January 29, 30 & February 2, 2022 Weekly Bulletin



Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

Principal/Associate Pastor: Rev. Keith E. GeRue Church (920) 722-2662, School (920) 725-1715

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm



Saturday, February 5:

Elder on Duty: Tom Harrmann Usher Team: Jerry Maynard

Communion Assistant: Bruce Buksyk Altar Guild: Philip & Mary Conradt

Acolyte: Mirella Taschner Sunday, February 6:

Elder on Duty: Brian Ratzburg Usher Team: Steve Sexmith Communion Assistant: Ron Kraus

Altar Guild: Gail Burrows
Acolyte: Braelyn Boss
Wednesday, February 9
Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas

Usher Team: Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch Communion Assistant: Robert Flater

Altar Guild: Laurel Wirth

Harvey Bielefeld, Bill Otto, Linda Ratzburg, Jill Thomas, Michael Burns, Carla Watson, Gabriel Mlodik, Peter Keller, Mary Howden, Lorna Forbes, Ken Schwerbel, Rosie Michel, Dorothy Wirth, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Jim Perry, Ronald Virchow Sr., Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Lana Gast, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerenke, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gloria Williamson, LuAnn Ratzburg, Lydia King, and David Cotter

Bible Study Opportunities At Trinity Lutheran Church:

10:30 AM <u>Sunday School</u> – Pre K-6th Grade begins in the Second Floor Choir Room

10:30 AM Sunday – <u>"Community. We are not alone."</u> with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online) - Large Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Sunday – <u>Young Adult Bible Study</u> (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue - Small Fellowship Hall

10:45 AM Sunday – <u>Book of Isaiah</u> with Blaine Henkel—Narthex Conf. Room

6:30 PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma, with Connie Henkel, Large Conference Room

6:30 AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, <u>Ten Minute Bible Journey</u> with Dottie Kraus

6:00 AM Thursday - Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts with Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or contact the church office.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given in gratitude for the great blessing of Trinity School's dedicated teachers and staff. God is so very good!

This Weekend's Banners

"Listen to Him," "Linked in Christ's Love" and "Lutheran School Week"

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: \$75,637 Income as of January 23: \$46,210

Ladies Aid/LWML February Meeting

All ladies are invited to join us on Tuesday, February 15th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall for our Ladies Aid/LWML meeting. There will be a Bible Study led by Barbara Kester. Come, be in His Word and enjoy fellowship with your Sisters in Christ. Bring a light snack to share if you'd like. May God bless you with His brightness and joy during these, at times, dark winter months.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found basket is in the narthex by the coat racks. Please check here if you left something at church.

☆ Stewardship Lesson ☆

Luke 4:34 - "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God." The demon that Jesus drives out knows who He is. But knowing that Jesus is the Holy One of God will not save the demon from hell. Knowledge is not faith. To know something is not the same thing as trusting someone. Faith is trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. Mere knowledge of the facts does not give life. Trusting in the living God is how we receive life. Knowledge doesn't necessarily lead anywhere, but a living faith in the Lord Jesus leads to a life built on Him and walking in His footsteps.

Saturday, January 29

Soup & Bread Sale (Before & After Service)
5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, January 30

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online Soup & Bread Sale (Before & After Service) 10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Monday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 1

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 3:45 PM Basketball Practice

Wednesday, February 2

8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship In-Person Church

Thursday, February 3

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study 3:45 PM Basketball Practice

Friday, February 4

Saturday, February 5

Soup & Bread Sale (Before & After Service) 5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, February 6

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online Soup & Bread Sale (Before & After Service) 10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congrega-

tion of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. These are available in the narthex or let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

Friends of the Pipe Organ & Grand Piano Soup & Bread Sale January 22—February 20

(Before & After Services)

A variety of Soups and Breads will be available. A ready-made meal to warm the day.

Bring in your favorite soup or bread/quick bread to support the maintenance of our organ and grand piano. Jars and instructions will be available in the Narthex in January.

