



June 24 & 25, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, June 24:

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, June 25:

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour

Monday, June 26:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
6:00 PM Prayer Group
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 27:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, June 28:

6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, June 29:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, June 30:

Saturday, July 1:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, July 2:

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour

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...✠

The Sick: Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Karleton Borchardt, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Sara Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, James Mass, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Jerry Peotter, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Marty Schampfer, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Deloris Vozka, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Kaleb Bartelme, Braelyn Boss, Heather Emery, Timothy Friedeck, Claire Fulcer, Ronald and Dottie Kraus, Amelia Looker, Caleb Manteufel.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: LeRoy and Barbara Bartel, Philip and Mary Conradt, Brian and Iris Gast, Thomas and Sheila Hanby, Bart and Jane Nielsen, Larry and Dianne Olsen, Craig and Jill Thomas, Adina Weinig-Vaessen and Matt Vaessen.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Bonnie Fischer by Rodney Fischer.

This Weekend's Banners

"Do Not Fear be Strong, your God will Come to Save You" and "I am With You"

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:13 – *"Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness."* Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, in church and in society. How will you serve Him today?

Church Picnic—Mark Your Calendar!!

WHEN: Sunday, August 6, 2023

WHERE: Smith Park Pavilion in Menasha

WHAT: Fellowship hour starts at 9:00 AM
10:00 AM service.

Potluck luncheon to follow the service: A-H bring salads; I-R bring main dishes, and S-Z bring desserts

We can use help setting up/moving tables and cleaning up afterwards. Sponsored by the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry.

\$ SCRIP News \$

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

Jimmy Johns—Back in stock with \$25 cards!

Geraniums are Planted

We need people to water & care for them. Sign up is on the spinner in the narthex.



Trinity Camping Weekend 2023

Trinity Camping weekend is set for the traditional 3rd weekend in August, August 18-20 and will be held at Wild West Campground & Corral. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at <http://www.wildwestcampground.com>. Reservations are taken online; go to their website and place your reservation today, or call them direct at (715) 824-5112.

Questions or ideas for other campgrounds to consider for 2024?

Contact Roger or Merry Voigt, at (920) 725-9908, or rogerwvoigt@gmail.com.

✠ Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church ✠

10:30 AM **Sunday:** *"The Letter to the Romans"* with Pastors Alliet & Billings-Large Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM **Sunday:** *The Book of Isaiah*, Contact: Blaine Henkel (*Stopped for the Summer*)

6:30 PM **Monday:** Women's Bible Study, *"Chosen: A Study of Esther"* by Donna (Pyle) Snow - Conference Room. 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* Contact Dottie Kraus

6:00 AM **Thursday:** *Men's Bible Study*, *Paul's Letter to the Corinthians* Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

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

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 24:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 25:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, June 28:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry needs are: Ketchup, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Canned Fruit, and Laundry Detergent. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

Altar Guild Help Still Needed

As a member of our Altar Guild you now have the option to sign up for individual dates, or if you team up with someone you can take Saturdays and Sundays of a particular month(s). Wednesdays are signed up for individually. Flower delivery, along with Altar Guild duties, can be done by the individual signed up for Sunday. If you prefer not to deliver flowers, we try to find someone to do just flower delivery.

Tasks are: Saturdays—set-up, reset. Sunday duties are—clean up and deliver altar flowers to members of Trinity.

If you feel called to serve God in this way, contact Mary or Jean in the church office.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 1:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Paula Reickert*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Maya Torress*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 2:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 5:

Elder on Duty: *Tim Reuning*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**

NOTICE OF TRINITY'S ANNUAL 2023-2024 BUDGET MEETING

Thursday, July 6th at 6:30PM

in the Sanctuary

The agenda is available in the Narthex.

A yellow sign with a black vertical bar on the left containing the word "VOLUNTEER" in white capital letters. To the right of the bar is a QR code. Further right is a black box with the text "LIVE BROADCAST CHRIST CRUCIFIED" in white. Below this is a white box with a black border containing the text "LCMS CONVENTION July 29-August 3 Wisconsin Center Downtown Milwaukee". Below that is another white box with a black border containing the text "Volunteer Opportunities" and a bulleted list: "• Hospitality", "• Registration", "• Information", "• More". At the bottom is a white box with a black border containing the text "Signup to Volunteer by June 27 swd.lcms.org/serve".

