



# June 18, 19 & 22, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, June 18:

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

### Sunday, June 19—Happy Fathers' Day:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

### Monday, June 20:

Rev Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 21:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30PM Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

6:30PM Board of Director's

### Wednesday, June 22:

Concordia Catechetical Academy Symposium

7:30 AM Executive Committee

6:30 PM Worship Service

Pastor GeRue on Vacation

### Thursday, June 23:

Concordia Catechetical Academy Symposium

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Pastor GeRue on Vacation

### Friday, June 24:

Concordia Catechetical Academy Symposium

Pastor GeRue on Vacation

### Saturday, June 25:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

Pastor GeRue on Vacation

### Sunday, June 26:

Pastor GeRue on Vacation

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

**New Member Recognition & Reception**

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

## ✠ We Pray For... ✠

Merry Voigt, Jan Schroeder, Matt Daniels, Rick Ascher, Betsy Meverden, Bud Tschirgi, Kandice (Sandy Guiley's sister), Lisa Olson, Cindy Diesch, Ray Schroeder, Laverne Werth, Jill Thomas, Michael Burns, Carla Watson, Peter Keller, Lorna Forbes, Dorothy Wirth, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Ronald Virchow Sr., Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Joyce Virchow, Jeff Dionne, Donna Mies, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Lana Gast, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomeranke, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, David Cotter, Bill Otto, Michael Bekx, Ken & Liz Kamprath for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

## 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.



**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THE HYMNAL TO HELP CUT OUR PAPER COSTS.**



## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)\_or  
"Like" Us on Facebook

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Altar Guild.

### This Weekend's Banners

"My Father's World"  
"Grow Strong in Faith"

### \$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**  
Income as of June 5: **\$23,125**

## Trinity's Food Pantry

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

You can continue to provide for our Pantry distri-  
bution. Currently, the following non-perishables  
are needed: Tomato Sauce & Paste, Paper Prod-  
ucts, Yellow Mustard, Pudding/Jell-O, Pickles and  
Tuna. If you or someone you know would benefit  
from the Food Pantry, please call Steve Reinke at  
(920) 540-5090.

## Bible Study Opportunities At Trinity Lutheran Church:

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

10:30 AM Sunday – Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Stu-  
dents) "Jonah" with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room

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, 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness,  
and What He Wants to Do with You with Dottie Kraus

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

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

## ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30PM

### ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

From the Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy,  
holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times  
the angels in Isaiah 6 cry out: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" It  
is an indication of the three-ness in God, Father,  
Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are bap-  
tized into. We have been made a part of God's  
family. And so we are now called to live lives that  
are in harmony with our new family. We are to be  
godly and live in God's image. As God is loving,  
kind, and generous, so are we called to be.

## T-Rats Game

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Game Sunday, June 26, 2022 • 1:10 pm  
(Corbin Burnes Bobblehead Giveaway)

This is an opportunity for the men of Trinity Lu-  
theran Church to have a day-out together in fel-  
lowship. If interested in joining us, please sign in  
with your name and telephone number by Sun-  
day, June 19th or contact Jim Dehne (580 -716-  
5687) or Brian Ratzburg (920- 604-3000). Cost  
and details to be provided later.



## August Golf League

Join us for a fun casual August Golf League for Trinity starting on Monday, August 8th at Winagamie Golf Course with tee off times between 4-5. If interested in signing up, please contact Barb or Steve Sexmith. Join us every week through the end of August. We need to let the course know how many tee times we need each week. Barb (920) 427-6763 or Steve (920) 540-8687, bsexmith@new.rr.com or ssexmith@new.rr.com



**PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED.  
HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT.**

**Church Office Hours for  
Summer are 7:00AM- 3:00PM**

## \$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

**Stock up on both Festival and Kwik Trip Scrip for the new Festival-Kwik Trip Gas Card Program!**

## Ladies Aid/LWML Glass Fusion Cross Class

Ladies and Young Ladies, you are invited to come and make a glass fusion cross as a craft project with us. Mr. Glenn Erdmann will be with us at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 21 in the Small Fellowship Hall** to lead us in making these beautiful crosses.

Our intent is to make them and visit our shut ins and elderly, to share them.

