

October 30, 31 & November 3, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, October 30-Reformation

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, October 31-Reformation

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30 -11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Monday, November 1

Pastor's Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

4:00 PM VB Party-Parent Game

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Stewardship Meeting (SFH)

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 2

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 3

8:45 AM Chapel

9:00 AM Stewardship Meeting (SFH)

5:00 PM Confirmation

6:30 PM Worship in Church

7:00 PM Gallery Choir Practice

Thursday, November 4

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, November 5

Saturday, November 6

9:00 AM Stewardship (SFH)

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, November 7

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, Grace Schara, Dorothy Wirth, Wendler Family, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Rev. Dale Trimberger, 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 Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Caleb Manteufel, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gradin Taschner, Gloria Williamson, Joyce & Paul Faga, and Peter Jochman.

Serving the Lord with Gladness Weekend of October 30-31:

Saturday, 10/30/21

Elder on Duty: Alan Manteufel

Usher Team: Roger Voigt, Gary Bartelme, Philip & Mary Conradt

Greeter: JoAnn Schultz

Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert & Jackie Bouchard

Sunday, 10/31/21

Elder on Duty: Dave Collingwood

Usher Team: Jim Wittmann, Tom Stolzman, Deb Wittmann, Desiree Wittmann, Alex Reuning

Greeter: Barb Sexmith

Altar Guild: Kari Lindner



✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good – it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light – as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Given in honor to the Glory of God
by the Altar Guild.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone”

“The Truth Will Make You Free”

\$ Current Finances \$

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

Income as of October 24: **\$44,128**

Stewardship Small Group Meetings

The Board of Stewardship reminds each of you to register to attend one of the “Sharing God’s Blessings, Proclaiming His Gospel” small group meetings. Details and meeting dates are in the mailed invitation. Please RSVP as soon as you can. Thank those of you that have responded, and to those that have attended sessions to date . Blessings on your prayerful consideration of His call on your heart.

Church Treasurer Needed

Kari Lindner has informed me that she will be stepping down as the Treasurer of Trinity effective January 1, 2022.

I thank Kari for her service as Treasurer, using her time and talents to God’s glory.

Kari is willing to train a replacement and help out until a new treasurer is selected.

If you have skills in accounting and feel moved by the Lord to take on this position, please contact Blaine Henkel at (920) 729-4445.

Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday School

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

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

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) “Daniel a Man of God” with Rev. GeRue - Small Fellowship Hall

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah with Blaine Henkel—Narthex Conf. Room

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.

THANK YOU!

Jerry and Dianne Peotter would like to say thank you to all for the cards, phone calls from near and FAR and the many prayers during Jerry's recent surgeries and recoveries. This has been an interesting journey to say the least.

Thank you all again for your continued prayers and thoughts.

Jerry Peotter

Dear Trinity Family,

A very heartfelt Thank You to my Trinity Family for all the thoughts, prayers and many beautiful cards and numerous phone calls. A special thank you to Pastor Billings for his visits with communion and prayers. Your kindness is all so much appreciated and holds a special place in my heart, which will always be remembered. I am so blessed to be a part of this Trinity Family with so much love. God Be Praised and Loved Forever and Ever With Our Whole Heart.

God Bless You All

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.

Would you like to help in this fundraising effort!

Did you know Trinity will take your aluminum cans for recycling effort! Please deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bin, inside Door 7.

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.

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.

Ladies Aid/LWML November Meeting Schedule

Friday, November 12: Apple Pie Day at Kraus's

Saturday, November 13—Ladies Aid Pie and Bake Sale in conjunction with Trinity's Holiday Bazaar

Tuesday, November 16—5:30 pm Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party at Mark's East Side, 1405 E Wisconsin Ave., Appleton. Invite a friend!

Sewing every Monday 9 a.m. Small Fellowship Hall; you need no sewing skills or experience.

\$ 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

Mon.. November 1	ALL SAINTS Day 4:00 PM Volleyball Party and Parent Game
Wed. November 3	8:45 AM Chapel 3:45 PM Faculty Meeting
Fri. November 5	1:30 PM Chapel Family Card Making 2:45 PM Electives

REFORMATION 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.

