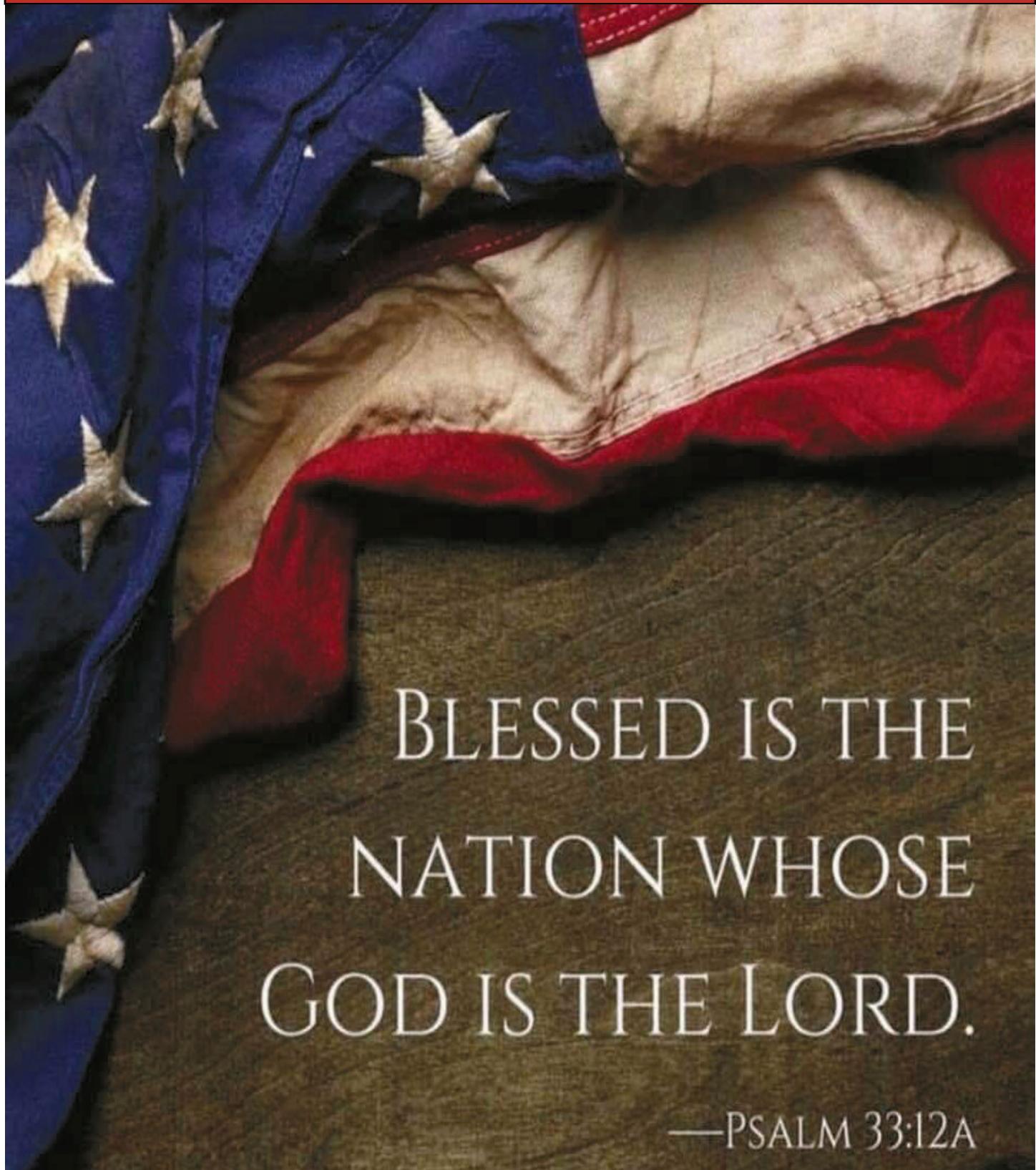




July, 2025
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Amazing Things Are Happening At Trinity

Trinity is excited to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Pastor Jon Chapa and his wife Stephanie to Trinity Church.

Pastor Jon's Ordination and Installation will be held here at Trinity Church at a special service on **July 13th at 4:00 PM** with a welcoming dinner pot-luck reception to follow.

Please join us! Trinity is surely blessed!



ATTENTION: There will not be a 6:00 PM Service on July 13th. Please join us instead at Pastor Jon's Ordination / Installation service at 4:00.

