



August 26 & 27, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, August 26:

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

Sunday, August 27:

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

Monday, August 28:

8:15 AM **3rd-8th Grade—First Day of School!**
Rev. Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
6:00 PM Prayer Group
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 29:

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

Wednesday, August 30:

8:15 AM **Pre-K—2nd Grade—First Day of School!**
8:45 AM Chapel
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, August 31:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Confirmation Orientation

Friday, September 1:

NO SCHOOL
CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

7:00 PM Hymn Sing Everyone's welcome!

Saturday, September 2:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 3:

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

Monday, September 4:

LABOR DAY-OFFICES CLOSED



✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Larry Bevers, 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, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Jerry Peotter, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Craig Thomas, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth and Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Kathryn Baehman, Barbara Bartel, Dewey Bates, Garrett Bowden, David Collingwood, Daniel Emery, Elizabeth GeRue, Cody Hanby, Connie Henkel, Howard Kislewski, Samuel Mlodik, Isaiah Wakkinen, Timothy Wirth and Desiree Wittmann.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Dennis & Judith Durkey, John & Sue Maynard, Kathleen & Chris Rigotti, and Bob & Nancy Lephart.



**September 1 & September 4
our school, and school &
church offices will be closed.**

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

This Weekend's Banners

"Our Hearts in HIS Hands" & "Connected in Christ"

Calling all Confirmation Families!

The new school year is fast approaching. Confirmation orientation will be on Thursday, August 31st, at 5:00pm. We will meet in the Small Fellowship Hall.



If your child is entering the 6th grade it is time for them to begin Catechism classes. Please contact the church office soon to enroll.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 16:27 - *"For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done."* St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this "repaying" in Matthew 19:27-30. Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, your sacrifices for the Lord's kingdom are not in vain and do not go unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

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.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry needs are: Ketchup, Kleenex, Canned Fruit, Canned Peas, Cream of Chicken Soup and Dish Soap. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Would you like to help pick fresh produce for our pantry? If so contact Steve.

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

\$ SCRIP News \$

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

We now have Old Grog Scrip in stock with \$25 cards!

RALLY DAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 10th, after worship, there will be a Rally Day luncheon which will also recognize the new members of our Trinity Family.

We ask people whose last names begin with the letters: A-H bring desserts, I-R bring salads and/or fresh fruit/vegs and S-Z bring sandwiches/hors d'oeuvres. *We hope to see everyone there!*

SAUERKRAUT ORDER FORMS are available in the narthex. Seven dollars/Ice Cream Pail or \$23/5 Gallon Pail. Order no later than September 10th.

Daily Devotions Direct Link!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.



✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 26:

Elder on Duty: *Robert Allen*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 27:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Flower Delivery: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, August 30:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 2:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *JoAnn Schultz*
Acolyte: *Melani Gast*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 3:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Kislewski*
Flower Delivery: *Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*
Acolyte: *Levi Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 6:

Elder on Duty: *To Be Announced*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

The Board of Outreach and Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at the Appleton Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 30th.

The monies Trinity raises goes back into the church and school. We need people involved to make this a success again this year. Any questions, contact Ailene Moderson at (920)-450-2753 mmoders@yahoo.com

Ladies Aid Thanks You!

Your Trinity Ladies Aid/Lutheran Women's Missionary League assembled the school and personal care kits and packed them for shipping. This year we will be sending 140 school kits, 100 personal care kits and 50 homemade quilts to Lutheran World Relief. We thank Trinity Congregation for your very generous and timely donations. Imagine all the lives we will touch out of our love for Him, who cares for us every minute of every day. Please pray for those who will receive our gifts; they need their Savior and our love and support.

The Annual Trinity Bazaar is Coming October 7, 2023!

- *Antiques & Collectables*
 - *Praise Him Cafe*
- *Ladies Aid Bakery & Pies*
- *Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls*
- *Heavenly Bargains (formerly Dollar Store)*

Are you downsizing, or maybe doing some fall cleaning? Do you have leftover items from a garage or estate sale? Think of us when you are ready to donate books (no magazines), home décor, arts, and crafts items, etc. Heavenly Bargains is expanding the type of items they will have available this year.

Don't forget to volunteer your time and talents at the Bazaar. We need help in various areas. Call Sally at (920) 422-2054 if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connected through Faith
Matthew 16:13–20

"[Jesus] said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'" (Matt. 16:15–16).

Jesus had been teaching and doing miracles for three years, and many people had seen Jesus' miracles and heard His teaching. Now, in today's Gospel reading, His earthly ministry is about to conclude. Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" (**Matt. 16:13**). The disciples share some of the observations they had heard: John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or another prophet.

Jesus is interested in more than a summary of public opinion. He asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (**Matt. 16:14**). Peter shares his confession and the truth about Jesus: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (**Matt. 16:16**). Why was Peter able to confess the truth when others did not know the truth? Jesus shares the answer: "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven." Peter was plugged into the right power source. Others had depended on the power of their own observations or the power of public opinion.

The "Father in heaven" had sent His only Son into the world (**Matt. 16:17**). Jesus had been faithful to every prophecy about His coming. Jesus was completing the Father's plan of salvation and would soon be on the cross, suffering and dying for the sins of the world.

The Father who had sent His beloved Son had also shared the power of the Spirit so that Peter could connect everything that he had seen and heard. Even though Peter would soon deny Jesus, the power connection would continue, and Peter would see that the tomb of Jesus was empty. The power of Jesus' resurrection was for Peter and everyone.

Even today, people have various opinions about who Jesus is. Some people would say that Jesus was just another teacher or historical figure. Some people would claim Jesus was a fictional character. They aren't plugged into the right power source. We are blessed to be plugged into Jesus' power in our Baptism. We are blessed to receive His power in His Word.

We pray that everyone would be plugged into the power of God's Word and say with Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (**Matt. 16:16**).

PRAYER

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you" (**John 15:7**).

Jesus, thank You for empowering Peter to confess the truth about You. We ask that we too may faithfully and boldly confess You as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." Amen.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 28, 8:15 am 3rd – 8th Grade
Classes Resume

August 29, 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice

August 30, 8:15 am 3yr old – 8th
Grade Classes

