



September 16 & 17, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, September 16:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 17: SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

9:00 AM Worship Service—*Praise Four Sings*

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School
KRAUT MAKING @ Weinig's

Monday, September 18:

Pastor's Sabbath
Principals Conference
Ladies Sewing Group
6:00PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 19:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs New Hope @ Home

Wednesday, September 20:

8:45 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Catechism Class
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, September 21:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs St. Johns @ Berlin
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 22:

Confirmands leave for retreat in Ft. Wayne, IN

Saturday, September 23:

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service—*Choir Sings*

Sunday, September 24:

Confirmands return from retreat at Ft. Wayne, IN
9:00 AM Worship Service—*Choir Sings*
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, 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, 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, Betty Paul, Jerry Peotter, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Sheryl & Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Shirley Fleischer, Johanna Ciske, Valerie GeRue, Cindy Diesch, Dennis Durkey, Lisa Rhodes, Deborah Manteufel and Carla Watson.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: William & Sherry Brizzo-Tobin, Ronald & Dottie Kraus and Gary & Lisa Rhodes.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

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>.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend have been donated by Ron and Dottie Kraus in thanksgiving to Him who has so richly blessed our marriage and our lives.

This Weekend's Banners

"Teach us to walk in the WAY of the Lord" &
"Come Follow Me"

✠ Stewardship ✠

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 14:7 - *"For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself."* We just don't belong to ourselves — we belong first of all to God, and through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation: as a Christian you serve others in the church, as a neighbor you serve others in society, and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

**TRINITY'S ANNUAL KRAUT-
MAKING EVENT** Sunday, September 17, after church, at the Weinig house—856 State Street in Menasha.

Oktoberfest Volunteers Still 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



Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in special need of Canned Fruit. We also need Jello, Ketchup, Kleenex, 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 apples or 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 & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

Limited time—Kwik Trip Scrip at 10% Rebate!

Ladies Aid/LWML Potluck and Organizational Meeting

All ladies and young ladies are invited to attend our September 19th potluck at 5:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. If possible, bring a dish to pass (hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert). We will be planning our meetings, events, and service projects for the year ahead and would love new ideas. The mission of our group is to assist each other in affirming our relationship with the Triune God and to enable the ladies to use their God given gifts in ministry to people all around the world. Our pastors and their wives are invited to join us as our guests. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

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.

Many Thanks!

Beth Wohlrabe, who recently underwent surgery, would like to thank the Ladies Aid for the prayer shawl and the many prayers.

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 16:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 17:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Flower Delivery: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 20:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 23:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 24:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*
Altar Guild: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Flower Delivery: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 27:


Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans"**
with Pastors Alliet & Billings—SFH
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "What They Didn't Teach You
in Sunday School"**
Contact : Pastor GeRue-Conference Rm
- 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**
"PRAYER: We Speak to God"
ARC— 200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!
- 6:00 AM **Thursday: Men's Bible Study**
Paul's Letter to the Corinthians
Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conf. Rm


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

Trinity's Bazaar

is still  for the items listed below:


Drop off items in the Small Fellowship Hall.

Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage Items, Costume Jewelry, and Your Collection of Cards, Marbles, Beanie Babies, etc.

New this year, the Book Nook is  for all sizes and categories of books:

- Hard or Soft Cover
- Coffee Table Books
- Cookbooks
- Children's Books
- DVD's, CD's or Cassette Tapes

(Please No Magazines, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Reader's Digest Books.)

Heavenly Bargains is  for your homemade crafts: knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint and hobby items. New, or gently used items in your home. Includes all seasonal décor, crafts, store bought items, household items, your "Thing-A-Ma-Jigs" and "Thing-A-Ma-Bobs."

Please, no clothing, shoes, personally worn items.

If you have questions, call Sally Bolen at (920) 422-2054.



TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connecting to Forgive Matthew 18:21–25

“Then Peter came up and said to him, ‘Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times’” (Mat. 18:21–22).

Think of pairs of numbers without any mathematical “connections”: 3, 1, 7, 4, 2, 8, etc. A list of just numbers is confusing and useless. We don’t know what to do with them. If we had “connecting” directions, the numbers become meaningful: $3 + 1$; $7 - 4$; 2×8 . With the “connecting sign” we can solve the problem.

The disciple Peter comes to Jesus with a numbers problem: “How often should I forgive my brother?” What’s a good number, Jesus? How about seven times?” Jesus replies that Peter should forgive “seventy-seven times,” and then tells a parable emphasizing that forgiveness is not a matter of numbers.

Our parents and teachers may use numbers to warn us: “That’s the first warning!” “I’m counting to ten, and before I get there, I want you to get started cleaning your room.” We are tempted to use numbers in counting the sins and hurts from others. “That’s the second time you lied.” Peter suggested “seven” as a generous number of times to grant forgiveness.

If God were to count our sins, we would have a major numbers problem. In addition to our sinful nature, we sin constantly with our thoughts, words and deeds. The prophet Jeremiah spoke for himself and the people of Israel when he said, “their transgressions are many” (Jer. 5:6). Our sins are too many to count. If calculating our sins were a math problem, we would be multiplying and multiplying!

Jesus tells a parable about forgiveness. The servant of a king had a huge debt (lots of numbers!). The servant’s debt was forgiven by a kind and generous master. The Good News is that Jesus is the Master who paid the debt. Through His suffering and death on the cross, He paid the price for every sin. The blessings of Jesus’ death and resurrection are ours in our

Baptism. He has washed away every sin. The prophet Isaiah said that the Savior to come would “blot out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins” (Isaiah 43:25). God no longer counts our sins because in Christ, He has removed them and forgotten them. In our math illustration, God uses a great big subtraction sign when it comes to our sins. No matter the number of our sins, He subtracts every sin. His final answer is “0.”

Jesus’ parable continued with another important lesson. Because God no longer counts our sins, we should not count the sins of others against us. Jesus said, “And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” (Matt. 18:33). In the Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray, “And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

It’s important to learn how to add and multiply. But when it comes to the sins of others, we must learn to subtract through the love and example of Jesus. How many times do we forgive? Many times. We should always count their number of sins as “0”.

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, thank You for dying and rising again so that all my sins are subtracted. We ask that You continue to teach us to forgive others. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

September 18– 29 MAP TESTING

Sept. 18 Principals Conference

Sept. 19 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs. New Hope

Sept. 20 8:45 am Chapel

Sept. 21 4:30 pm Volleyball @ St. John, Berlin

Sept. 22 Confirmation Retreat Ft Wayne

