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Trinity United Parish

Jesus said to love God, love your neighbor and love yourself. We believe in doing all three.

From Pastor Jim

Communication is important in church. There are many ways communication happens: this newsletter, the bulletin, conversations after worship, etc.

One of the key ways we communicate our decisions, our understanding of things and our plans for the future is through written agendas and minutes.

I believe that every meeting we have should have a printed agenda. This helps leaders plan better. It lets everyone attending the meeting follow the conversation better. It lets participants jot notes in the margin as they are meeting, or write down questions to ask or tasks to do later. Without an agenda, nobody knows what is next.

If a leader wants help creating an agenda, I am happy to help. It is a skill well worth learning. It is basically making a list of what needs to be discussed, beginning with prayer, and usually ending with prayer, too. Usually the most important or urgent items are placed first on the list. Often an agenda includes options to choose from.

Every meeting should also have minutes. Minutes are the way that we confirm the decisions that have been made. Minutes are often corrected by the attendees after the fact. Minutes state actions to be taken, and by whom and when. They provide clarity and transparency. Minutes are a reference that is sometimes referred to even years after the meeting took place.

With the exception of the Staff Parish Relations Committee (there may be confidentiality concerns), minutes are made public to all church members. This helps keep everyone in the loop.

All of this is just good process. Staff Parish Relations Committee, Church Council and Trustees are all supposed to take place at least four times a year. These meetings help us to keep asking good questions about whether we are in ministry in the most effective and faithful ways. The agendas and minutes help us stay on track and in mission.

Let's find ways to keep working together and let God use us to bless each other and our community.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Office Closed	2 Office Open	3
4 Communion Worship 8:30 am MUMC 9:30 am BUMC MUMC Trustees 9:30 am	5 Food Ministry 9 am BUMC	6	7 Yoga BUMC 9:30 am	8 Faithful Fellows 8:30 am BUMC Pastor Jim going to an educational event.	9	10
11 All Saints Day Worship 8:30 am MUMC 9:30 am BUMC	12 Heritage House 10:00 am	13 Prayerful Stitchers 1:00 pm Parsonage	14 Yoga BUMC 9:30 am	15 SPRC 6:30 pm BUMC	16	17 Selena Coppernoll and John Luther Reception MUMC Swiss Steak Supper 4 - 7 pm American Legion Endeavor
18 Worship 8:30 am MUMC 9:30 am BUMC	19 Powdered Mixes Workshop BUMC 5 pm MUMC Finance 5:45 pm MUMC Council 6:30 pm	20 BUMC Trustees 6:30 pm	21 Yoga BUMC 9:30 am	22 BUMC Finance 6:15 pm BUMC Council 7:00 pm	23	24
25 Worship 8:30 am MUMC 9:30 am BUMC Curt Summers' 80th 1-4 pm Briggsville American Legion Hall	26	27	28 Yoga BUMC 9:30 am	29	30	31 Trunk or Treat noon to 3 pm BUMC 

Date	Liturgist	Greeters
October 4	MUMC: Jen Shier BUMC: Karren Watson	Diane and Delmer Loveland Wayne and Jean Edwards
October 11	MUMC: Debbie Bagley BUMC: Halie Hensen	Roger and Mary Kyburz Bob and Emma Brancel
October 18	MUMC: Nora Coppernoll BUMC: Ben Brancel	Cathy Christensen/Linda Wade Bev and Denny Weyh
October 25	MUMC: Anne Oelke BUMC: Marla Summers	Anne Oelke Kayla Roller & Emalyn Summers

Money Counters: Jim Brancel and Marla Summers



Prayerful Stitchers



The Prayerful Stitchers, along with financial assistance from the Church Chix, presented 5 twin-size quilts, 6 pillows, 5 twin-size sheet sets and several hand sewn pillowcases to Brian Scheibach, Chapter President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Portage.

In the picture is Linda Krueger, Bev Weyh, Cheri Gibeaut and Brian Scheibach.



