



September 23 & 24, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, September 23:

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

Sunday, September 24:

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

Monday, September 25:

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

Tuesday, September 26:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs Trinity Oshkosh @ Oshkosh
6:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting in Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 27:

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

Thursday, September 28:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs Celebration @ Celebration
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29:

Saturday, September 30:

Oktoberfest Downtown Appleton
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 1:

9:00 AM Worship Service/Homemade Quilt Display
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 Schrapfer, 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 Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Jared Bursack, Axle Hurst, Justin Kobs, Vera Krause, Jill Thomas, Owen Voigt, Farrah Wakkinen, Reese Wakkinen and Craig Wussow.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Niclaus & Cora Dutter, Carol & Richard Evensen and Tom & Polly Harrmann.

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>.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE UPCOMING TRINITY BAZAAR, CHECK OUT THE INSERT IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend have been donated by Marc and Sandy Guiley in recognition of their nephew and niece's accomplishments.

Nick Heisserer achieved his Doctor of Business Administration; Hannah Cornwall, her Master of Science in Clinical Psychology.

This Weekend's Banners

"Christ as a Light Illumine & Guide Me" &
"I Am With You Always"

✠ Stewardship ✠

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 20:9 - "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

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 or email: mmodes@yahoo.com

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 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 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 Trinity Bazaar Bake Sale

On **October 7, 2023** Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML will again host a bake sale in conjunction with Trinity's Bazaar; we invite all you guys and gals to make your favorite pie, sweet bread, bars, cookies, etc. and bring it to our bake sale. We've been very blessed for many years to have a very successful day of happy customers and also lots of wonderful fellowship. So please plan to join in the fun by donating something or shopping. You may **bring your donations of bakery on Friday October 6, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and place them in the gym on the tables in front of the stage or on the day of the sale October 7. All proceeds of this sale will go for missions and Trinity Church and School projects.** We thank you for your wonderful support each and every year and plan to see you on Saturday, October 7.

Homemade Quilt Display

The beautiful quilts our Sewing Ladies make each year will be on display the weekend of October 1.

LWML Sunday—"The King is Coming"

This year, Lutheran Women's Mission League (LWML) Sunday will be October 8th. Our LWML ladies will be collecting mites.

✠ Serving Our Lord This 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.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 30:

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, October 1:

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, October 2:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

From Your Board of Stewardship

We hope that you are finding the "A God-Lived Life" emphasis and devotions meaningful for you and your family. Later this October, you will be given the opportunity to express your appreciation to our Lord by making a commitment to His Mission Work here at Trinity for the coming two years. Watch for details...



- A Life of Being a Disciple
- A Life Lived for Others
- A Life of Hospitality

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connecting by Grace
Matthew 20:1–16



“Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you” (Matt. 20:13–14).

Jesus tells a story about a vineyard master who needs to get workers to harvest the grapes in his vineyard. In a sense, the master is getting his team together.

Some of the team members work long and hard for the whole season. Some of the team members come to practice only part of the time. Some of the team members come only for the last game of the season. At the end of the season, everyone gets to be in the championship picture, and everyone gets a medal. Our first reaction might be, “That’s not fair.”

Jesus’ team is not like school teams or other teams. We don’t qualify for Jesus’ team by how much we practice or by how good of an athlete, singer or student we are. No matter how much we practice or how much we think we deserve to be on His team, in reality we would never make the team.

We are on Jesus’ team because He chooses us for His team. We are welcomed by His grace. We are recruited for Jesus’ team in our Baptism. He gives us the uniform of His righteousness.

On our school teams and on other teams, people have different skills and abilities. We have different gifts on Jesus’ team, but our team membership is always at God’s invitation and by God’s grace. Not every school team is going to win every game or get a trophy or medal. But on Jesus’ team, like the workers in the vineyard, we all get the same “reward.” Our reward is more important than any earthly recognition. Jesus will welcome us into an eternity with Him where we will all be winners every day.

This school year, we will cheer for our school teams and congratulate teammates and team players. While we enjoy those teams, we remember that God has chosen each of us to be on His team. We all get to play and praise and pray.

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 choosing us through our Baptism to be part of Your team. We ask that we may live in Your grace and use the gifts You have given us to honor Your name and grow Your kingdom. Amen.

✝ This Week at Trinity School ✝

- ◇ MAP Testing September 25—29
- ◇ Sept. 25 Dental and Hearing Screening
- ◇ Sept. 25 10:30 am Band Demonstration
- ◇ Sep. 26 1:10 pm Water Safety
- ◇ Neenah Y
- ◇ Sept. 26 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Trinity Oshkosh
- ◇ Sept. 27 8:45 am Chapel
- ◇ Sept. 28 10:30 am Vision Screening
- ◇ Sept. 28 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Celebration Appleton
- ◇ Sept. 29 Midterm 1st Quarter
- ◇ Sept 29 Walk-a-thon



Trinity Bazaar is Around the Corner

Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Your donated items can be dropped off in the Small Fellowship Hall by the grey tables.

Items still needed for the **“Heavenly Bargains”** room:

- Home décor items (new, or gently used)
- Crafts and hobby items (handmade or store bought)
- Vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes and VHS tapes
- Antiques, vintage and collectables are still needed.

PLEASE NOTE: Mark or label vintage donations as such and place them in the designated location in the Small Fellowship Hall by the grey tables.

NEW THIS YEAR: the “Book Nook”

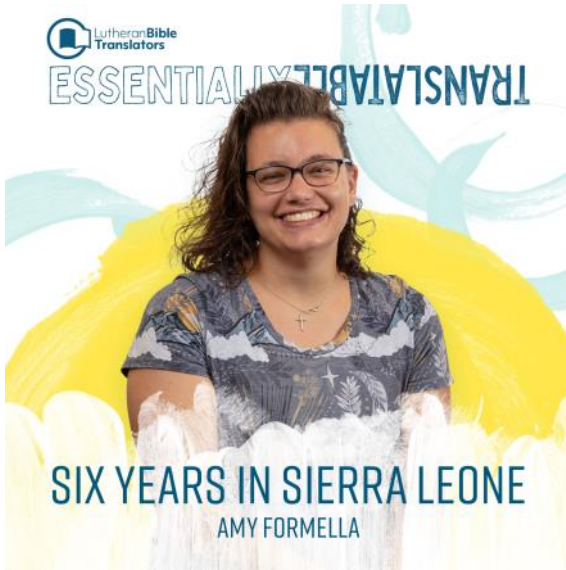
We are  for books left over from rummage sales, estate sales, etc., Please consider donating them to our Book Nook. Items needed are:

- Books to include children’s books (all categories & sizes)
- Fiction or non-fiction books • Cookbooks • Bibles, devotions, etc.

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

Don’t forget to volunteer your time, treasures 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. Thank you so much for your donations.





“Six Years in Sierra Leone”



Amy Formella

August 2023

In this episode of the Essentially Translatable Podcast, Rich Rudowski and Emily Wilson interview Amy Formella, a Lutheran Bible Translators' missionary to Sierra Leone. Amy shares about her background, and current work with the Mende and Themne language communities and the importance of Bible translation in their lives.

Translators face a unique set of challenges that go beyond the scope of their work. Balancing personal and community responsibilities, managing health issues, and ensuring travel safety are just a few of the obstacles they encounter. Despite these challenges, translators persevere in their mission to translate the Bible, drawing on their resilience, wisdom, and determination to continue serving the Mende and Themne people.

Tune in to hear more about Amy's experiences as a missionary and the journey that brought her to where she is today:

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