Trinity Lutheran School

CONFESSING THE TRUTH

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

John, Duke of Saxony, Elector
George, Margrave of Brandenburg
Ernest, Duke of Lüneberg
Philip, Landgrave of Hesse
John Frederick, Duke of Saxony
Francis, Duke of Lüneberg
Wolfgang, Prince of Anhalt
Senate and Magistracy of Nürnberg
Senate of Reutlingen

Recognize those names? Most of you probably do not. But they are very important people. They are the rulers who signed the Augsburg Confession and presented it to the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Charles V, on this day, 493 years ago. 506 years ago Luther's posted the 95 theses. But that event led to this one - the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, when these princes and cities of the Holy Roman Empire literally put their necks on the line and confessed: this is what is taught in our churches.

You see, the Emperor, Charles V, had called for this meeting at Augsburg. He called for this meeting because he wanted to put this silly religious disagreement behind him so he could get on with the important matter of the day: uniting the empire for a military battle against the Turks - or, as you know them better, the Muslims. Their army was on the doorstep of the Empire, hungry for battle, thirsting for blood, and eager for conquest to expand their territory through all of Europe. This silly religious dispute couldn't get in the way - there was too much at stake! So figure it out and let's go fight the real battle.

It's not hard to translate that same idea to our day and age. There are those today who would say: stop arguing about theology, stop worrying about silly religious disagreements, about right and wrong, and how one is saved, and by who. That stuff doesn't matter. Let's all just get along and do what's really important. (Whatever you think it is that is really important. The current issues of today. Whatever battles you think are worth fighting.) That's kind of what the emperor was saying all those years ago.

But those Lutheran princes, cities, people, and theologians heard what Jesus said in the Gospel today, and so had a different opinion of the whole thing. Have no fear of them, Jesus said. The "them" for the disciples were those persecuting them, and maligning them. The "them" for those German princes were the Turks, the Emperor, and the Roman Church who were threatening them. Have no fear of them, Jesus said. Do not fear those who rise up against you. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. So for those German princes, the truth could not be compromised. God knew what was happening. Their heavenly Father could take care of them. And does.

For look, Jesus continued, at the birds. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of the millions or billions of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. Apart from Him seeing it. Apart from Him knowing it. So what about them? Well, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Or in other words, your Father in heaven knows you and your situation and your troubles better than you know yourself! So do not fear. He sees. He knows. He cares. He's got this.

Rather, Jesus says, confess. Confess the truth. Do not be afraid to do so. For everyone who [confesses] me before men, I also will [confess] before my Father who is in heaven. The English translation we heard today used the word acknowledge there - everyone who acknowledges me. That's okay. But confess is better, and more literal. Those German princes were being called to confess, and confess they would. That's why what they presented this day 493 years ago is called the Augsburg Confession.

And that is done in three general ways. God says you are a sinner. And we confess; we say the same thing. We confess our sins. Yes, I am a sinner. Truth.

God tells us who He is - the Holy Trinity, as we celebrated a couple of weeks ago. And we confess; we say the same thing. We confess the creed. Yes, you are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Truth.

And then God tells us all that He has done and is doing for us poor, miserable sinners; for us and for our salvation. And we confess; we say the same thing. We speak of His wonderful, saving deeds in praise. Yes, you have done it. Your cross, Your water, Your Body and Blood, Your forgiveness. Truth. This is the truth that matters more than anything else in this world. The truth that leads to eternal life.

That's a confession to live for. And to die for.

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+ Buy the **FOLDERS**, the **MALLETS**,

+ Buy one (or more) **TABLE COVERS**

☺ **I LOOKING FOR RINGERS!**

(Sign-up sheet – Narthex - Name/Phone)

No experience necessary ... Just smiles

Questions: Call Rose (& counting)