



# June 17 & 18, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, June 17: Barbara Richardson Funeral

10:00 AM Visitation  
11:00 AM Funeral with luncheon to follow  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, June 18: FATHER'S DAY

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Ed Hour

### Monday, June 19:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath  
9:00 AM Sewing  
6:00 PM Prayer Group  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 21:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 22:

6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, June 23:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Friday, June 24:

### Saturday, June 25:

9:30 AM Food Pantry  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, June 26

9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Ed Hour

**Anyone who did not receive our Congregation President's email, there are copies available in the narthex. Please pick up a copy this weekend.**

## Gluten-Free Hosts Available

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Jan Bathke, Dave Bartelme,, Mark and Jean Becker, Karlton Borchardt, 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, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, James Mass, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Jerry Peotter, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Marty Schampfer, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Deloris Vozka, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Joseph Friebe, JoAnne Gehrt, Patty Tischer, Amelia Van Dyn Hoven, David Little, Gary Bartelme, Marie Elizabeth Diesch, Cora Henson, Ezra Tuyls

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Ian and Rachel Thomas, Lawrence and Barbara Schewe, Michael and Debra Bursack, Lee & Juliet Colby, Tony and Shellie Van Ark, Rev. Keith & Valerie GeRue. Tyler and Ericka Sickels, Kenneth and Elizabeth Kamprath,

**Those Grieving:** Barbara Richardson Family



## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are donated  
in loving memory of Donald Gehrt by the  
Gehrt family.

### This Weekend's Banners

"You are My Witnesses" and "Sent to Serve"

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

### Third Sunday after Pentecost

**Romans: 5:8 – "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"**

God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Eve to come looking for Him—He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, God looked on us with kindness and generosity and so loved us that He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die, and rise for us. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous and kind sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father.

## Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the and for a copy to pick up your free Portals of Prayer, courtesy of the Board of Elders.

## 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.

## \$ SCRIP News \$

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

Jimmy Johns—Back in stock with \$25 cards!

*Geraniums are Planted*

We need people to water & care for them. Sign up is on the spinner in the narthex.



## Trinity Camping Weekend 2023

Trinity Camping weekend is set for the traditional 3rd weekend in August, August 18-20 and will be held at Wild West Campground & Corral. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at <http://www.wildwestcampground.com>. Reservations are taken online; go to their website and place your reservation today, or call them direct at (715) 824-5112.

## Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday:** "The Letter to the Romans" with Pastors Alliet & Billings-Large Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM **Sunday:** *The Book of Isaiah*, Contact: Blaine Henkel (**Stopped 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*, 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You Contact Dottie Kraus
- 6:00 AM **Thursday:** *Men's Bible Study*, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

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

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 17:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*  
Altar Guild: *Paula Reickert*  
Greeter: *Betty Allen*  
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 18:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*  
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*  
Communion Assistant: *Josiah Nielsen*  
Altar Guild: *Jackie Kislewski*  
Flower Delivery: *Jackie Kislewski*  
Greeter: *Liz Kamprath*  
Acolyte: *Ava Schmidt*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, June 21:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 24:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*  
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*  
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*  
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*  
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*  
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 25:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*  
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*  
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*  
Altar Guild: *Jackie Kislewski*  
Flower Delivery: *Jackie Kislewski*  
Greeter: *Jan Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, June 28:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

## Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m. is our next Ladies Aid/LWML meeting in the Small Fellowship Hall. We will be welcoming one of our retired Trinity School teachers, Elaine Trimberger. Anyone who knows ET knows she loves her Lord and was a very faithful, dedicated and loving teacher to our children here at Trinity for many years, as well as serving as principal for a year at the death of our then principal Mr. Ken Waldburger. We know she will have a wealth of information to share with us and will also answer questions you might have. The congregation is invited to join us for the evening. Refreshments will be served.

## Food Pantry

This month our Pantry needs are: Ketchup, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Canned Fruit, and Laundry Detergent. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

## **Trinity Brat Fry and Bake Sale!**

The Brat Fry Committee offers a heartfelt 'thank you' to our Lord for once again blessing Trinity with a successful brat fry/bake sale as well as a day of fun and fellowship on Saturday, June 10. We especially want our hosts (Ellie & Jerry Maynard) to know how much we appreciate them and their efforts towards opening their home for this event. It's been an annual happening for quite a few years now. We also thank those people who set up and cleaned up, grilled, worked the food stand, cashiered, brought wonderful bakery, donated money and needed items for the sale or prayed. It was a joy to be there and to serve our Lord and His people in this way. Our proceeds for the day were \$2000, which will go towards the pot-hole repairs in the parking lots plus black-topping. Approximately \$4000 more is needed to complete this job. To God Be The Glory!

