the worships to follow!
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Values	Wednesday, April 8th
7/8/9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Stewardship	Wednesday, April 15 <sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00-8:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Confirmation	Sunday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

### **VOLUNTEER!**

It takes many wonderful volunteers who love to invest in children and youth to make these programs happen! If you are interested in getting plugged in, we would love to find a spot for you! There are a variety of ways to get involved depending on your gifts and interests!

Please fill out the volunteer form on our website or contact either Suzie or Laura to continue the conversation!

## SIGN UP TODAY!

Please complete the online form to register your family. Find the button for the form on the main page of our website. You just need to complete one form for your whole family.

www.trinitylutherandl.org

**PLEASE SIGN UP BY AUGUST** 24TH - THANKS!

# STAY CONNECTED

#### Tuesdays - CYFM MailChimp Email

Every Tuesday, you will receive an email from Suzie and Laura regarding updates and happenings within CYFM ministry for for the week ahead please make sure you are receiving them!



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# Trinity Kids & Jouth Drograms 2025-2026

#### **OUR HOPES FOR OUR KIDS & YOUTH...**





Grow and Live But Their Faith

We hope to help them dive into our stories of faith and see themselves within them. We hope to encourage them to see how God is at work and always with them everyday and loves them no matter what. We hope they ask questions and are curious. We will learn in many different ways - reading, talking, activities, service, etc.

# WEEKLY LIFE AT TRINITY

#### **WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

5:00-6:00pm **Wednesday Meal** 

> Freewill Offering - let us make your family dinner!

5:30-6:05pm 6th Grade

**Elementary Hang Time** 

**AOB Classes\*** 

\*Designated Wednesdays

6:10-7pm Worship **Kids Connect** 

> Kids will begin in worship and leave after the reading

Confirmation 7:00-8:00pm

**Trinity Choir** 

**Senior High -** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of month

#### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00am

Worship **Kids Connect** 

10:00am

**Fellowship Time** Adult Education







#### **KIDS CONNECT**

#### 3 years (by Sept 1st)-5th Grade

We hope kids will join us for this fun time of connecting with God, others, themselves and stories of faith! Kids Connect is our 'Sunday School' program and we offer a program on Sunday and Wednesdays.

Sundays at 9:00am Begins: September 7th
Kids will continue their learning about the story by
leaving worship after the children's sermon and will
return to worship before communion. This program is
held as one group.

Wednesdays at 6:10-7pm Begins: September 10th Kids are encouraged to start worship by sitting with their families. After communion which is at the beginning of worship, there will be a kid's time up front to introduce the reading/theme and then they will go upstairs to their age-specific small groups until 7pm.

# ELEMENTARY HANG TIME, K-5th Grade 5:30-6:00PM, Wednesdays

If your family chooses to eat with us - fantastic! Once your kids are done eating they are welcome to join us at elementary hang time. Kids are welcome to hang in the designated rooms upstairs where there will be spaces to chill, craft and play games. At 6pm, hang time will end and kids will head to the sanctuary to meet their families for worship. *Elem Hang Time will start in the backyard this fall to let them run and play!* 

#### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

All are welcome at our communion table and we want to live that out with our kids. We trust our families and our parents to know their children and when the right time is to take this next step at the table to receive their first communion. We plan to offer a couple First Communion classes throughout the year for children interested. We will meet with children and their parents to teach them about communion. Within our worship services we will continue to have a time of blessing and celebration with our kids as they receive their first communion. If families decide to wait until 5th grade to receive First Communion, those kids will receive instruction during the 5th Grade AOB class and we will celebrate with them within worship! Classes will be:

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

Registration Form can be found now at ww.trinitylutherandl.org

Sign Up Deadline: October 1st

Wednesday, January 14th ~ 5:30-6:00pm February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 4:00-5:30pm (5th Grade Only)



#### **TLC KIDS SPECIAL EVENTS**

iWe love to invite our kids to gather together for a variety of activities throughout the year! Faith-filled friendships can last a lifetime and we hope to create a wonderful community with our kids! *Keep your eyes out for the special events being offered such as...* 

**Movie Nights Service Projects** 

Advent Store Early Outs

Elem Extravaganzas ...and more!

# 6th GRADE

**5:30–6:05PM, Wednesdays**Join us for this weekly program that explores what it means to live your faith right now as a middle schooler. Our time together will also include fun, fellowship and service too!

Begins: September 10th

# CONFIRMATION, 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00-8:00PM, Wednesdays

Confirmation is a time to explore your faith! These gatherings provide a time to connect your everyday life wiht your faith and develop meaningful relationships along the way. Students going into 7<sup>th</sup> Grade can begin Year A this fall. Students wishing to celebrate their Confirmation can do so after completion of this 3-year program.

YEAR A/B, Meets Weekly

*Orientation: September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm* 

#### **TLC YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS**

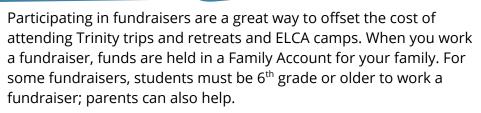
Throughout the year, we offer opportunities for youth to connect, grow in their faith and have some adventures along the way!

Ski/Snowboard Trip Serve & Play Days
Synod Gatherings Movie Marathons
Game Nights Retreats
Serving in the Community...and more!

HIGH SCHOOL, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00-8:00PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month

We will have monthly opportunities for you to connect with community and explore your faith. Join us at the beginning of the month for time together! Also watch for monthly events and pop-up Bible studies throughout the year! We love to find ways to walk with you in faith and surround you in community in your busy days of high school life. Begins: October 1st

# CYFM FUNDRAISERS



Wreath Sales
Pie Auction
Meatball Dinner & Silent Auction

YEAR C, Meets 2 times/month

*Orientation: September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm* 

Oct-Nov Sunday, November 23rd Sunday, March 1st