There is no cost, as a member of our Ladies Aid/LWML has obtained funds from Thrivent to cover the cost. We would love to have you join us and you do not need to be a member of our ladies group to attend.

You won't be required to make a visit either but praise God for anyone who would like to do so. Visiting a shut in /elderly person is a blessing beyond words. Just call or email Barbara Kester (920) 722-3228/[barbkester9@gmail.com](mailto:barbkester9@gmail.com) or Dottie Kraus (920) 991-2705/[rkraus001@gmail.com](mailto:rkraus001@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming; please call as soon as possible so we can have enough supplies. If you wish to make a cross to keep for yourself or give as a gift it would be \$10.

God's blessings as we continue to strive to serve Him and those He has placed in our lives.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, June 25:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt  
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard  
Communion Assistant: Lee Colby  
Altar Guild: Paula Reichert  
Greeter: Barb Kester  
Acolyte: Braelyn Boss

### Sunday, June 26:

Elder on Duty: Dave Collingwood  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Assistant: Lee Weinig  
Altar Guild: Jackie Kislewski  
Greeter: Jane Nielsen  
Acolyte: Melani Gast

### Wednesday, June 29:

Elder on Duty: Tom Harrmann  
Usher Team: Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch  
Altar Guild: Carol Evenson

## Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is now available at no cost to our church family. They are in the narthex, or stop by the office to pick up a copy.

## 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.



## “SET FREE BY JESUS”

Luke 8:26-39

I’m not saying you have a demon . . . but have you ever been driven by something within you, like the man we heard about in the Gospel today?

It was in the country of the Gerasenes, up north, east of Galilee. Jesus crossed over the Sea of Galilee with His disciples, as He often did. And this day, when He stepped out onto the shore, this man met Him. Who had demons. Plural. A great many of them. Legion. He was their home. And they didn’t want to leave.

By the time they speak, we find out that Jesus had already commanded them to come out. Jesus knew the man’s plight, and as He always does, had compassion on him, to set him free from this scourge that had bound him for apparently some time. For he was well known in the region. They had tried to control him with guards and chains and shackles. But nothing worked. Until now. Until Jesus.

It was the demons’ worst nightmare. The day they dreaded. The Almighty God had come to earth in the man Jesus of Nazareth. When Jesus spoke, they knew the voice. It was the voice of the Creator. The voice of the One they had rebelled against and so had been thrown down from heaven to the earth. And so now homeless, they were in search of a home. Which they found in this man. Until now. Until Jesus.

So when they heard that voice, coming out of this man, they panicked. They fall down before Jesus - not that they wanted to! - and shriek, ***What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.*** They knew the day was coming, when they would be cast into the abyss,

but not yet! Please, not yet! Let us go into the pigs instead, Jesus. Jesus allows them to, and at once, the herd rushes down the steep bank into the Sea of Galilee, and is drowned. Did the demons make the pigs do that? Or did the pigs do that to get away from the demons?

But the man, he is set free. The Word of God, His Savior, set him free. We’re not told if Jesus and this man ever crossed paths again - at least, not on this side of eternity. But good news for you! You do! Here, every Sunday. As Jesus comes here for you every week, with His Word, with His forgiveness, and to feed you with His own Body and Blood. And you get to hear, you get to receive, you get to eat. And so every week you are assured of who you are - that you believe not the voice within you, or what the world says, or what the devil would like you to believe. Every week you hear of the cross and the forgiveness Jesus won for you there. Every week you are strengthened by the Spirit, that those old urges and desires control you less and less. And every week you eat and drink from the new tree of life. And if you listen with your new ears, your ears of faith, you can hear the demons shrieking, and the angels singing with us. *Glory to God in the highest! Holy, holy holy!* For Jesus is here.

Last week, we heard the Jewish leaders accuse Jesus of having a demon. Today, we heard of a man who really did. And how there was only one thing that really possessed Jesus: **love**. His love for you and your salvation. No matter who you are, where you’re from, or what you’ve done. Or as we sang:

*See, how He sends the powers of evil reeling;  
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,  
Now are forgiven (LSB #825 v. 2).*

Forgiven. Set free. Children of God. In Jesus. That’s who you are.

