

♣ School News ♣ "Sent to Serve"

This Week's Theme: The Spirit of Service Ezekiel 37:1–14

"And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord" (Ezek. 37:14).

How many of you like to put puzzles together? It's interesting and challenging to see how all the pieces come together to make a picture.

Imagine assembling a puzzle of the skeleton of the human body. All the pieces/bones are laying before you, and piece by piece you put the puzzle together.

The prophet Ezekiel wasn't putting together a puzzle, but God gave Ezekiel a vision (using bones) of how He would bring His people together again, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel" (v. 11). The idolatry and sins of Israel had left them "dried up" and scattered like bones in a field. God would not leave them

lifeless, dried up and scattered. The "word of the Lord" (v. 4) brought life to the bones, and they were connected again. Life was given to the body of Israel.

Sin dries up our life and hope in the Lord. But again, the Word of the Lord comes and brings life. Through the water of Baptism and the message of God's Word, we are given new life. God's Word, spoken to us in worship and in our classrooms, breathes the grace of God to us. We have life

because Jesus is alive. Jesus' bones were not left on the cross or in the tomb. Life came into Jesus' body so that we, too, might have life.

The power and life of the Word comes to us through the Holy Spirit. Ezekiel's experience is the Old Testament lesson for Pentecost. Ezekiel had prophesied. "I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall (v. 14). On Pentecost Day, the people that had been scattered were brought together in Jerusalem and the Spirit came to them. The many experiences and lessons that the disciples had heard and seen about Jesus came together through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the church became alive. Through the Spirit, God was putting together all the pieces that would become the picture of His church.

The Holy Spirit that we received in our Baptism continues to work in us and through us. The Holy Spirit directs our believing and serving. We are pieces in the Spirit's puzzle.

PRAYER: Jesus, You sent the Spirit to Ezekiel and again sent that same Spirit to Jerusalem on Pentecost Day. You continue to send Your Spirit through our Baptism and through Your Word. May Your Spirit fill us and direct us. Amen.



May 22 & 23, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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ቲ This Week at Trinity ቲ

Sunday, May 23 - Pentecost

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online, (Confirmation) 10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, May 24

Pastor's Sabbath 9:00AM Sewing 6:00PM At Home Prayer Time 6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, May 25

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, May 26

8:45AM Chapel 5:00PM Catechism 6:30PM Worship in Church (masks required)

Thursday, May 27

6:00AM Men's Bible Study 8:30AM 1st-8th Field Trip to Green Bay 9:00AM PS3-K5 Field Trip

Friday May 28

9:00AM Closing Chapel and Awards 12:00Noon Dismissal

Saturday, May 29

10:00AM 8th Grade Graduation 5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, May 30

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online 10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, May 31– Memorial Day Offices are closed

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: \$75,637 Income as of May 22: \$35,886

ቲ We Pray For...ቲ

Jim Wittmann, Rev. Michael Ahlemeyer, Ron Virchow Sr., Sherry Bricco-Tobin. Deb Manteufel. Sylvia Schultz. Levi Kroes. Dennis Durkey, Shelly Holewinski, Karleton Borchardt, Sue Maynard, Michelle Mahoney, Rev. Timothy Kinne, Virgil & Judy Bender, Sally Bolen, Frank Erdmann, Blaine Henkel, Alan Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Paul Collingwood, Ann Keller, Jeanne Juve. Walter Brinkman, Jerry Peotter, Roman & Flora Turenko, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerenke, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Mike Godwin, Rick Stanford, Mona Bahrke, Scott Henrickson, Lee Weinig, Merry Voigt, Rose Kosloski, Alyce and James Thurber, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Merle Webber, Jovce Virchow, Jeff Dionne. Donna Mies, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Brenda Kempf, Willie Lewis, Mark Becker. And the family of Judy Walkins who passed away.

1 John 5:12 – "Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: <u>www.trinitymenasha.com</u> or "Like" Us on Facebook

Altar Flowers

For the Glory of God from Ladies Aid.

