

October 23, 24 & 27, 2021 Weekly Bulletin



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



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, October 23

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online
School Sings

Sunday, October 24

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online
10:30 -11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Monday, October 25

Pastor's Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (SFH)
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 26

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
3:45 PM Volleyball Practice

Wednesday, October 27

8:45 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Confirmation
6:30 PM Worship in Church

Thursday, October 28

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM Volleyball @ Home FVCA Neenah
Parent Night

Friday, October 29

9:00 AM Stewardship (SFH)
School—Noon Dismissal

Saturday, October 30-Reformation

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, October 31-Reformation

9:00AM Worship In-Person Church & Online
10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Lorna Forbes, Ken Schwerbel, Ralph Lohr, Rosie Michel, Dorothy Wirth, Wendler Family, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Jim Perry, Mona Bahrke, Ronald Virchow Sr., Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomeranke, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Caleb Manteufel, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gradin Taschner, Gloria Williamson, Steve Reinke, Scott Schara and Joyce & Paul Faga, the Family of Margaret Reed.

Philip Conratt, would like to thank everyone for the prayers. It was the power of prayer and a true miracle from the hand of God as he was cured without surgery.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Hebrews 7:27 – “He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.” The great sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross covers the sins of all mankind. When that sacrifice was made, Jesus proclaimed: “It is finished.” No sacrifice of ours is needed to cover our sins. And yet St. Paul tells us to be “living sacrifices,” and Jesus tells us to “lay your offering at the altar.” So sacrificial giving goes on, but now its purpose is transformed by the one sin-atonement sacrifice of Christ. Now our giving and serving are sacrifices of thanksgiving, gifts of self in serving others for Christ's sake.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or

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Altar Flowers

Given in honor to the Glory of God
by the Ladies Aid.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Jesus Christ is Lord”

“Kyrie Eleison—Lord Have Mercy,
Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy”

Church Office Hours

Church office hours are 8:00AM-3:00PM

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**

Income as of October 17: **\$36,126**

Weekly Bible Study

Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday – “Community. We are not alone.” with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online).

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study “Daniel a Man of God” with Rev. GeRue.

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah (Blaine Henkel) (Online).

6:30PM Monday – Women’s Bible Study, “Joy: A Study of Philippians” by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday – Men’s Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

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

Altar Guild Help Needed

There are many opportunities to serve our Lord here at Trinity. We are in need of people to serve on our Altar Guild team. Tasks are: set-up, reset, and clean up communion. On Sundays, after worship, deliver the Altar flowers to members of Trinity. Setting the Lord’s Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Kari Lindner at (928) 279-7192 to become a member of our team.

Join Us Each Sunday for Bible Study!

Sunday School:

Pre-K—6th Grade begins in the
Second Floor Choir Room

Young Adult Bible Study:

7-8th Grades, High School &
College Students meet in the
Small Fellowship Hall

Adult Bible Study:

Meets in the Large Fellowship Hall

Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the “Altar Flowers” envelope are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.*

Stewardship Small Group Meetings

The Board of Stewardship reminds each of you of the invitation to attend one of the “Sharing God’s Blessings, Proclaiming His Gospel” small group meetings. Please respond to the letter or the contact from our Board Member. Thank those of you that have attended sessions to date and have given valuable feedback. Please keep the Holy Spirit’s work through these sessions in your prayers.

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.

Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara at (920) 722-3228.

Looking for Ushers

Ushers have an important role in our worship service. Our church is in need of more ushers to help on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you feel called to serve in this way, please contact Jean or Mary at the office and they can get you on the schedule.

ADMIN E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

Please Check Your Church Mailbox

Trinity’s Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity’s Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Salad Dressing, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Canned Tomatoes & Jello/Pudding. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found basket is in the narthex by the coat racks. Please check here if you left something at church.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. These are available in the narthex or let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services. How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.–Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Kwik Trip Scrip is back to a 10 percent rebate... limited time only!

Fleet Farm Scrip—get yours now at a special 8 percent discount!

✠ SCHOOL NEWS ✠ “In All Things”

SCHOOL CALENDAR

<u>Tues. October 26</u>	3:45 PM Volleyball Practice
<u>Wed. October 27</u>	8:45 AM Chapel
<u>Thur. October 28</u>	2:45 PM Electives 4:30 PM Volleyball @ Home FVCA Parent Night
<u>Fri. October 29</u>	Noon Dismissal

Free Thing

Scripture

John 8:31–36

Text

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (JOHN 8:31–32).

First Things

“You’re free!” When might this message be really great news? Today’s Bible reading shares Jesus’ message, “You’re free!”

The Main Thing

Jesus’ audience in John 8, understood slavery. The Roman government of the time allowed slavery. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years. As Jesus spoke of freedom, they immediately responded that their heritage assured their present freedom. Their family had been freed from slavery in Egypt. Unlike other groups, they were not slaves to the Romans.

However, Jesus was speaking of another kind of slavery. Jesus teaches, “Everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin” (v. 34). We are incapable of freeing ourselves from our sinful thoughts, desires, words and deeds. Jesus speaks of Himself: “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (v.36). The truth of Jesus’ act of free-

ing slaves to sin by His death on the cross is told in God’s Word. Hearing and believing the Word of freedom grants freedom from the slavery of sin.

We remember and celebrate the Reformation. Because of his beliefs and actions, Martin Luther spent time as a “prisoner” of the government and the church. More significantly, Martin Luther knew that he was imprisoned by his sin. Martin Luther struggled with his guilty conscience. He tried to free himself but only got more confused and confined. God led Martin Luther to the truth of the Word. Martin Luther read in the Bible that Jesus had freed him from his sin. Martin Luther shared the message of the freedom that comes through Jesus’ death and resurrection for the rest of his life.

The message of freedom comes to us. Sadly, we remember a time in our country’s history when people were owned as slaves. We are thankful for those who worked to free the slaves and for those who work today to share that freedom in our country and around the world. No matter the country we live in or the time in which we live, we will always be slaves to sin. We cannot free ourselves. The Good News of Jesus’ work and word comes to us. The Son has sent us free. The truth of that freedom is shared in God’s Word. The Spirit leads us to hear and believe that we, too, are free. The Reformation is a freedom celebration.

All Things in Jesus’ Name

Heavenly Father, we confess that we, too, are slaves to sin and cannot free ourselves. Thank You for sending Your Son who sets the world and us free. Thank You for the Word that gives us the truth of our freedom. Thank You for Martin Luther and others who shared that Word in our history as a church. Continue to bless Pastors, teachers, missionaries and others who share the truth of freedom today. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