Contact Elaine with any questions (920) 470-9090. If you have a favorite you'd like us to make - let us know.



Check Your Mailbox

Please check your mailboxes for your 2022 Offering Envelopes, and for your 2021 Contribution Statement. Thank you!

Sewing Help Needed

Non-sewing help needed for the Shelter Sewing group. We have been continually blessed with donations from Fair Market of sheets, fillers and much more, to the point that we need help sorting and cutting apart items that have come in. Working at home is an option or come and share the comradery (and a cup of coffee) while working together to make warm coverings for the needy. We meet Mondays at 9-ish. Contact Elaine for more information. 920-470-9090. More sewers are always welcome too!

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Now is a great time to check your Thrivent Choice account choice dollars balance. A reminder-all choice dollar amounts can be directed to Trinity Church or School, but must be completed before March 31st. Thanks.

Trinity's Food Pantry

Thank you for your prayers and offerings on behalf of Trinity's Food Pantry during 2021. Your support has been vital in continuing this outreach effort to those in need in our community.

You can continue to provide for our Pantry distribution. Currently, the following non-perishables are needed—Paper Products, Pudding/Jell-O, toothpaste, Salad Dressing, and Soup Crackers. If you or someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Mark Your Calendar—Game Night!

The Board of Outreach and Social Ministry will be hosting "Game Night." This is an event you and your family won't want to miss. There are games for every age and the competition can get pretty crazy! Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 19, 2022, 7:00—10:00 PM, in the Large Fellowship Hall. Pizza and soda will be served. Bring your favorite snacks, and games you love to play!

Prayer Chain

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

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon. – Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Fleet Farm Scrip—get yours now at a special 10 percent discount!

Tom's Drive In Scrip—10 percent rebate!

♥ SCHOOL NEWS ♥

"In All Things" All Authority

Luke 4:31-44

"And they were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" (LUKE 4:36).

To not respect authority is not a good thing. The devil came to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and assumed he had authority over them. The devil suggested that by listening to him, "you will be like God" (GEN. 3:5). Adam and Eve rejected God's authority. By listening to the devil, their perfect world crumbled.

Immediately after the fall, God promised that He would be the final authority: "He shall bruise your head" (GEN. 3:15). Jesus came as the fulfillment of God's promise to defeat the devil. During His earthly ministry, Jesus does battle with the devil several times (the temptation, confronting evil spirits). Our Bible reading for today tells of one of Jesus' encounters with demons. Jesus' powerful words bring the demon from the man and free the man from the torment of the demon. The people saw and heard that "his word possessed authority" (V. 32).

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus showed His authority over the devil. Jesus' ultimate victory over the devil was shown on Easter Sunday morning. As Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, it appeared as if the devil had won. Three days later, Jesus came out of the tomb alive. Jesus had crushed Satan. We confess Jesus' victory over the devil when we confess the Apostles' Creed and say,

"He descended into hell."
Jesus descended to hell
to let the devil know that
He had won! The devil
still tempts us.



The devil still wants to take authority over our decisions and lives. In those times, we remember that Jesus' authority over the devil gives us authority over the devil. In the Small Catechism, Martin Luther reminds us that Baptism "works forgiveness of sin, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare" ("What benefits does Baptism give?").

We celebrate the ultimate authority of Jesus! Jesus' Word gives us His authority to use in times of temptation.

In All Things

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the authority of Your Word, which tells us of the authority of Jesus. Thank You that through His death and resurrection You have taken all authority from the devil. When the devil tempts me, lead me to the power of my Baptism and the authority of Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Jan. 31 3:45 pm Chess Club 5:00 pm Parent Meeting
- Feb. 1 3:45 pm Basketball Practice
- Feb. 2 8:45 am Chapel 3:45 pm Faculty Meeting 3:45 – 5:00 pm Instructional Basketball
- Feb. 3 3:45 pm Basketball Practice
- Feb. 4 2:45 3:15 pm Electives Popcorn