

June 2026



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From Pastor Jon Breimeier

My spouse, Cheri Johnson, and I live on the north side of Milwaukee, near 51st and Bradley. We are both retired ELCA pastors. Cheri is firmly retired; I still help out here and there around our Greater Milwaukee Synod. Cheri and Pastor Denise have been good friends since we moved to Milwaukee in 1995.

We have three grown, outstanding, wonderful kids living in BayView and St Francis, plus a lively four year old granddaughter. Hannah,

Micah, and Elijah, the aforementioned wonderful kids, were all born at home with the help of midwives; all three are proud alumni of Rufus King High School.

Cheri and I met as students at Christ Seminary Seminex. Christ Seminary In Exile was the result of faculty and students being forced out of the Missouri Synod seminary in St Louis. My father was part of that faculty - those were heart-wrenching times.

I grew up in St Louis. Good student, good grades, until we got to physics and calculus. Good enough at sports to make the high school teams, not good enough to play much. I am a life-long Cardinals fan, but I love the Brewers too. When I was ten, a very distinguished Old Testament professor at the sem had an extra ticket to the 7th game of the 1964 World Series; Bob Gibson and the Cards beat the Yankees!!

Cheri and I shared a first call in Evansville, Indiana; then moved to the south side of Chicago; then up here to Milwaukee. Elijah was six months when Cheri took the call to Florist Ave Lutheran Church on the north side; I was home full-time with the kids. As Elijah grew, the synod placed me in interim situations. Along the way I also served as a called pastor at Unity Milwaukee, Memorial Glendale, and Christ the King Port Washington. My membership is at Lutheran Church of the Great Spirit; their acceptance is a remarkable sign of grace.

Our mom is directly related to 16 Lutheran pastors: grandfather, great-uncles, uncle, cousins, husband, son and daughter and their spouses, grandson. And, we grew up within the seminary community. So, being a pastor was always under consideration, but, more than anything else, I have always felt that a disciple of Jesus Christ is called to help others, to put others before oneself, to look out for people in need (Matthew 25, John 13). And, it is God's Creation, to be cherished and cared for, not commodified.

I appreciate the Spirit evident at Trinity. I look forward to being with you'all this summer.

God's Peace, Pastor Jon



The best way to reach me >> Texting is most immediate, I don't carry my phone in my pocket but it is usually nearby. Conversations work better via talking on the phone, rather than texting or emailing back and forth.

I don't check email every day, but, if there is an urgent email please text me and alert me.

JESUS: A PILGRIMAGE This is a book by Father James Martin, a Jesuit priest. Father Martin is fairly well-known in the U.S., the editor of *America* magazine, proponent of involving humor and laughter into one's faith life, and happens to be a good friend of Pope Leo. In this book, Father Martin recounts a visit to the Holy Land with a fellow priest. He tells of their experiences visiting the places whose names are very familiar from the gospels, then includes scriptural scholarship about the locale as well as the gospel stories which took place there, then applies it to his/our life of faith. I am working my way through the book, and heartily commend it to you. Here are excerpts from the chapter about Bethlehem.

God wanted to meet us where we are. O God came as a human being as someone men and women could approach. God came in the least threatening of human states: a baby. ..dependent on someone to feed him, change him, attend to his bodily needs. God came helplessly into the world to help us. Jesus came from an unremarkable background.

How can we respond to the entrance of God into our lives? In much the same way that Mary and Joseph did, and as parents do today: by protecting and nurturing something unique. Faith needs to be nurtured. This does not mean to shelter our faith from the world. Rather, as Mary and Joseph did for Jesus, we are invited to respond to the gift with reverent care. We are called to nourish our faith - with prayer, worship, reading, service, and spiritual conversations.

Humility is the key to almost everything in the spiritual life. And I hope that I might be a holier, in other words, humbler, pilgrim.

Congregational Vote On Playground June 7 Following Worship

The Trinity council is calling a congregational meeting on June 7, 2026 following worship to vote on implementing a playground in the sanctuary. This meeting will be in-person and on zoom. The proposal is to place a playground on the right side of the sanctuary as you face the chancel. Documents with more details will be sent out to the congregation before the meeting.

