

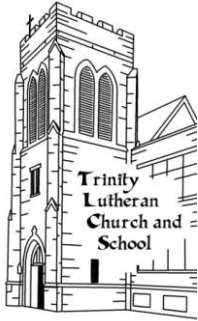
Trinity Lutheran Church & School
300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952

You **ARE** saved
by works.
But **NOT** yours.



October 2024 Newsletter





Trinity Lutheran Church and School

300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Church Phone: (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Worship Services:

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am

Education Hour: Sunday - 10:30 am

In Person & Online Worship Service

Trinity's website: www.trinitymenasha.com

Services will be available for live streaming on Trinity's Facebook page. Check the church website for more details.

Important Dates:

- October 1: 6:30 PM Board Mtgs
- October 2: 9:00 AM Chapel
- October 4: 5:30 PM Doors open, Pastor's Appeal Kick-off
- October 7: 4:30 VB @ Home vs. St. John, Berlin
7:00 PM Culvers Night Out / 1161 Westowne Dr., Neenah
- October 8: 6:30 PM Bd of Directors Mtg
4:30 PM VB @ Trinity Oshkosh
- October 11: Grandparents Day / Half day of school
7:00 PM Hymn Sing
- October 12: 9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service, Bruce & Lana Gast to Renew Vows on their 50th Wedding anniversary
- October 15: 4:30 PM VB @ New Hope
- October 17: 4:30 PM VB @ Celebration
- October 21: 4:30 PM VB @ St John, Berlin
- October 26: 9:30 AM Food Pantry
- October 29: 4:30 PM VB @ Home vs. Celebration
- October 30: 4:30 PM VB Party

Our Mission Statement:

Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.



Senior Pastor:

✠ Rev. Steven S. Billings

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:

✠ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

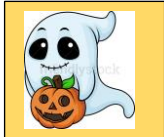
Director of Music:

Mrs. Connie Henkel

Organist:


Mrs. Nancy Lephart

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October

Church Office Hours:
 Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Email: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30AM Ladies Bible Study 3:45 PM VB @Home vs. Home School 6:30 PM Board Mtgs	9:00 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study NOON DISMISSAL Half Day of School- Parent Teacher Conf 4 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal	NO SCHOOL SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED Parent Teacher Conf PASTOR'S APPEAL Doors open @ 5:30 PM Event Start @ 6:00 PM	5 PM Worship
6	7	8	9	10 BOOK FAIR	11 BOOK FAIR	12 BOOK FAIR
9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School	9 AM Sewing 6 PM Home Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study 4:30 pm VB @ Home vs. St. John Berlin Rev. Billings 7th – 10th "Answers for Pastors" conference	6:30AM Ladies Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ s Trinity Oshkosh 6:30 PM Bd of Dir Mtg	9:00 AM Chapel 5:00 PM 1 st & 2 nd year Catechism ONLY	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal	GRANDPARENTS DAY NOON DISMISSAL Half Day of School 7PM HYMN SING	9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship Bruce & Lana Gast Wedding Vow Renewal
13 BOOK FAIR	14 BOOK FAIR	15 BOOK FAIR	16 BOOK FAIR	17 BOOK FAIR	18 BOOK FAIR	19 BOOK FAIR
9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School	BOSS' DAY Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Home Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6:30 Am Ladies Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ New Hope 6:30 pm Ladies Aid / LWML Mtg (SFH)	9:00 Chapel 12:30 PM FVL K5-4 th Alice in Wonderland 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ Celebration 4 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal 6 PM Choir Rehearsal		5 PM Worship
20 BOOK FAIR	21	22	23	24	25	26
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27	28	29	30	31 Reformation Day		
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER

10/02 BROWN, Amanda & Jasen
 10/06 REUNING, Tim & Jackie
 10/07 BATES, Dewey & Kelly
 10/09 BORCHARDT, Russell & Karen
 10/09 DAHMS, Nathan & Anne
 10/09 SOKEL, Ann & Harry
 10/11 GAST, Bruce & Lana
 10/11 WATSON, Bill & Carla
 10/13 FLEISCHER, Shirley & Ernest
 10/15 MEVERDEN, Betsy & Donald
 10/15 VITEK, Rudy & Barbara

