

February 19, 20 & 23, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings Principal/Associate Pastor: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

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



☆ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ☆

Saturday, February 26:

Elder on Duty: Tom Harrmann Usher Team: Tom Harrmann Communion Assistant: Vance Pues Altar Guild: Philip & Mary Conradt

Acolyte: Maya Torres
Sunday, February 27:
Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Lee Weinig

Communion Assistant: Robert Flater

Altar Guild: Jackie Kislewski Acolyte: Emma Schmidt <u>Wednesday, March 2:</u>

Elder on Duty: Tom Harrmann Usher Team: Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch

Communion Assistant: Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert Acolyte: Mirella Taschner

Laverne Werth, Harvey Bielefeld, Bill Otto, Jill Thomas, Michael Burns, Carla Watson, Gabriel Mlodik, Peter Keller, Lorna Forbes, 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, 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 – Book of Isaiah 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, <u>Book of Acts</u> 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 in celebration of Diane and Jerry Peotter's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

This Weekend's Banners

"For God So Loved, Can't We?"
"Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone"

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: \$75,637 Income as of February 13: \$25,325

Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

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.

Lost & Found

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

Bill Hammon passed away. He was our custodian when his wife Cindy Hammon served as the principal of our school several years ago.

If you would like to send her and Alyssa a sympathy card at the loss of her husband Bill, you can send it to their home address-710 Miami St., or to the church/school address-(St. Paul Lutheran Church) 320 N. 7th St., both in Leavenworth, KS 66048.

Saturday, February 19

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

Sunday, February 20

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online Soup & Bread Sale (Before & After Service) Sunday School Only—NO Ed Hour 10:30-11:30 AM Cong. Planning Meeting

Monday, February 21

NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENT'S DAY Pastor's Sabbath 9:00 AM Sewing 6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, February 22

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 24

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, February 25

Saturday, February 26

9 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, February 27

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online 10:30-11:30 AM Fd Hour Online & In-Person

☆ Stewardship Lesson ☆

Luke 6:30-31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

Check Your Mailbox

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

Deadline for the Weekly Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter

Please help us achieve our deadlines. We need your weekly Bulletin articles by Wednesday of each week.

The newsletter articles are due five business days prior to the end of the month.

Thank you for your help with this. It will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time

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.

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!

Altar Guild Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team. Tasks are: set-up, reset, and clean up communion. On Sundays, after worship, deliver the Altar flowers to members of Trinity. Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Laurel Wirth (920) 585-2243 to become a member of our team.

Trinity's Food Pantry

Trinity's Food Pantry serves those in need in the Fox Cities.

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.

Would you like to help in this fundraising effort?

Did you know Trinity will take your aluminum cans for our recycling effort? The price Trinity is getting, per pound for aluminum, is the highest we have gotten in the past few years.

You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bin, inside Door 7. We appreciate your efforts.

Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the "Altar Flowers" envelopes are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.

\$ 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! Kwik Trip Scrip—10 percent rebate!

"In All Things" Love For All

Luke 6:27-38

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you" (LUKE 6:27–28).

We have experienced another valentine "season." Advertisements encourage people to buy cards, candy, flowers and other gifts for their favorite valentines. Classrooms may have had Valentine's Day parties. Imagine a valentine commercial that encouraged everyone to send a valentine or gift to someone they did not like or perhaps even hated. That's the message Jesus gives to His followers in today's Gospel reading. Jesus says, "Love your enemies" (VV. 27, 35). Jesus teaches us to pray for those who hurt us and to do good things for those who may not do good things for us.

Jesus' words remind us that we live in a world of broken relationships. One country goes to war against another country. One family member does not get along with another family member. Friendships are often broken by gossip, social media posts and other actions. All relationships were broken with the fall into sin. Cain kills Abel; Esau is jealous of Jacob and wants to kill him; Joseph's brothers sell him to Egyptian travelers. We all confess that we have thoughts of hatred or intense dislike for others, and sometimes we even act on our thoughts. In our sinful nature, we are enemies of God.

Jesus came into the world of hatred. Jesus' family rejected Him. The citizens of His hometown rejected Him. Disciple Peter denied Him. Disciple Judas betrayed Him. The Jews cried, "Crucify him." The Roman soldiers mocked Him and nailed Him to the cross. However, Jesus loved His enemies enough to die for them ... and for us. The apostle Paul wrote, "At the right time Christ died for the ungodly" (ROM. 5:6).

Jesus, who loved His enemies, loved us so that we might share His love with everyone, including those who may have hurt us and those we find difficult to love. The example of that love is always the perfect sacrificial love of Jesus. The power to love comes from the Holy Spirit, who brings Jesus' love to us and opens our hearts to love everyone.

Jesus' love for us is much deeper and longer than a Valentine's Day response. We now share Jesus' love with everyone, even our enemies. We share Jesus' love every day.

In All Things

Heavenly Father, You chose to send Jesus into a world of hatred. You knew He would be hated, yet You were willing to make Your Son the sacrifice. Forgive us for our unkindness and even our hatred of others. In the love of Jesus, help us to love others, even our enemies. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Feb. 21 NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 22 3:45 pm Boys Volleyball Practice
- Feb. 23 8:45 am Chapel
- Feb. 24 2:45 3:15 pm Electives 3 3:45 pm Boys Volleyball Practice