From Our President

Hello Trinity,

As we welcome the month of June, we also welcome the beauty and fullness of the summer season. The days grow longer, gardens begin to bloom, and many families look forward to vacations, gatherings, and time outdoors. In the midst of this busy and joyful season, we give thanks for God's constant presence that refreshes and renews us.

This month also brings an important transition for our congregation. We are grateful to have Pastor Denise beginning a well-deserved sabbatical. Sabbaticals are a meaningful time of rest, renewal, study, and spiritual growth for pastors, allowing them to return refreshed for continued ministry. We hold Pastor Denise in prayers during this special time and give thanks for the faithful leadership and care she has shared with our church family.

During the sabbatical, we are pleased to warmly welcome Pastor Jon, who will serve as our substitute pastor. We are thankful for his willingness to guide worship, share God's Word, and walk alongside our congregation in the weeks ahead. Please extend a warm welcome as he joins us this summer.

June also brings Father's Day, a time to honor fathers, grandfathers, mentors, and all who provide love, guidance, and support in our lives. As Christians, Father's Day also reminds us of the deep love of God our Father. Scripture tells us in Psalm 103:13, "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him." God's care for us is faithful, patient, and enduring. Whether Father's Day brings joy, gratitude, remembrance, or reflection, may we all find comfort in the love of our Heavenly Father.

As summer quickly approaches, we encourage everyone to stay connected through worship, fellowship, and service opportunities. Even amid vacations and changing schedules, the church remains a place of encouragement, community, and hope.

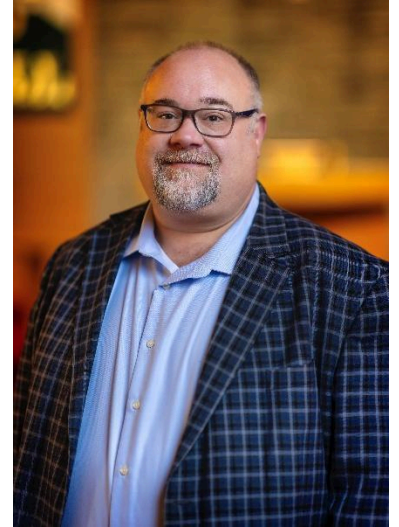
May this season bring rest, joy, and renewed faith for you and your loved ones.

Blessings,

Jason

In Our Thoughts and Prayers and Recently Hospitalized

Bruce Peacock, Paul Sevald, Kathryn Swanson, Kristen Swanson, Joyce Warwick, Gail English, Cindy Felicki, Kerry Kirchoff, the family and friends of Greg Buck and Phyllis Larson.



New Member Spotlight

Welcome Kothar Bishop!



On Saturday, May 2, Kotharboel joined our faith community here at Trinity. Kothar has been coming to worship for some time now, so you may have seen him around. He lives in the neighborhood near the church. Kothar's family migrated from Haiti to Louisiana, and then to Chicago and Milwaukee. He recently moved to South Milwaukee. With eight nationalities represented in his family, he is truly a citizen of the world. Kothar has nine grown children.

He comes to us from the Methodist tradition and sees in Trinity a faith community that will walk with him in his faith and pray for him on his life journey.

Welcome, Kothar!

Altar Flowers for June

June 7	Cheryl Parkinson; **
June 14	** , **
June 21	** , **
June 28	** , **

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 June 2026

Additional Reading: Have you read the whole gospel of Matthew yet? Romans 1-8 gives context for the next few weeks. And of course those missing verses!

June 6 & 7, 2026 - Second Sunday after Pentecost - Family First Worship

Scripture: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 13 & 14, 2026 - Third Sunday after Pentecost - Choir

Scripture: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:23

June 20 & 21, 2026 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

June 27 & 28, 2026 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

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

Scholarship Awards and Senior Recognition



Scholarship Recipients: Joshua Hiett and Shelby Brooks



Senior Recognition: Shelby Brooks

Congratulations to Zoe Crogan, Max Barbian and Kayden Paul on their Affirmation of Baptism!



Music Sunday



MOUNT HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

BEING CHRISTIAN IN THE HOLY LAND

The Holy Land is the center of the Christian faith, and has been home to indigenous Christians for generations. It is also a place we hear about in the news, and one that is home to many stories. What is it like to be a Christian there?

