



June 25, 26 & 29, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, June 25:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

Sunday, June 26:

New Member Recognition & Reception

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

Monday, June 27:

Rev Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 28:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Annual Budget Voters Meeting

Wednesday, June 29:

6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, June 30:

6 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, July 1:

**Offices Closed
(Church & School)**

Saturday, July 2:

5 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

Sunday, July 3:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Merry Voigt, Jan Schroeder, Matt Daniels, Rick Ascher, Betsy Meverden, Bud Tschirgi, Lisa Olson, Cindy Diesch, Ray Schroeder, Laverne Werth, Jill Thomas, Michael Burns, Carla Watson, Peter Keller, Lorna Forbes, Dorothy Wirth, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Ronald Virchow Sr., Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Joyce Virchow, Jeff Dionne, Donna Mies, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Lana Gast, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, David Cotter, Bill Otto, Michael Bekx.

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.



**PLEASE ATTEND THE
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30PM**

**Church & School Offices
closed July 1 & 4th**

**PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL OFFICE IS
CLOSED. HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT.**

**WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO USE THE
HYMNAL TO HELP CUT OUR
PAPER COSTS.**

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given in celebration of
Ken and Liz Kamprath's
50th Wedding Anniversary.

This Weekend's Banners

"Proclaim the Lord"
"Love Grows"

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**
Income as of June 19: **\$22,278**

Trinity's Food Pantry

Trinity's Food Pantry serves those in need in the Fox Cities.

You can continue to provide for our Pantry distribution. Currently, the following non-perishables are needed: Tomato Sauce & Paste, Paper Products, Yellow Mustard, Pudding/Jell-O, Pickles and Tuna. If you or someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Bible Study Opportunities At Trinity Lutheran Church:

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

10:30 AM Sunday – Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) "Jonah" with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room

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

6:30 PM Monday

– Women's Bible Study, "Joy: +A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma, with Connie Henkel, Large Conference Room

6:30 AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You with Dottie Kraus

6:00 AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Romans with Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

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

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

1 Kings 19:18 – "Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the Church with our offering. Look in the Table of Duties in *Luther's Small Catechism* to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

T-Rats Game

Game Sunday, June 26, 2022 1:10pm
(Corbin Burnes Bobblehead Giveaway)

This is an opportunity for the men of Trinity Lutheran Church to have a day-out together in fellowship. If interested in joining us, please sign in with your name and telephone number by Sunday, June 19th or contact Jim Dehne (580-716-5687) or Brian Ratzburg (920-604-3000). Cost and details to be provided later.



August Golf League

Join us for a fun casual August Golf League for Trinity starting on Monday, August 8th at Winagamie Golf Course with tee off times between 4-5. If interested in signing up, please contact Barb or Steve Sexmith. Join us every week through the end of August. We need to let the course know how many tee times we need each week. Barb (920)427-6763 or Steve (920) 540-8687, bsexmith@new.rr.com or ssexmith@new.rr.com



Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the office for a copy.

Altar Guild Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers 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.

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.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Stock up on both Festival and Kwik Trip Scrip for the new Festival-Kwik Trip Gas Card Program!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, July 2:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Sunday, July 3:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

Wednesday, July 6:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**

LADIES AID/LWML SUMMER OUTING!!

Our Ladies Aid/LWML summer outing has been set for Tuesday, July 19. We will be heading to Malone Wisconsin to the LaClare Creamery and Goat Farm. Meet at Trinity to carpool at 10 a.m. Please sign up on the spinner in the narthex; indicate how many are coming in your party, if you can drive and how many people totally will fit into your vehicle. The cost is \$5.00. We plan to dine at the restaurant there for lunch. There is a possibility of taking a bus; will update if that becomes reality.

Your Efforts Are Making A Difference!

We thank you for your ongoing donations of aluminum cans! Your efforts are appreciated.

You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bins inside Door 7 **and now Door 2.**

“COME TO THE FEAST!”

Luke 14:15-24

It is easy to criticize the excuse makers in Luke's Gospel. Too easy. Yes, their excuses are lame. *I have to go see the field I just bought. I have to examine the oxen I just bought. I just got married and have to . . .* well, you know.

But what of the excuses that often come out of our mouths? Excuses not to come and spend time with our good and gracious Lord and the feast that He provides? I won't go through a litany of all the ones I've heard in my years as a pastor, but I also don't need to. You know them. You've spoken them. So have I. And you know how lame and inadequate they are too. So we shouldn't criticize the excuses of others, but repent of our own.

But here's the thing: the man giving the banquet will not be denied. The man who is our Lord. He wants only to give. He wants to celebrate. He wants to be generous. And so He will be. He sends His servants out to gather more guests. And then He sends them *again* to compel people to come in. And it doesn't matter who they are - that they aren't the cream of society, that they aren't the rich and powerful, that they aren't those who can repay Him. None of that matters. Our Lord simply wants to give. He has joy in giving, and joy when His gifts are received. So the banquet will go on - with or without those who were at first invited.

“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” Those words from Proverbs are the invitation that is going out even now. The banquet is not yet full. There still is room. Room for you. Room for the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame. Room for the sinner and for the saint. Room at the Table where the Lord serves and gives. Where the Lord serves the slave, the

Creator serves the creature, and finds His joy in doing so. For to give is what our Lord does. He gives us life. He gives us His care. He gives us forgiveness. He gives us His Son to be our Savior.

And that giving, of Jesus, is the greatest of all. *No excuses from Jesus*, just love and obedience. The Son obeyed His Father's will, was born of virgin mother, came as our flesh and blood brother, became a servant of the Law (to fulfill it), bore our sins on the cross, was placed into a tomb, and then burst the bonds of our prison-grave that not us, but the devil, be held captive in it forever.

So before, while there was (as Paul put it in Ephesians) a ***“dividing wall of hostility”*** between God and man because of sin, that wall has been ***broken down*** and ***abolished*** by Jesus. Where before there was separation, now there is unity. Where before there was hostility, now there is peace. Where before we were ***strangers and aliens***, now we are ***fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God***. Members of the household as baptized children of God, blood brothers of Jesus, taking our place alongside the apostles and prophets on Christ, the cornerstone.

All of that is what is being given at this banquet! No mere ordinary food, but a feast of the Word of God which gives life, a feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus, which give salvation. A feast of forgiveness. A feast unlike any other. A feast that is given for us each day in the words of Holy Scripture, and every Sunday in the holy meal, that not a day go by that our Lord does not give and we do not receive. That not a day go by for us to be without our Lord's good things, and to be filled by them. For He loves so to give.

Come to the feast *now*, and He will take you to the feast *which never ends*.