## Trinity Lutheran School

### “The Joy of Receiving”

Mark 6:7-13

I don't know about you, but whenever I travel, I always take something along. If it's a long drive, I take at least a bottle of water and something to snack on. If I'm going to be staying overnight, it's a bag with a change of clothes, and hygiene items. And no matter how long or short the trip is, always either cash or a credit card. *Don't leave home without it.*

So for the Lord's disciples . . . this must have been quite an unnerving moment for them. Take *nothing*, Jesus says. No food, no drink, no bag, no money, don't even wear extra clothes. Just go. Don't be concerned with those things; be concerned only with the Gospel. Go and give. Give what I have given you to give: the Gospel. Give the Gospel *in word* - calling people to repentance and giving them forgiveness. Give the Gospel *in deed* - giving freedom to those oppressed by demons and healing to the sick. And they did, Mark reports.

Now, going out to do these things was probably difficult enough. Ever try to knock on doors or talk to others about Jesus? Then you know how hard it can be, and what those twelve must have been going through. But to go with nothing? Are you serious Jesus?

But we find out later that they had everything they needed. Right before He is arrested, Jesus asks them: “*When I sent you out with no money-bag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?*” They said, “*Nothing*” (Luke 22:35). And so not only was the faith of those who received the Gospel strengthened, so was the faith of the twelve. That God would provide.

But I think more was going on here as well. For as important as it was for the disciples to receive, just as important was it for those who received the Gospel *to give*. For God to provide *through them*. To give the twelve the food, the drink, the clothing, the shelter they needed. To respond to the generosity of the Lord with a generosity of their own. And so be as blessed in their giving as the disciples were in their receiving.

And so Jesus sends the disciples out with nothing, *forcing* them to receive. For if they had taken all the supplies they needed, it would have been easy to turn down the generosity of those they served, and so rob them of the opportunity to give. *No, that's okay, we have everything we need right here.* Not receiving can be just as

much a spiritual disease as the greed of not giving, and a trap easy to fall into. To not only be self-sufficient but to want to be self-sufficient. To not want to need or depend on anyone else. To be pridefully strong and independent. Which is a pride that can even dangerously extend into our relationship with God, where even in things spiritual we want to rely on ourselves and what we can get and do, rather than having to rely on Him and what He gives and has done.

That can manifest itself in a number of ways. Maybe we are hesitant to ask for prayers. Maybe we are reluctant to receive the gifts of others. Maybe we can't even remember the last time we asked for help. And maybe some are so used to going it on their own that they don't even come to church anymore. If so, maybe the Lord will see fit to take some things away from us and humble us or cause some other need to force us to receive too. That others may give.

For the essence of faith is receiving and giving. Receiving from God and giving to others. The believers in Antioch are an example of that. Having received the Gospel from the believers that came to them from Jerusalem, when they heard of the famine that was to happen, they couldn't wait to give, sending relief back in the hands of Barnabas and Saul. And then later they sent Barnabas and Saul out again, this time as missionaries. That just as others had been a blessing to them, so now they were a blessing to others. Receiving and giving. A fellowship, a sharing, of riches both spiritual and physical.

For we were not created to be independent or self-sufficient. That is not the way of God but of Satan. As God is a Trinity, so we created in His image were created to be in community with others. And especially in relationship with God. And when sin broke that fellowship, God the Father gave. He gave His only-begotten Son, that we be restored as sons and daughters of God and receive from Him the forgiveness and life we need. And so instead of independent and self-sufficient, a Christian is marked by humble repentance and receiving - receiving the Word and gifts of God. Both from God and from those God has given us.

So, no matter how young or old you are, no matter how rich or poor, in your Baptism you have received adoption as sons and daughters of God, the gifts of faith and forgiveness and His Spirit and His kingdom. There is nothing greater you could ever receive. So rejoice in what you have been given, and rejoice in giving.

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## **LCMS CONVENTION**

**July 29-August 3**

**Wisconsin Center  
Downtown Milwaukee**

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Hospitality
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### **Signup to Volunteer**

by June 27

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