10/16 RATZBURG, Brian & Linda
 10/20 ACKER, David & Eileen
 10/20 RISKE, Carl & Karen
 10/22 WRIGHT, Norman & Ruth
 10/23 CLEVELAND, Andrew & Heather
 10/25 MIES, Kevin & Jamie



BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER



10/01 BUKSYK, Mary Anne
 10/02 KISLEWSKI, Jacqueline
 10/02 MILOSAVLJEVIC, Lauren
 10/03 BOUCHARD, Jeremy
 10/03 FURMAN, Miles
 10/03 MLODIK, Mitchell
 10/03 SOKEL, Laurie
 10/06 TORRES, Jaqueline
 10/07 REICHERT, Joseph
 10/08 WITTMANN, Debra
 10/08 WRIGHT, Norman
 10/09 DAMROW, Alisha
 10/09 HERTZIGER, Henry
 10/09 SCHEWE, Barbara
 10/10 BELCHER, Lonnie
 10/10 BORCHARDT, Karen
 10/10 BOUCHARD, Jordan
 10/10 MOTTO, Ava



10/11 GROSHEK, Emberli
 10/11 PASHOLK, Elise
 10/11 STIER, Jane
 10/13 KEBERLEIN, Lincoln
 10/14 KOHLER, Christian
 10/14 TRIMBERGER, Elaine
 10/15 GAST, Iris
 10/15 HURST, Angela
 10/16 MEHL, Ruby
 10/16 MILOSAVLJEVIC, George
 10/19 ALLEN, Robert
 10/20 VOSTER, Ronald

10/21 BAIN, Avaleigh
 10/21 BARTELME, David
 10/21 WRAY, Teresa
 10/22 EMERY, Evan
 10/22 GREETAN, Linda
 10/23 BRICCO-TOBIN, Sherry
 10/23 CONRADT, Mary
 10/24 CONRADT, Philip
 10/24 SWICK, Christopher
 10/24 WENDLER, Kurt
 10/26 ALLEN, Betty
 10/26 KOHLER, Christine
 10/26 THOMAS, Craig
 10/27 THOMAS, Ian
 10/28 WITTMANN, Jim
 10/29 MOTTO, Lambeau
 10/30 LOOKER, Samantha

✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠

New Members/Transfers In: Ricky Schroeder, Lynne Schroeder and Stephan Schroeder

Released/Transfers Out: Lee & Juliet Colby

Baptisms: Noah John Voigt

Members Who Have Passed: Donald (Bud) Tschirgi

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26

Serving Our Lord with Gladness – October 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Worship Date/Time	Acolyte	Elder on Duty	Communion Assistant	Usher Captain	Greeter	Altar Guild
Oct. 5: 5:00 PM Oct. 6: 9:00 AM	Mirella Taschner Sydney Gast	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Bruce Buksyk Steve Sexmith	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig	Betty Allen Liz Kamprath	Jean Zeinert Jill & Craig Thomas
Oct. 12: 5:00 PM Oct. 13: 9:00 AM	Payton Lenth Simon Kroes	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Lee Colby Ron Kraus	Jerry Maynard Jim Wittmam	Barbara Kester Connie Henkel	Jean Zeinert Jill & Craig Thomas
Oct. 19: 5:00 PM Oct. 20: 9:00 AM	Emma Schmidt Axle Hurst	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Ian Thomas Scott Gutzman	Lee Colby Dave Collingwood	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Jean Zeinert Jill & Craig Thomas
Oct. 26: 5:00 PM Oct. 27 9:00 AM	Richie Sprouse Maya Torres	Alan Manteufel Craig Thomas	Dan Siebert Robert Flater	Roger Voigt Steve Sexmith	JoAnn Schultz Jane Nielsen	Jean Zeinert Jill & Craig Thomas

Altar Guild Help Needed



Trinity is in dire need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team.

Tasks are:

- Saturdays: Set-up and reset the altar
- Sundays: Clean up communion and deliver flowers to a designated member of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Please contact Jean Zeinert at (920) 722-2662 to become a member of our team.

