



September 9 & 10, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, September 9:

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

Sunday, September 10: RALLY DAY

9:00 AM Worship Service
SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL SING & CHIME
NEW MEMBERS RECOGNIZED
FOLLOWING SERVICE—RALLY DAY LUNCHEON!

Monday, September 11:

Pastor's Sabbath
Ladies Sewing Group
6:00PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, September 12:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs Fox Valley Christian @ Home
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 13:

8:45 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Catechism Class
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, September 14:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM VB Game vs Celebration @ Home
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 15:

Saturday, September 16:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, September 17: SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS!

9:00 AM Worship Service—*Praise Four Sings*
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

✠ 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 Sheryl & Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Eleanor Bouchard, Colin Bowden, Calvin Ciske, Tammy Collier, Margaret Corrente, Laine Fink, Rodney Fischer, Karon Flater, Polly Harrmann, Shannon Maynard, Christina Mullins, Kathleen Rigotti, Ryan Rutkowski and Simon Siegel.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Tom and Judi Drum.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

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->

Sunday School Begins September 17th!
Class begins in the upstairs music room.
Pick the children up outside their classrooms
(or in the gym).

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
"Like" Us on Facebook

Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given by the Gehrt Family in loving memory of Don Gehrt.

This Weekend's Banners

"I do so Intend by th Grace of God " &
"Trinity Lutheran School 2023-2024 Connected
in Christ"

✠ Stewardship ✠

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18:4 – *"Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."* What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish – we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

**TRINITY'S ANNUAL KRAUT-
MAKING EVENT** Sunday, September 17, after church, at the Weinig house—856 State Street in Menasha.

Oktoberfest Volunteers Still 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 mmodes@yahoo.com

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.

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.

Limited time—Kwik Trip Scrip at 10% Rebate!

Ladies Aid/LWML Potluck and Organizational Meeting

All ladies and young ladies are invited to attend our September 19th potluck at 5:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. If possible, bring a dish to pass (hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert). We will be planning our meetings, events, and service projects for the year ahead and would love new ideas. The mission of our group is to assist each other in affirming our relationship with the Triune God and to enable the ladies to use their God given gifts in ministry to people all around the world. Our pastors and their wives are invited to join us as our guests. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

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.



✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 9:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 10:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant: *Paul Collingwood*
Altar Guild: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Flower Delivery: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 13:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans"**
with Pastors Alliet & Billings—SFH
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "What They Didn't Teach You
in Sunday School"**
Contact : Pastor GeRue-Conference Rm
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: *The Book of Isaiah*,**
Contact: Blaine Henkel
(Recessed 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***
"PRAYER: We Speak to God"
ARC— 200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!
- 6:00 AM **Thursday: *Men's Bible Study***
Paul's Letter to the Corinthians
Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conf. Rm

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

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 16:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 17:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Flower Delivery: *Howard & Jackie Kislewski*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, September 20:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*


Trinity's Bazaar is for Donations

Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage Items and Your Collection of Cards, Marbles, Beanie Babies, Stamps, etc.

New this year, the Book Nook is  all sizes and categories of books:

- Hard or Soft Cover
- Coffee Table Books
- Cookbooks
- Children's Books
- DVD's, CD's or Cassette Tapes

Please No Magazines, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Reader's Digest Books.

Heavenly Bargains is  your homemade crafts: knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint and hobby items.

New, or gently used items in your home. Includes all seasonal décor, crafts, store bought items, household items, your "Thing-A-Ma-Jigs" and "Thing-A-Ma-Bobs." **Please, no clothing, shoes, personally worn items.**

For upcoming information about donation drop off times, dates & locations call Sally Bolen at (920) 422-2054.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

It's all Connected
Matthew 16:21–28

“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21).

Think of Lego-collections to be assembled. Do you like to connect Legos? What are some of your favorite Lego constructions?

Jesus gathers with His disciples near the end of His earthly ministry. God's plan of salvation had been very clear from the beginning of time. Immediately after the Fall, God promised a Savior from sin. God shared “pieces” of promises with the patriarchs and through the Old Testament prophets. During His earthly ministry, Jesus continued to share the pieces of God's plan: He was the Son of God who had come to save sinners. Today's Bible reading makes Jesus' mission very clear: “From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21).

Even though Jesus had shared and shown His disciples the pieces of the plan many times, they still couldn't picture how all the promises and “pieces” would fit together. Peter, concerned about Jesus' journey, says “This shall never happen to you” (Matt. 16:22). Peter ultimately saw Jesus go to the cross and die. Three days later, Peter went to the



tomb and saw that it was empty. Peter then saw the resurrected Jesus and declared his love for Him.

God not only has shown us the pieces of our salvation; He has assembled the pieces and shown us the finished new creations. The Holy Spirit brings the pieces together for us so that we can believe that Jesus suffered and died for us and see the completion of Jesus' salvation. In our Baptism, Jesus connects us to His death and resurrection, and brings us into the church with Him. We are the pieces which, through Baptism, the Holy Spirit assembles to build the church.

Sometimes, like Peter, we find it hard to believe that God could assemble us into His special display. It sometimes seems impossible to assemble the pieces that lay on the table. We give thanks that we can learn God's Word in our classrooms and hear God's Word in our chapel services and during Sunday worship. We can see that God has assembled a special creation for us and with us.

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, the most amazing collection ever assembled is the promises and pieces of our salvation. We ask You to hold us together in Your holy church. Use us to connect others to You. Amen.

