



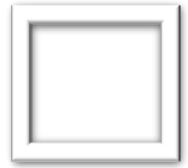
July 23, 24 & 27, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, July 23:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

Sunday, July 24:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person Only

Monday, July 25:

Rev Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 26:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, July 27:

6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, July 28:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, July 29:

Saturday, July 30:

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

Sunday, July 31:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person Only

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 Pray For... ✠

Rick Ascher, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Juliet Colby, David Cotter, Matt Daniels, Cindy Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Dominic Hall, Michael Hastings, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Sam Koch, Judy Krause, Karen Lambert, Pr. Ronald Meier, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Bill Otto, Norb Pomeranke, Sandy Rammer, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Jan Schroeder, Ray Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Jill Thomas, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Ronald Virchow Sr., Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Luke 11:11 "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society - the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

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

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Bud and Joyce Tschirgi's 64th Wedding Anniversary.

This Weekend's Banners

"Teach Us to Walk in the Way of the LORD"
"The Lord's Supper"

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: Tuna, Paper Products, Yellow Mustard, Pickles, Tomato Sauce & Paste. If you or someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke.

We are blessed that Peace in Neenah has again given us access to the bounty of their garden for our Food Pantry Families. If you would like to help with picking vegetables for our Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke (920) 540-5090 for details and picking times.

Bible Study Opportunities At Trinity Lutheran Church:

10:30 AM Sunday – "The Letter to the Romans." with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings - Large Fellowship Hall

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

10:45 AM Sunday – With Blaine Henkel—**THIS STUDY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

6:30 PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, meet in the Large Conference Room for devotions, discussion and fellowship until this fall. Contact: Connie Henkel

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.

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



To those who were led to give an offering for the moving expenses of our new teacher—Emily Ehler. She is now in town. Please greet Emily when you see her around Trinity or at worship starting this upcoming week.

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.

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.



Contacts:

Barb (920) 427-6763, bsexmith@new.rr.com or
Steve (920) 540-8687, sexmith@new.rr.com.



Trinity Camping Weekend 2022

Has been set for the traditional 3rd weekend in August, August 19 - 21. We will camp once again at Wild West Campground & Corral. They're located on 90+ acres within 15 miles from Waupaca, WI and Hartmann Creek State Park, where you'll find a variety of recreational activities to enjoy. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at: www.wildwestcampground.com. Campsite reservations and payments are taken online. Cannot camp the entire weekend, or not a camper? Come join us on Saturday for fellowship and a lunchtime potluck meal. Contact Roger or Merry Voigt with questions - phone 920-725-9908, email rogerwvoigt@gmail.com.



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, we deliver the Altar flowers to members of Trinity. Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Kari Lindner at (928) 279-7192 to be a member of our team.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church Office Mon.-Fri. from 7:00AM-3:00 PM, 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!



✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, July 23:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Sunday, July 24:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Steve Sexmith*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Braelyn Boss*

Wednesday, July 27:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch*
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*

Thank you all for your service to the Lord and Trinity.

Your Efforts Are Making A Difference!

We thank you for your ongoing donations of aluminum cans, Your efforts are appreciated!

BUT, PLEASE STOP including **TINCANS** that previously held meat, poultry, fish, soup, vegetable, sauces, beans, etc. These **ARE NOT** ALUMINUM cans. They are not part of our recycle project.

We **ONLY** recycle aluminum beverage cans. You can drop them off in the **BLUE RECYCLING CONTAINERS** located by Door 7 and Door 2.

Thank you,
Jerry Peotter,
Aluminum Can Recycle Coordinator

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the office for a copy to pick up your free Portals of Prayer, courtesy of the Board of Elders.

“Learning to Pray, Learning of Christ”

Genesis 18:17-33; Luke 11:1-13

Abraham's life had just changed. As we heard last week, God came to him and had just told him that by this time next year, he and Sarah would have a son. The son that God had promised to give them. The son from whom the Savior of the world would descend. Abraham had waited almost 25 years for this day. And many, or most, or perhaps all of those days, he prayed for this day.

Now, right after he had received this news - this joyous news! - he would pray again. But this time, a very different prayer. A prayer for Sodom and Gomorrah. For that day, God told Abraham not just what He was about to do for him, but also what He was about to do against Sodom and Gomorrah. For their sin was very grave.

Now you know what sin that was. The names Sodom and Gomorrah have become synonymous with homosexuality, which is one of the ways sinful human beings take God's good gift of sexuality and twist it into something it was never meant to be. And the word for this practice, sodomy, even came from the name of this city. And I have no doubt that were God to come today and state that He was going to exercise His judgment against people living like that today, that sadly, sadly there would be great joy and celebration among many Christians.

But not Abraham. He didn't rejoice at this news. He prayed. His joy over the announcement of the birth of his son, quickly turned to concern. Partly, I'm sure, because his nephew Lot lived there. But notice: he isn't just praying for Lot. He doesn't ask God to rescue Lot and his family. He could have. He could have prayed: Wait for Lot to leave, O Lord. Or: Let me first go get Lot, and then . . . But he doesn't pray that. He prays for the cities and all in them. Not just for God to spare the righteous, but for God to spare the wicked for the sake of the righteous.