SAVE THE DATE

*USHER MEETING

October 23rd at 5:00 PM

in the Sanctuary.



Just A Reminder:

After Bible Studies, Sunday School, or meetings, please turn off the lights as you leave your room. Thank you!



Catechetical Comments

A Series

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our consideration of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed, with special focus on question 98.

98. *What is meant by "heaven and earth"?*

All things visible and invisible.

In the *Small Catechism*, Martin Luther continues his explanation of the First Article of the Creed by asking the question:

What is meant by "heaven and earth"?

He then answers:

All things visible and invisible.

Then he lists for us the following Scripture passage in support of this answer:

Colossians 1:16 – By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Has anyone seen God? Sure, Moses saw Him, at first only from the back (Exodus 33:17-23), but later on face-to-face (Exodus 34:10). Most of us, however, have to content ourselves in seeing the evidence of God through the things He has made.

Any idiot can look out his window and recognize the evidence of a Creator. Who can deny this? It's obvious to anyone who has common sense that this marvelous creation had to come from somewhere.

The Greek philosopher Plato argued that there has to be a reasonable Creator because creation is reasonable. Creation works, it makes sense. Nothing as well organized as creation could have sprung from itself or from

random occurrences in nature, regardless of the ridiculous span of time proposed by those who believe that everything we see – including ourselves – is the result of chance happenings. The absurdity of such a notion is all the more surprising considering the intellectual brilliance of some who suggest it, indeed insist upon it.

But such ignorance of the truth is inexcusable, as Paul writes to the Romans: [God's] invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse (Romans 1:20).

Eric Metaxas, in his book *Is Atheism Dead?* presents a universe of evidence, using evolutionist's own argumentation, to unravel the web of lies evolutionists have told themselves for more than 200 years. The fine-tuning of our planet, the fine-tuning of our solar system, and even the fine-tuning of our universe, all militate against the evolutionist view. No other reasonable conclusion may be drawn from the evidence *presented by evolutionists themselves* but that the universe had to be the product of an intelligent mind, not by random chance.

Plato was right, after all. Science – real science – supports, even demands, the existence of a Creator. This natural knowledge of God – knowledge of God from nature – is undeniably reliable. Even atheists can't get away from this reality, no matter how hard they try.

This is most certainly true. †

Humbly in His service,
Rev. Steven S. Billings
Senior Pastor

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thankful for Lutheran Education

Philippians 1: 3 – 6 says, “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” As approach the middle of the First Quarter of school at Trinity, it is great to reflect upon the blessings we share in ministry. I know the Lord will continue to bless this ministry as we work together to His glory.

The theme for this school year is “Endure.” Hebrews 12: 1-3 says, “Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.”

This scripture provides us with a powerful lens through which to view our work. The passage calls us to fix our thoughts on Jesus, acknowledging Him as our apostle and high priest. Jesus is the ultimate Teacher and Leader, that embodies all faithfulness. This verse encourages us to draw strength from Jesus’ example, recognizing that He has endured every challenge and remained faithful to the end. The concept of endurance is central to our calling as pastors and educators. The path of education is not always smooth or straightforward. There will be moments of triumph and times of struggle. Our endurance is tested through long hours, diverse classroom dynamics, and the ever-evolving needs of our students. Yet, the writer of Hebrews reminds us that our endurance is not in vain; it is anchored in a higher purpose and guided by the example of Christ.

In every lesson taught, in every interaction with students, and in every challenge we face, let us remember that we are not alone. We share in a “heavenly calling,” a divine purpose that transcends the everyday tasks of teaching. Our role is not merely to impart knowledge but to reflect the love and faithfulness of Christ in our vocation.

As we embark on the 2024-2025 academic year, let us commit to enduring with the same steadfastness that Christ exemplified. Let us fix our thoughts on Jesus, drawing inspiration from His faithfulness and the greater honor He has earned. May our work be a testament to His enduring love and grace, and may we find strength in His presence through every challenge and success. Endurance in teaching is not just about persevering through difficulties; it is about remaining faithful to our calling and to Christ. Let His example be our guide and His strength be our support as we journey through this year.