ALSO... If you are a Thrivent Member and would be willing to use your \$250 Thrivent Action Card to help with expenses it would be greatly appreciated. Call the church office for more details. It's free money from Thrivent to assist in church events like this. Thank You.



THANK YOU, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

We appreciate and give thanks to our Vacation Bible School volunteers for their commitment to Trinity and to what God is calling them to do in our church to build His Kingdom. VBS volunteers lead lessons and activities during a week in June, sharing God's love with children grades preschool through 5th. We are grateful for their dedication to Trinity!

Merrill City Band Concerts

The Merrill City Band will perform at the Gazebo at Normal Park. Many different themes are planned for the season. Join us on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM (Begins June 25, 2025)

Living River Concert

Saturday, July 19, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM at Gazebo Normal Park

Bring chairs and/or blanket. Aspirus Merrill Volunteers will be selling rootbeer floats and popcorn.

Movie Night under the Stars

Friday, July 11, 2025

Event Starts at 6PM to 10:30PM.

Movie begins at Dusk. No Rain Date.

No Admission Fee! Free to Everyone!!

Bring your own blankets and chairs.

They will accept donations to: Rotary Club of Merrill along with the Girl Scouts of Northwestern Great Lakes - Camp Birch Trails.

FIREWORKS at the MARC

Saturday, July 5, 2025

5:00-11:00 PM

Bring your family down to the MARC for dinner and get ready for the Fireworks to start at dusk.

Remember to pack bug spray and a blanket or chairs to sit on. Food will be available to purchase.

Carry the Cross Music Fest

Sunday, July 20, 2025

3:00-6:00 PM at Normal Park

Carry the Cross Music Fest brings Christian music to Merrill by nationally known singers on July 20th. This event is put on to heal, inspire & unite all people through Christian music making Merrill a destination to not only listen to music but explore, shop, eat & stay.

Gazebo Nights at Normal Park

Come out and enjoy free music! Bring your cooler, blanket, chairs and bug spray. Thursday Nights 5:00-8:00 Beginning July 10, 2025

We Love Trinity... Come See Why!!

God's Richest Blessings...

To these (80+) Seniors with Birthdays in July

Eugene Oestreich.....	July 8
Phyllis Bauman.....	July 9
Duane Schwartz.....	July 12
Marcella Oestreich.....	July 12
Larry Schwartz.....	July 15
Arlisle Weber.....	July 18
Mardell Simon.....	July 22
Shirley Voelz.....	July 24
Gerald Schmidt.....	July 25
David Smith.....	July 27
Marlene Teske.....	July 28
Dick Baumgart.....	July 30

And to these Couples with Anniversaries (50+ years) in July

Harlan & Doris Storm.....	70 Years on July 2
Dick & Sue Hass.....	54 Years on July 3
Theodore & Monica Ley.....	57 Years on July 5
John & Sharon Woller.....	54 Years on July 17

Pastoral Acts...

Baptism:

May 25, 2025 - Colt Robertson Coleman, son of Chad "CJ" and Suzanne (Simon) Coleman. Colt's sponsors are Kiersten Nelson, Cody Nelson, Hannah Adams & Stephen Simon

Deaths / Funerals:

Sally Yellstrom d/o/d May 21, 2025; Funeral May 30, 2025

Muriel Kopetzky d/o/d May 28, 2025; Funeral June 17, 2025

LeRoy Schmidt d/o/d June 5; 2025 Funeral June 9, 2025

Jack Kleinschmidt d/o/d June 7, 2025 Funeral June 12, 2025

Donna Scheu d/o/d June 7, 2025; Funeral June 16, 2025

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Radio Broadcasts are so important to our ministry here at Trinity.

Thank you to the following for sponsoring a broadcast so we can reach our homebound listeners.

June 1- In loving memory of Kelly Plamann's birthday by her dad, Dale Plamann and her sister Stephanie Oestreich

June 8 - In loving memory of Shirley Hopkins from her sister Carol Pankow

June 15 - In loving memory of Walter Zahn, Louie Marnholtz & Roger Hinner Sr. by Roger & Rebecca Hinner and family

June 22- In loving memory of Georgia Kniess by her husband, Dennis Kniess and her family

June 29- In loving memory of Dennis Fromfeld's birthday on July 4th by his wife Mable and his family.

Thank you to those who helped to beautify our church with altar flowers in June.

June 1- Altar flowers are sponsored by Laurie Buck in honor and memory of loved ones.