Pastor Fursan Zu'mot is a Lutheran Christian pastor outside of Jerusalem, Palestine. He will share his perspective on being a Palestinian Christian in the Holy Land.



Born in Jordan, Pastor Fursan Zu'mot serves the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, Palestine.



June 3rd 2026, Wednesday



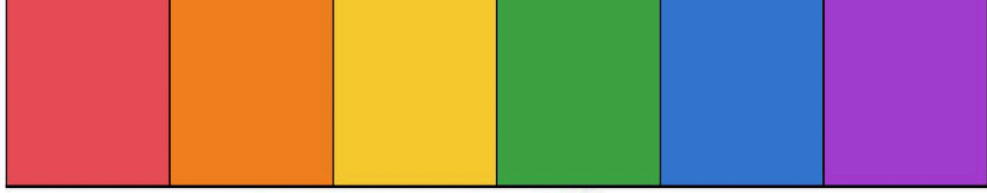
6:30 PM



**Mount Hope Lutheran Church
8633 W. Becher Street
West Allis, WI 53227**

(Enter through the parking lot doors)





The Greater Milwaukee Synod Reconciling in Christ Ministry Team invites you to

CELEBRATING OUR
DIVERSITY AS GOD'S
CHILDREN

PRIDE WORSHIP

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, 6:30PM

Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI



RECONCILING IN CHRIST



ELCA



Cross+Generational Mini Golf Outing



We're excited to head back to **Mulligan's Mini Golf** this year on **Sunday, June 7!** Join us at **noon** for a fun afternoon of laughs, friendly competition, and great fellowship. It's always a wonderful time to connect with everyone—we hope to see you there!

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.



Interim Communications and Office Manager and NEW Summer Office Hours:

As many of you may know, Nicole Ferrell has moved on to another job. Her last day was May 7. She expressed her thanks to Trinity for the time she has spent here and the relationships she made. Nicole has moved on to a full-time job that better suits her family at this time.

So we welcome Anna-Lisa Mbise as our new Interim Communications and Office Manager. With this transition our summer office hours are changing to accommodate Anna-Lisa's ability to be in the office. New summer hours will be Monday and Tuesday 8:30-1:30 beginning June 1.

The Executive Team that serves as Trinity's personnel team will be conducting a search for a new Communications and Office Manager.

Youth and Family News

Submitted by Ray Bergwin and 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

Trinity Lutheran 2507 5th Ave South Milwaukee
youthtlcsm@gmail.com



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.

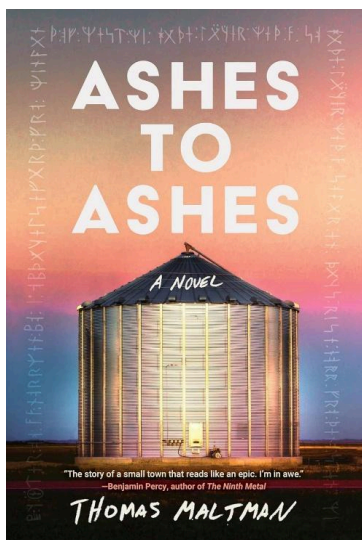
Teens must be in 8th-12th grade in fall 2026 to attend the Youth Gathering.

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 9:30am at Castillo's restaurant 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 Andwhen, 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)