The LCMS Board for Congregational Services published a pamphlet on the top ten reasons why congregations have Lutheran Schools:

1. Strengthen the congregation.
2. Nurture the children’s faith.
3. Help parents fulfill their role as Christian parents.
4. Strengthen their communities.
5. Provide a safe, caring place for children.
6. Help children see all their lives from the perspective of God’s Word.
7. Demonstrate the high value the congregation places on children.
8. Enhance the public relations of the congregation.
9. Seek the lost.
10. Fulfill the congregation’s responsibility for the Christian education of its children.

We thank the Lord for the blessing of Trinity Lutheran School.

In His and Your Service,

Rev. Keith GeRue

Pastor and Principal

October

- 1 9:00 am School Devotion 4:30 pm VB @ Home vs Home School
- 2 9:00 am Chapel
3:45 pm Faculty Meeting
5:00 pm Confirmation
- 3 9:00 am School Devotion
Half Day of School – Parent Teachers Conference
- 4 No School – Parent Teachers Conference
5:00 pm Pastor's Appeal Kick Off
- 7 9:00 am School Devotion K4 & K5 Little Farmer
4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs St. John Berlin
4:00-- 8:00 pm Neenah Culver's Dining Out
- 8 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 pm Volleyball @ Trinity Oshkosh
- 9 9:00 am School Devotion
5:00 pm Confirmation
- 10-20 Bookfair I55
- 10 9:00 am School Devotion
- 11 9:00 am Chapel Grandparents Day – Noon Dismissal
- 14 9:00 am School Devotion
- 15 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 pm VB @ New Hope Neenah
- 16 9:00 am Chapel
12:30 FVL K5 - 4th Alice in Wonderland
5:00 pm Confirmation
- 17 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 VB @ Celebration
- 18 9:00 am School Devotion
- 21 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 pm VB @ All Saints, Berlin
- 22 9:00 am School Devotion
PAC 3rd - 8th 12:30 pm Mr. C Live Air Everywhere
3:45 – 5:00 pm VB Practice
- 23 9:00 am Chapel 5:00 pm Confirmation
4:30 pm VB @ Home vs New Hope
- 24 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 pm VB Practice
- 25 End of 1st Quarter 9:00 am School Devotion
- 28 9:00 am School Devotion
- 29 9:00 am School Devotion 4:30 pm VB @ Home vs Celebration Parents Night
- 30 Chapel 9:00 am 12:30 pm Sons of Mystro 4:30 pm VB Party
- 31 9:00 am School Devotion



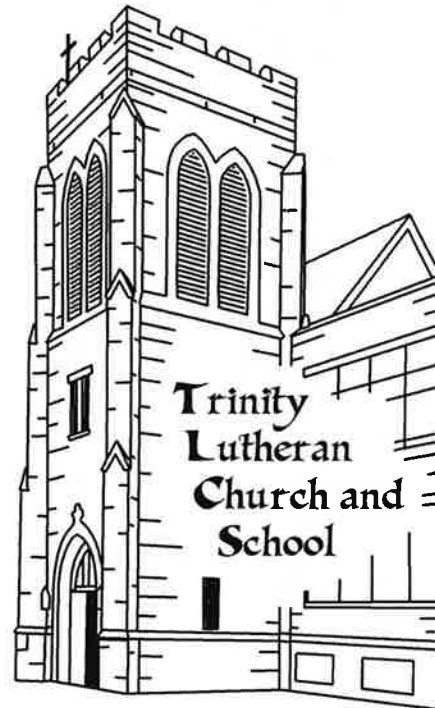
It's Here – Pastors' Appeal 2024-25

As we celebrate the 167th anniversary of the founding of Trinity, we recall the many ways that our Lord has blessed, and continues to bless, the Ministry of Trinity — our church and school.

