



# August 19 & 20, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, August 19:

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, August 20:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour

### Monday, August 21:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

1:00 PM VB Practice

6:00 PM Prayer Group

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, August 22:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

10:00 AM VB Practice

12-7 PM School Registration

6:30 PM Ladies Aid LWR Kits—SFH

### Wednesday, August 23:

10 AM-4 PM School Registration

6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, August 24:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

1:00 PM VB Practice

### Friday, August 25:

### Saturday, August 26:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, August 27:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour



## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Larry Bevers, 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, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Jerry Peotter, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schrapfer, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Craig Thomas, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Mark Becker, Gabrielle Brand, Tinley Carpenter, John Christensen, Franklin Erdmann, Brian Gast, Bruce Gast, Grace Henson, Robbie Kohler, Diane Lukasavage, Logan Maynard, Aria Michalski-Funk, Charley Michalski-Tobey, Jane Nielsen, JoAnn Schultz, Abigail Seeley, Mason Steeno, Shiloh Tuyls and Dylon Wieck.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Brad & Gina Borgen, Daniel & Heather Emery, Howard & Jackie Kislewski, Caleb & Emma\* Manteufel, Caleb & Lauryn Tuyls and Brian & Cheryl Wendler.

## Daily Devotions Direct Link!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.

## 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.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com\\_or](http://www.trinitymenasha.com_or)  
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### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are to the glory  
of God by the Ladies Aid.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Kyrie Eleison" and  
"Look to the Hills The Lord Reigns"

## Calling all Confirmation Families!

The new school year is fast approaching. Confirmation orientation will be on Thursday, August 31st, at 5:00pm. We will meet in the Small Fellowship Hall.



If your child is entering the 6th grade it is time for them to begin Catechism classes. Please contact the church office soon to enroll.

### ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

#### The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**Matthew 15:27 – "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."**

These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table – He has given us life, salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. That's where our stewardship starts: with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

## 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.



## Food Pantry

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

Would you like to help pick fresh produce for our pantry? If so contact Steve.

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

## \$ 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.

We now have Old Grog Scrip in stock with \$25 cards!

### Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans"**  
with Pastors Alliet & Billings  
Small Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: The Book of Isaiah,**  
Contact: Blaine Henkel  
*(Recessed 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, August 19:

Elder on Duty: *Robert Allen*  
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*  
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*  
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*  
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 20:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*  
Communion Assistant: *Josiah Nielsen*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, August 23:

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

## Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Outreach and Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at the Appleton Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 30th.

The monies Trinity raises goes back into the church and school. We need people involved to make this a success again this year. Any questions, contact Ailene Moderson at (920)-450-2753 [mmodes@yahoo.com](mailto:mmodes@yahoo.com)



## Lutheran World Relief Quilts & Kits

Thank you Trinity Congregation for your overwhelming response to our request for donations of school supplies and personal care items for our World Relief Drive. Your response this year was more bountiful than ever. We are most grateful. We would also appreciate any assistance with assembling the kits on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. God's blessings!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 26:

Elder on Duty: *Robert Allen*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*  
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*  
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 27:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*  
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas*  
Flower Delivery: *Craig & Jill Thomas*  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, August 30:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

**SAUERKRAUT ORDER FORMS** are available in the narthex. Seven dollars/Ice Cream Pail or \$23/5 Gallon Pail. Order no later than September 10th.

## **The Annual Trinity Bazaar is Coming October 7, 2023!**

- *Antiques & Collectables*
- *Ladies Aid Bakery & Pies*
- *Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls*
- *Heavenly Bargains (formerly Dollar Store)*

Are you downsizing, or maybe doing some fall cleaning? Do you have leftover items from a garage or estate sale? Think of us when you are ready to donate books (no magazines), home décor, arts, and crafts items, etc. Heavenly Bargains is expanding the type of items they will have available this year.

Don't forget to volunteer your time and talents at the Bazaar. We need help in various areas. Call Sally at (920) 422-2054 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connected through Faith

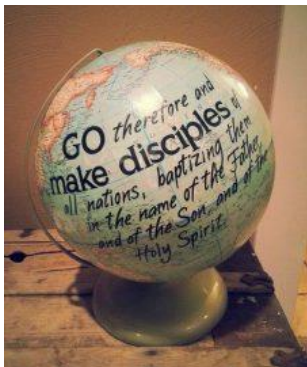
Matthew 15:21–28

“Then Jesus answered her, ‘O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.’ And her daughter was healed instantly” (Matthew 15:28).

The disciples and others thought that connections to Jesus were deserved or earned. A Canaanite woman comes to Jesus begging that He would free her daughter from a demon. Jesus’ words, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,” could have been discouraging to the woman (**Matt. 15:24**). The disciples asked Jesus to “Send her away, for she is crying after us” (**Matt. 15:23**).

Sadly, in Jesus’ time, women were often considered less important than men. The disciples did not consider the Canaanite woman worthy of Jesus’ time. Since the woman came from a different place and a different culture, and since she was not a fellow Israelite, many thought she was even less worthy of Jesus’ attention. Jesus’ response to the woman becomes part of His lesson. Jesus demonstrated that He had come to be the Savior of all people. Jesus blessed the woman with the faith to see that He was also her Lord and Savior. The woman believed that Jesus could provide the help she needed for her daughter.

We may also think that we deserve a connection with God. We may think that because of our good behavior, our enrollment in a Lutheran school, our grades, our family history or many other criteria, God should shower His blessings on us. Jesus teaches that it is only through faith that we are connected to Jesus.



Jesus chose to connect with sinners. Jesus chose to connect Himself to the cross, paying the price for the sins of the whole world. When Jesus suffered and died on the cross, Satan thought the victory was his. When Jesus rose from the grave three days later, Satan was defeated forever. The all-powerful Jesus, who drove out the daughter’s demon, shared the victory with all of us who are tempted by the devil.

Jesus chose to connect Himself to us through faith. The relationship we have with Him we cannot earn and do not deserve. In Baptism, God has claimed us as His child and has given us faith in Jesus’ saving work for us. The Holy Spirit works faith in us and keeps us in our faith so that we can be sure of our salvation.

Praise God that He has connected us to Himself. May we also have a great faith that praises Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

### PRAYER

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (**John 15:7**).

Jesus, we thank You for the example of the Canaanite woman’s faith. Strengthen our faith to trust in You in all times, especially in sickness, trials and disappointments. Amen.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 21 – 25, Teacher In Service

August 22 – 23, Registration

August 21, 1:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 22, 10:00 am Volleyball Practice

August 23, 2:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 24, 1:00 pm Volleyball Practice

August 27, 9:00 am Worship with Teacher Dedication

August 28, 8:15 am 3rd – 8th Grade Classes Resume

August 29, 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice

August 30, 8:15 am 3yr old – 8th Grade Classes