Flowers on the plant stand are in recognition of the retirement of Laura Marnholtz and her 40 years of teaching at Trinity Lutheran School

June 8 - Altar flowers are in honor of the wedding anniversary of Herb & Mardell Simon.

June 15 - Altar flowers are in celebration of the 65th wedding anniversary of Al & Joy Hulke

June 22- Altar flowers are in memory and love for Madison Seeger by Lonn & Patti Lau

June 29- Altar flowers are in celebration of the 6th wedding anniversary of Adam & Manda Norman.



Thank you to everyone who came to the pancake brunch in honor of Devan. Thanks to the people who brought sweet treats - They were delicious! A big thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make his send off memorable for him. We wish God's richest blessing to Devan, Julia and baby Arntson.

Trinity School Welcomes New Teachers!



Trinity is excited to welcome our new first grade teacher, Mrs. Ashley Kohnhorst, originally from Burney, California—a town known for the beautiful Burney Falls, once called the “Eighth Wonder of the World” by President Roosevelt! She earned her degree from Central State University in Ohio and has experience as a K-5 substitute teacher in both Northern California and Merrill schools. What inspired Mrs. Kohnhorst to pursue teaching is the joy of watching students grow throughout the school year and develop a love for learning. She treasures the opportunity to make a difference in a child’s life and values the relationships she gets to build with her students.

This year, Mrs. Kohnhorst is especially excited to share her faith in the classroom and be part of the Trinity community. She also hopes to get more involved locally and create fun new traditions with her students.

Outside the classroom, she enjoys hiking, fishing, and paddle boarding with her husband and three children, and she also loves to crochet.

We’re thrilled to have Mrs. Kohnhorst at Trinity—welcome to the team!

Trinity couldn’t be any happier than to welcome Mrs. Amanda Goeden to Trinity’s teaching staff as our new 3rd grade teacher. A proud Merrill native and Trinity alumni, Mrs. Goeden attended Trinity from preschool through 8th grade. After earning her teaching degree, she spent two years teaching 4th grade in Siren, WI, before returning to Merrill, where she’s spent the past several years teaching in public schools. With 11 years of experience, she has taught Kindergarten through 5th grade and is excited to return to her roots.



This year, Mrs. Goeden will be teaching 3rd grade and teaming up with 4th grade for science, social studies, art, and religion. She’s especially excited to openly share her faith in the classroom and partner with families to support student growth—she also is looking forward to teaching art!

Mrs. Goeden has always felt called to work with kids, and her journey into teaching reflects her belief that God places people and opportunities in our lives for a purpose. One of her goals this year is to become more familiar with science of reading strategies, and she’s also preparing for the unique adventure of having her own daughter in her class!

Outside of school, she enjoys crafting of all kinds—wood burning, resin work, stained glass, and drawing—along with going on fun little adventures with her husband and two daughters.

Fun fact: Mrs. Goeden shares her birthday with both her grandpa and Mickey Mouse!



We’re excited to welcome our new 5th grade teacher, Miss Molly Duginski, to Trinity! Originally from Merrill, WI, she is beginning her first year of teaching and is eager to make a meaningful impact in the classroom.

Miss Duginski was inspired to become a teacher by a desire to advocate for students and help them grow—not just academically, but spiritually and socially as well. She’s especially looking forward to building strong relationships with her students and their families while helping each child recognize their own potential.

One of Miss Duginski’s goals for this school year is to create an engaging learning environment that sparks curiosity and encourages active participation.

Outside of the classroom, she enjoys hiking, camping, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends. We are so glad you will be with us Miss Duginski.

Trinity Financial News & Happenings

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MERRILL, WI

May 2025 PROFIT LOSS

	May-25	May-25	Apr-25	May-2025	May-2025	May-2025	May-2025	May-2025	Jan- May 2024
Ministry	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss	YTD Income	YTD Expense	YTD P & L	YTD BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE	Prior P&L YTD
Church	\$ 74,138.89	\$ 62,820.24	\$ 11,318.65	\$ 430,772.41	\$ 297,555.72	\$ 133,216.69	\$ 187,035.89	\$ (53,819.20)	\$ 234,940.94
School	\$ 148,333.27	\$ 101,847.69	\$ 46,485.58	\$ 375,929.56	\$ 496,838.63	\$ (120,909.07)	\$ (204,395.26)	\$ 83,486.19	\$ (115,978.42)
Teacherage	\$ 750.00	\$ 369.25	\$ 380.75	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,073.88	\$ 2,676.12	\$ 3,087.87	\$ (411.75)	\$ (11,782.26)
Child Care	\$ 55,243.78	\$ 69,063.19	\$ (13,819.41)	\$ 307,841.33	\$ 298,284.68	\$ 9,556.65	\$ (12,123.84)	\$ 21,680.49	\$ (65,652.29)
After School Care	\$ 3,346.00	\$ 2,207.42	\$ 1,138.58	\$ 11,674.40	\$ 7,655.27	\$ 4,019.13	\$ (5,160.55)	\$ 9,179.68	\$ 3,570.26
TOTALS	\$ 281,811.94	\$ 236,307.79	\$ 45,504.15	\$1,129,967.70	\$1,101,408.18	\$ 28,559.52	\$ (31,555.89)	\$ 60,115.41	\$ 45,098.23