With that as a backdrop, we have begun our Pastors' Appeal for funding to continue and to grow in God's work here. For those of you who have already made an offering, or a pledge of, over and above your current offerings, we thank you (don't forget to get and wear your button!) For those who are still in prayer as to what the Lord is laying on your heart regarding your level of participation, we join you in that prayer. For those who would like more information on the Pastors' Appeal, please feel free to ask us, and we will get you a link to, or a paper copy of, the presentation. As a reminder, please use the Pastors' Appeal envelopes, so that your offerings may be added to this fund.

As our heavenly Father has provided for Trinity, He also provides for each of you. Know that He will bless you for stepping out in faith. As the Psalmist says, "How abundant is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You and worked for those who take refuge in You, in the sight of the children of mankind!" (Psalm 31) May He richly bless your response to this appeal!

Your servants in Christ,
Pastor Billings and Pastor GeRue



STEWARDSHIP TALK – OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Each of us has received grace-gifts from God. And “as each has received a gift,” we are “to use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10) We are given these gifts for, “the progress and joy” of one another’s faith. (Phillipians 1:25)

But we are all by sin natural “selfaholics”, born with an addiction to the intoxication of thinking more highly about ourselves than we ought to think (Romans 3:12) and others thinking more highly of us than they ought to think. And because remaining sin still dwells in us, we find this old addictive pride still infects our view of ourselves and others when it comes to the grace-gifts we received from God. Rather than seeing our gifts as things we don’t at all deserve and seeing other’s gifts as merciful means of grace to us, we battle sinful discontentment. We feel that we have not been as gifted as we would like to be.

As God doles out these unearned gifts among us in unequal measures, it has the gracious effect of drawing pride out into the light from the darkness of our deceptive hearts. God is inviting us to glorify Him by repenting of our pride and humbling ourselves under His wise hand and trusting Him to exalt us in the time and way it seems best to Him. (1 Peter 5:6)

Back to Peter’s words: “each has received a gift” (1 Peter 4:10). This needs to land on us with appropriate weight. God wants us to know that our gifts are not an accident of genetics and experience He knew what He was doing when He made each of us and He intentionally gave us the gifts we have in the measure we have them.

Therefore, we are stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us. And He has entrusted them primarily for the benefit of others (Romans 12:4-6). Our gifts are not intended to be platforms where we try to gain our sense of significance from the esteem of others. Our real significance comes from God choosing us in Christ, gifting us, and deploying us in His kingdom for HIS purposes. There is much more significance there than we can fully comprehend and appreciate.

You are on assignment from God! This is why Paul says, “only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him” (1 Corinthians 7:17). “You are not your own” (1 Corinthians 7:22). You are, “a bondservant of Christ and a steward of the gifts you have received.” Others need your gifts. That’s why you have them!

So, live your assignment. Steward your gifts to the utmost for the sake of others. Aspire to be the very best and most fruitful you can be for God’s glory. Don’t waste valuable time grumbling about gifts you don’t have or resenting others for the gifts they have.

There is no higher calling for you than to be you, and God will reward you beyond your wildest dreams when you faithfully steward your gifts for others.

During our Pastors’ Appeal in October, you will hear how people of Trinity have affected other folks’ lives, how God is working through us at Trinity and beyond our walls to share God’s word and the Good News of Jesus! I’d like to refer you again to 1 Corinthians 7:17, “Only let each person lead the life that the Lord assigned to him, and to which God has called them. Use those gifts to glorify our Lord.”

Thank you!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2024

	BEGINNING BALANCE	DEPOSITS/INCOME	WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES	ENDING BALANCE
Nicolet General Fund	\$13,953.86	\$92,361.24	(\$74,937.03)	\$31,378.07
Nicolet Restricted Funds*	\$69,580.46	\$3,110.97	(\$11,350.00)	\$61,341.43
LCMS Endowment Fund**	\$127,957.80			\$127,957.80
LCEF Steward Fund	\$806.35			\$806.35
Nicolet Money Market	\$25.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.96
Schwab Wealth***	\$50,425.56			\$50,425.56
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$8,683.69	\$101.44		\$8,785.13
Nicolet Office Acct	\$3,303.31	\$1.30	\$0.00	\$3,304.61
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,195.47	\$0.53		\$3,196.00
Nicolet Scrip	\$32,702.27	\$24,804.18	(\$39,696.30)	\$17,810.15
TOTAL	\$310,634.73	\$120,379.66	(\$125,983.33)	\$305,031.06
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$840,955.78			\$840,955.78