Highlights from the May 2026 Trinity Council Meeting

- Pastor Denise opened with a devotion from Henri Nowen.
- Welcomed Pastor Jon Breimeier to the council meeting. He will be Trinity's supply pastor during Pastor Denise's sabbatical from June 1 through August 31.
- April minutes and consent agenda reports were approved.
- Noted on the Property Team report that they are beginning a review of capital projects that will need funding in the future – i.e. boilers, roof, etc.
- The council will begin to think ahead and plan for these capital improvements once the Property Team has finished their report.
- There was a discussion of plans for God's Work Our Hands on Sept. 13 – a couple different ideas have been presented. Watch for further details!
- Jason Woodbury and Sue Zylka will help coordinate Trinity's presence at the South Milwaukee Community Night Out in August.
- Pastor reported that the pre-survey for Trinity becoming a Red Cross emergency sheltering site was sent in to the Red Cross. The Red Cross and South Shore emergency management office will contact us to begin the review process.
- We had a positive financial report for April – the finance team will give the update later this month.
- The council approved designating the remaining Simple Supper offerings to ELCA Good Gifts/Blue Box projects for 2026.
- Final preparations were discussed for the June 7 Congregational Vote on the playground.
- The council passed a motion to have the Property Team remove the communion rails over the summer to provide more room in the chancel for the choir and band.
- A proposal was presented for a ministry team to work on inclusivity here at Trinity. ABIDE is the acronym for the team: A=Affirming B=Belonging I=Inclusion D=Dignity E=Equity. This team would look at inclusivity in gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, neurodiversity, ability, etc. in Trinity's various ministries. The council supports this effort and suggested working toward this in conjunction with the current RIC (Reconciling in Christ) exploration team.
- The Executive Team has a search plan for Trinity's hiring of a new Communication and Office Manager. In the Interim, Anna-Lisa Mbise is filling in over the summer. New summer office hours will be Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30-1:30 to accommodate Anna-Lisa's schedule. All office emails remain the same.

Financial Update for April

Submitted by David Hahn

Financial Update for April; April was a special month. We had an all time high in net income for the month, and were able to eliminate our deficit.

1. Net income +\$18,845; Year-to-date +\$10,227
2. Two annual gifters helped make the month special
3. We were also able to "invest" \$10,000 from our operating fund into our money market reserve account
4. Compared to last year at this time, we are ahead in income by \$12,000 but also ahead in expenses by \$1,500.

A very big thank you to all our gifters this month. You have provided us with a good financial position to maintain our many ministries going into the summer months. Let's keep it going.

Project Uplift: Balance of \$27,866, Income \$268, no expenses

Impact Report;

Endowment Fund Grants

- \$2,000 Congregational Support during Pastor's Sabbatical
- \$1,000 ELCA Disaster Relief
- \$94.80 Godly Play
- \$156.73 Music

Thrivent

- Two Action Team Grants-school backpacks, and supplies






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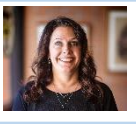






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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30 Worship in person and online 10:30–11:30 Volunteer Recognition Brunch 11:30 Courtyard Refresh Party 6:00pm RIC Team Meeting	June 1 8:30– 1:30 Office Open Pastor on Sabbatical until Sept. 1	2 8:30-1:30 Office Open 9:00-10:00 Lutheran World Relief Quilting 7:00-8:00 Executive Committee	3	4	5	6 Human Concerns Weekend 5:00 Worship in person
7 Human Concerns Weekend 9:30 Family First Worship in person and online 11:00–11:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30-12:00 Caring/Outreach Ministry Team 11:30–12:30 Educational and Youth Ministry Team 12:00–2:30 Cross+Generational Mini Golf	8 8:30- 1:30 Office Open 7:00-8:00 Finance Ministry Team	9 8:30–1:30 Office Open 7:00-8:00 Council Meeting	10	11 6:30 –7:30 Synod Pride Worship Service at Ascension Lutheran on Layton Blvd.	12 Tidings Articles Due	13 12:00-5:00 Facility Rental 5:00 Worship in person
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21 9:30 Worship in person and online	22 8:30- 1:30 Office Open	23 8:30 –1:30 Office Open	24 9:30-11:30 Open Conversations at Hillside Coffee House	25	26	27 5:00 Worship in person
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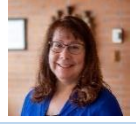
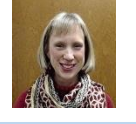


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June 2026 TIDINGS

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

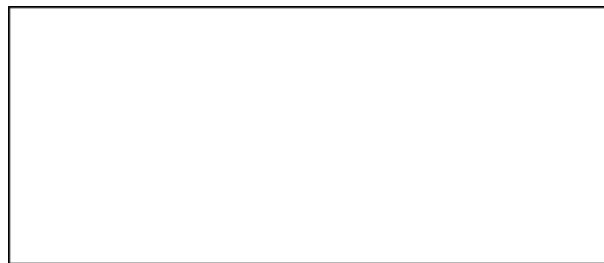
In person and livestream worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Sunday School 3-year-olds – 8th grade at 8:45 a.m.

(Labor Day – Memorial Day)

New Summer Office Hours:

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



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