ATTENTION: The Early Learning Center Rummage Sale

will be held on September 4, 5 & 6th.

Items may be dropped off and set-up will be on September 2 & 3rd.

Trinity is excited to welcome our new 8th grade homeroom teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Radtke!



Originally from Port Washington, WI, she brings over a decade of teaching experience, including the past 12 years with MAPS, most recently in 5th grade Social Studies.

Mrs. Radtke's journey into teaching began after spending several years at home raising her three daughters and volunteering in their classrooms. That time revealed a new calling: to serve in education as a way to support both students and fellow teachers. She views the classroom as a mission field where every child should feel seen and valued.

Mrs. Radtke is especially excited to bring faith into the classroom at Trinity and to continue growing her passion for Social Studies—an often-overlooked subject she believes is vital to helping students understand and care for the world around them.

Outside of school, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughters, crafting, reading, and finding fun adventures. She's also been a youth leader at CHAOS, a local multi-denominational youth group, for the past nine years.

Welcome to Trinity, Mrs. Radtke—we're so glad to have you!

Scrip Seller Schedule

July 6

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefskey
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman
6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

July 13

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rohde
10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber
6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus



July 20

8:00 am - Randy & Sharon Welch
10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult
6:00 pm - Al & Joy Hullke

July 27

8:00 am - Ed & Julie Cordova
10:30 am - Robin Grenfeld & Raena Grisa
6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

August 3

8:00 am - Jane Dehnel & Fern Whiting
10:30 am - Jennifer Rajek
6:00 pm - Dawn Ives

August 10

8:00 am - Marty & Barb Sizer
10:30 am - Dennis & Jocelyn Weber
6:00 pm - Mark & Laurie Folz

August 17

8:00 am - Janet & Emily Grunenwald
10:30 am - Jim & Jean Wiseman
6:00 pm - Jeff & Cindy Artus

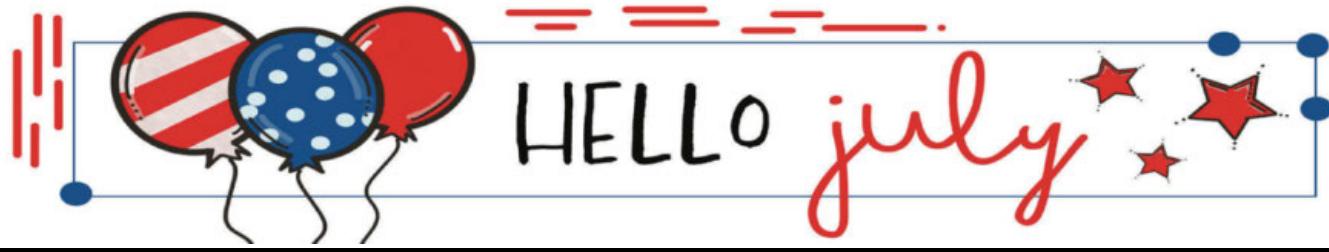
August 24

8:00 am - Joe & Marlene Thomaschefskey
10:30 am - Jean Ravn & Molly Schult
6:00 pm -

August 31

8:00 am - Carol Holz & Donna Rhode
10:30 am - Robin Grenfeld & Raena Girxa
6:00 pm - Robin Tomajcik

If you are willing to help sell scrip during services....
Please call Grace Frick at 715-536-4985.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8:00am Sunday Morning Traditional Service

10:30am Sunday Morning Contemporary Service

6:00pm Sunday Evening Traditional Service (in person only - not live streamed)

8:00 am Service can also be heard by radio on 730 AM & 96.3 FM at 10:30 am

(Communion is served in person at church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)