We have received word that our source will no longer be accepting these containers. Thank you to all of you that have been diligently bringing in your empty medication containers. Going forward we encourage you to recycle the containers according to your city's guidelines.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship

Newsletter Article – October 2024

“The Singing Church”

Lutherans have historically been called “the singing church.” There is no doubt that music has been a major component in the theology and practice of the Lutheran church. Luther once remarked about music, “We can mention only one point, namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise.”¹ Music has a power and purpose that cannot be understated in our worship and the life of the congregation.

But music does more than touch the emotions. Music is a vehicle that carries both the musician and the hearer deeper into connection with the truth of the Scriptures. This is true of the most complex Bach chorale and even the simplest of songs like “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know.” Each musical selection within the church shapes the thoughts, minds and faith of the people who experience them.

This is also true of stewardship hymns. We are currently considering the verses of “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness” (*LSB* 788) as it shapes our understanding and practice of stewardship. This month we take a deeper dive into verse two:

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
that shows Your message ever new and near.

The stanza begins by touching on the truth of the Law. Thankfulness is not a natural posture for fallen humanity. For sinners curved in upon themselves, thankfulness for love and grace is something that must be taught. We are those who hoard and clutch. Our confession of our shallow thankfulness highlights the need for us to learn thankfulness to God.

Thankfulness also points to what we are stewards of: love and grace! All the things we have traditionally called stewardship aren’t actual stewardship. Rather, what matters is how we steward the one, true and only treasure: the love and grace of God revealed to us in the Gospel of

¹ Martin Luther, “Preface to Georg Rhau’s *Symphoniae iucundae*,” in *Luther’s Works*, ed. Jaroslav Pelikan, Helmut T. Lehmann, and Christopher Boyd Brown, vol. 53 (Philadelphia and St. Louis: Fortress and Concordia Publishing House, 1955–), 321–322.

Jesus Christ. So, all stewardship is stewardship of the Gospel! How can we gaze at the cross and empty tomb and not be thankful?

The LCMS defines stewardship as “the free and joyous activity of God’s family — the church — in managing life’s resources for His purposes.” God’s love and mercy give us a clear purpose as we live out our Baptism and practice this joyous stewardship. All we are, all we have entrusted to us, and all we are called to do is to connect others with the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus!

The faithful steward sings with lips and life of this love and mercy that is ever new and near. In the Scriptures. In the Lord’s House. At the Lord’s Table. This is where our stewardship song starts and ends. Our family, our co-workers and classmates, and our world need to hear this song!



Sing a New Song

You do it in the car. You do it in the shower.

You do it at gatherings and to your favorite people.

YOU SING! Consider adding your voice to Trinity’s worship by being a part of our choir/ensemble.

Rehearsals are currently Thursday evenings at 6pm. Our first rehearsal will be September 5.

Contact Connie Henkel @

920-725-0694 or

sonshine_54952@yahoo.com for more information.

Love to Sing? 🎵

Join us **Friday, October 11** 🎵

🎵 at 7pm to experience
Trinity Monthly Friday Hymn-Sing!

Pastor B will begin with a brief devotion
Followed by Call-Outs from YOU!

🎵🎵 What’s **YOUR** favorite hymn??

🎵 *we’ll keep picking people to call out their favorite hymns, and sing 2+ stanzas ... for an hour!*

Oh ... Reception follows in the Narthex!! 🎵

Any questions, call or see

Bart, 920-734-8843 or Rose, 608-213-2644

Save the Date

Trinity's Bazaar

November 16, 2024

9:00Am - 3:00 PM



- Numerous Vendors featuring; seasonal décor items, Holiday cards, quilts, jewelry, Color Nails and more
- Ladies Aid booth featuring home made baked goods and candies
- Antique /Vintage/ Collectable Booth, find that nostalgic item that will take you back to your childhood or memories of Grandma's house.
- Heavenly Bargain Room with a large selection of new or gently used items priced to fit everyone's budget
- New this year; Silent Auction and Multi Flavored Popcorn
- Have lunch at the Praise Him Café, choose from Brats, Hot Dogs, and Chili or a light snack of Coffee and a Cinnamon Roll

This Event is scheduled later then last year but, not too early to get a jump on your Holiday shopping or to find the perfect item/s for your Holiday decorating.