You see, Abraham knew what we often forget: that the real enemy and who we are fighting against are not the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, not flesh and blood. The battle is against Satan and his minions, who are seeking to undermine and overthrow the church in any way and at all times. That's why the weapon to use in this battle is prayer. Otherwise, what a useless weap-

on that would be. How foolish it would be to pray. Maybe that's why we falter in our prayers. Many don't trust the power of pray And question if it is even heard. As a result they seldom or never talk to God. Perhaps we have done the same thing. ***So Lord, teach us to pray.***

That's not just our prayer, it's what the disciples also asked Jesus. But what are they asking? Not just how to pray, the mechanics of it - but how to think; how to look at things rightly and see them rightly and so know how to pray. ***So Lord, teach us to pray. Help us see as You see, think as You think, do as You do. Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples. Teach us to pray.***

Abraham needed to learn this too. As great and bold as his prayer was, as much an example as he is for us, he still had more to learn. For he didn't go low enough. He underestimated the mercy of God. 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10. But God wants no one to perish, but for all to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). So, in fact, God would not destroy the world for the sake of even ONE. And that one is His Son. His Son, the only righteous one. His Son who prays for us. His Son who took our place under the wrath of God against our sin, so that we who are not righteous would not be swept away, but made righteous in Him. That was true of Abraham, in fact. Abraham, who was an idolater before God called him (Joshua 24:2). Abraham believed God's promised of a Savior, and it was counted to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:6).

So God did give Abraham the son He had promised. And God has given us, too, the son that He has promised. His Son. Who was born for us, died for us, and whose Body and Blood are here given to us, that Jesus' righteousness be credited to us too. By grace, through faith. For whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins.

After being given the righteousness of God and then being given a son, Abraham prayed. And so do we. Just as Abraham interceded for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and just as Jesus intercedes for us, so now we can intercede for others. ***Lord, teach us to pray.*** Teach us to do that. Teach us how, to see the enemy aright. Teach us to see, and think, and do. Teach us Your mercy. Teach us Jesus. Given to us, given for all.

Lutheran World Relief Drive 2022



It is that time again when we see school supply sales in the stores and perhaps hear our families begin to talk about school shopping. It is an exciting time. But for children in many areas it is certainly not that way as they have no resources and many times are just praying to make it through another day. We have the opportunity to help! Our Ladies Aid/LWML has been putting together school and personal care kits for many years along with our Monday sewing group making beautiful warm quilts to send all over the world through Lutheran World Relief. Our goal this year has been set at 52 quilts, 110 personal care kits and 100 school kits. We received an abundance of supplies throughout the year already so our numbers needed are somewhat less.

For the personal care kits we need:

- 128 bath size bars of soap (4 or 4.5 ounce bars), any brand, in original packaging.
- 90 adult size toothbrushes in the original package.
- 110 large and sturdy combs. The multi-size packaged combs do not work for this as the combs are too small and not useable for those individuals with coarse and curly hair. No packaging.
- 120 metal nail clippers, with optional attached files. No packaging.

To reach our goal for school kits we need:

- 400 - 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper; no loose leaf paper.
- 70 - 30-centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other side.
- 85 pairs of blunt scissors with embedded steel blades that cut well.
- 475 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink).
- 20 boxes of crayons (16-24 size)

Our World Relief Drive will run from now **till August 16** when we will assemble the kits and pack them into cartons for shipping. You may donate to our drive by bringing the items to the Trinity Small Fellowship Hall and placing them on the back counter. Shipping these kits and quilts is very costly; if you would like to help with the shipping costs, you may write a check directly to Lutheran World Relief or place cash in an envelope for Ladies Aid/LWML and we will write the check. We appreciate any donation of items or money and we also ask you pray for this project and the many people who will receive our gifts of love and caring. We pray that their lives may be blessed and that God will keep them safe.

Trinity's Ladies Aid/LWML Officers

Church Picnic - August 14th!!



Mark your calendars for August 14th, 9:00 am at Smith Park in the pavilion. Time for fellowship will be from 9:00-10:00 am. Our service will begin at 10:00 am.

After service, there will be our wonderful potluck luncheon. On the menu is: brats, hamburgers, and hotdogs.

We ask people with last names starting with the letters A-H to bring salads, I-R hot/main dishes, and S-Z desserts. Beverages will be: coffee, water and soda.

Thank you and God's blessings on your day!

Noelle Webber



Non-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



The Gallery Choir is looking for a few more voices.

Over the past few [shortened] choir seasons, the number of choir participants has continued to dwindle – causing some tough discussions around whether the choir can continue here at Trinity. With that said, it is our hope that the choir CAN continue to provide hymn leadership, liturgically sound seasonal anthems and enhancement to our worship for many years to come – but we need singers – or that will be difficult to provide. Please prayerfully consider participating in choir this year (September through mid-May) and let me know by July 31 so we can plan for the fast approaching season. Send Tim an email at Ltcommish@gmx.com or Connie at Sonshine_54952@yahoo.com

Tim Reuning