The Experiment Continues

We continue with our schedule through December – with worship at Moundville at 8:30 a.m. and at Briggsville at 9:30. Please pray for clarity as we think about what the worship schedule might be like in 2027 and beyond. A ballot to vote on future worship format will be available in the December newsletter.

Charge Conference November 2

Our annual meeting will take place on Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. This is the meeting where we elect people to leadership positions and set church budget, among other things. Rev. Scott Walters will conduct the meeting. Hope you can come! All members have a vote.

Thanksgiving Need

The Marquette County Care and Share Food Bank will be looking for help to provide Thanksgiving Dinners to families that are not able to afford it. More information will be available at a later date. If you would like to donate, look for the Turkey-themed donation box in late October.

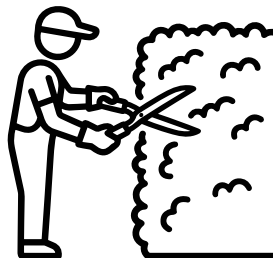
Many Hands, One Mission: Camp Lucerne Work Weekend

October 17 & 18

Camp Lucerne is more than beautiful land and buildings. It is a sacred place where children, youth, families, and adults encounter God, deepen their faith, build lasting friendships, and experience Christian community. Now we have an opportunity to care for this special place and prepare it for another season of life-changing ministry.

During our Camp Lucerne Work Weekend, we will be:

- * cutting trees and brush,
- * feeding branches through a wood chipper,
- * mowing lawns,
- * using weed whackers,
- * hauling brush,
- * raking,
- * and cleaning up the grounds



Those operating chainsaws, the wood chipper, or other specialized equipment must be properly trained and authorized. There is a place for many different ages, abilities, and gifts. If you cannot operate equipment or do heavy physical work, you can still carry smaller branches, rake, clean up, prepare and serve food, bring water to the workers, donate supplies, provide financial support, or pray for the project and everyone involved. Every tree cut, branch hauled, meal served, and dollar given will help make Camp Lucerne safer, more welcoming, and ready to receive the next child, family, or guest who comes searching for rest, friendship, hope, or a deeper relationship with Jesus. No one person has to do everything—but every person can do something.

Bring your work gloves, your willing heart, and whatever skills or support you can offer. Together, many hands can accomplish one important mission: preparing Camp Lucerne as a place where faith grows and lives are changed.

Graceumcawautoma.com: Our website will have information on upcoming events, the newsletter, staff information, ways to donate to the church, and current activities. The link to register: <https://wisconsin-reg.brtapp.com/LucerneCleanupWeekend2026>.



Friends in the Pantry



Dry Mix Workshop

Come learn how to transform the everyday staples already sitting in your pantry into delicious, ready-to-use dry mixes! In this friendly session, we will show you how to skip the store-bought versions and whip up your own custom pancake blends, cream soups, brownies, cake mixes, and more. It is a simple, budget-friendly way to fill your shelves with love—we can't wait to cook up these savings with you!

Wednesday October 21
5:00pm at Briggsville
United Methodist Church
\$5 suggested donation

Call 608-981-2500 or email outreachturparish@gmail.com to sign up today!



Youth Ministry

We have been trying to find ways of loving, encouraging and supporting our youth!

This may take place in various ways: a summer mission trip, conference events or ecumenical opportunities, partnering with other youth groups, etc. If you find opportunities for our youth, please call Pastor Jim.



Briggsville and Moundville Churches had a wonderful time celebrating our annual Animal Blessing Worship on Sunday, August 31. We had special pets join us for worship including dogs, cats and even a chicken. Pastor Jim made his way around the gathering visiting each animal and giving them special blessing. There were plenty of happy pets—and happy people—as we shared this meaningful and memorable tradition together. We're already looking forward to seeing everyone—two-legged, four-legged, and feathered—at next year's Animal Blessings!

Jayme Roller



The Endeavor Public Library is missing the youngsters who used to come in after school. The staff is hoping we will help encourage and support the program **READING AND STORYTIME**.

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 1 until 2 p.m., the library will provide arts, crafts, stories and lots of fun for their youngest patrons.



Pastor Jim and Young Disciples



Pumpkin Patch