Trinity Lutheran German Dinner

300 Broad Street, Menasha



November 10, 2024 11:30am – 1:30pm

\$15 Adults

\$4 Double Portion Meat

\$0 Kids Ages 0-3

\$6 Kids Ages 4-10 (small portion German dinner)

\$5 Hotdog meal (hot dog, chips, dessert & drink)

Meal consists of: “Locally Grown Pork” or beef cabbage roll; German potato salad or spaetzle; squash or green beans; sauerkraut; pickled beets; applesauce; choice of dessert (apple dumplings, German chocolate cake, tortes, cheesecake & more!); dinner roll; coffee, milk or water

All Home Made!

Advanced tickets are available at the church office

Mon-Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm (920) 722-2662

Carry-out and reservation times are available by

contacting Elaine at (920) 470-9090

BEFORE NOV 8th.



Saturday November 2nd, 2024

AT 8:00 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Meet in the Narthex

Cleaning Indoors and Outdoors

(weather permitting)

Bring gloves & rakes

See you there!





INTRODUCTION

Lutherans have always understood well-being to encompass both body and soul. “Restoring Hope” is a resource designed to offer guidance and spiritual support for individuals, caregivers and others who are navigating various mental health challenges. In this resource, you will find a pertinent Scripture verse, hymn stanza, theological reflection and prayer for common mental health issues, as well as other valuable resources and information. This resource is written primarily for caregivers to read aloud to the souls for whom they are caring. Rooted in the Lutheran understanding of the theology of the cross, we approach these issues through the lens of Christ crucified.

This means that we recognize that mental health challenges do not define us. Rather, these tribulations serve to turn us away from ourselves and focus solely on Christ, who invites us to cast our burdens on Him because He cares for us (1 PETER 5:7). We pray that you are encouraged by this resource, and refreshed with the truth of God’s abiding presence and steadfast love for you in the midst of life’s trials.

If you are in an emergency situation, please call 911. If you are depressed or thinking about harming yourself or someone else, or if this is the case for someone you know, please call or text 988 from a smartphone to reach the National 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

– OVERVIEW –

WARNING SIGNS AND HELPING STRATEGIES

There are many warning signs that medical and psychology professionals identify for mental health problems and disorders. Some include:

- › Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks
- › Seriously trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so
- › Severe out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors
- › Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason
- › Not eating, throwing up or using laxatives to lose weight; significant weight loss or weight gain
- › Seeing, hearing or believing things that are not real
- › Repeatedly using drugs or alcohol
- › Drastic changes in mood, behavior, personality or sleeping habits
- › Extreme difficulty in concentrating or staying still
- › Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities¹

¹ National Alliance Mental Illness (NAMI)
<https://www.nami.org/About-Mental-Illness/Mental-Health-by-the-Numbers/Infographics-Fact-Sheets>

The above emotions and behaviors may indicate a mental health problem or illness. If you notice these things about yourself, please get help from a medical or psychological professional and seek spiritual care from a pastor. If you notice the emotions and behaviors in a loved one or a person for whom you care, there are some simple strategies you can undertake to help the individual²:

- › Gently and compassionately ask the person about the emotions and behaviors that you observe. Plan to have a conversation that is at least 20 minutes in length.
- › Keep the person safe, including calling for immediate professional intervention (calling 911 or 988) as needed.
- › Be there for distressed individuals by listening.
- › Offer referrals to professional help, and accompany the person to get needed help.
- › Stay connected and continue to care for the person within your competency and abilities.

² National Institute Mental Health (NIMH)
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/5-action-steps-for-helping-someone-in-emotional-pain>