This Weekend's Banners

"Joy, Love, Peace"
"I do so Intend...by the Grace of God"

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday – "Prayer: We Speak to God" with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online).

10:30AM Sunday - "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue.

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah (Blaine Henkel) (Online).

6:30PM Monday - Women's Bible Study "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday - Ladies Bible Study - Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday - Men's Bible Study - Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or let Jean or Mary know.

<u>Portals of Prayer-</u> Devotional books are \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

<u>Altar Flowers</u> If you wish to donate flowers please contact the office. The cost of providing Altar flowers is \$25.00.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM. How to Order Scrip? You can call the office Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email Jean or Mary with your order — ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

In Conjunction With Neighborhood Rummage Sales

Saturday, June 12, from 7 am to 5 pm W4908 Spring Hill Drive, Sherwood Call Paula and Brian Reichert 460-1225 or Ron and Dottie Kraus 991-2705 There is a sign up on the spinner in the narthex.

<u>Ushers-</u> We are looking for more ushers to help on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you would like to help, please contact Jean or Mary at the office and they can get you on the schedule.

<u>Volunteers</u>- to help with greeting. We are in need of people that will take attendance, ask members if they want communion, and if they want to join us for Worship the following week. If you wish to help, please contact Jean or Mary in the office at (920) 722-2662.

Help Needed-the Altar Guild is looking for someone that would love to join our Altar Guild team. The tasks are to set up, reset and take down the communion; and on Sundays to deliver the Altar flowers to members after Worship. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Kari Lindner at (928) 279-7192.

<u>Payer Chain-</u> Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara at (920) 722-3228.

<u>Trinity's Food Pantry</u> thanks to all who continue to support Trinity's pantry through food & monetary donations. You are a blessing for many who are currently in need. We can use the following nonperishables: Jelly or Jam, caned Fruit Salad Dressing, and Mustard. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at 920-540-5090.

Congratulations Confirmands

+ Allison Corrente
+ Alexis Krueger
+ Eva Radtke
+ Eve Rausch
+Aaron Schmidt

May God fill your heart with joy, faith & love today & every day.

Calling All Graduates- If you or someone you know is graduating from 8th grade, high school or college, please call the church office (920-722-2662) or email Mary or Jean at ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com by Wednesday May 26th. Also, please plan to attend worship on the weekend of May 30th & wear your graduation gown, if you have one. You will be honored & a special prayer for the next leg of your life's journey will be offered.

Trinity Camping Weekend

This year Trinity Camping weekend is August 20-22 & will again be held at Wild West Campground & Corral.

They are located 8 miles west of Waupaca on Hwy 54. Check them out at

http://www.wildwestcampground.com/

New this year – Reservations are now taken online. Go to their website and place your reservation today.

To plan for future years, a questionnaire will be created to get your input.

Questions? Contact

Roger or Merry Voigt, 725-9908 or rwvoigt@sbcglobal.net

Help Needed Mowing Grass

Volunteers needed for lawn mowing this season. All equipment needed is provided by Trinity. Please contact Lee Colby for more information or to sign up. Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW ADMIN E-MAIL ADDRESS WHICH IS

 $\underline{Church Amin@trinitymenasha.com}$

Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2021, 9 -11:45AM at Peace Lutheran Church

We will be partnering with Peace Lutheran in Neenah for Vacation Bible School.

A science lab, full of fascinating things, will help explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He performed miracles, things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation.

Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us at 2021's VBS, "God's Wonder Lab!"

Help is needed for teachers and teacher helpers, snack servers, art and game activities, etc.

If you have questions or would like to help with VBS please talk with Pastor GeRue.

Check insert for more information.

☆ ENROLL NOW! ☆

Searching for a Christian School for your child(ren)? Call us today for more information or a tour (920) 725-1715. We are enrolling for the 2021-2022 School Year.

♥ School News **♥** Upcoming Events

May 24: Parent Meeting / Pizza 5:30pm

May 27: PS3-K5 Grade Trestle Walk

May 27: 1st—8th Grade Green Bay Botanical Garden

May 28: Last Day of School 12 noon dismissal