

September 30 & October 1, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, September 30:

Oktoberfest Downtown Appleton

5:00 PM Worship Service/Homemade Quilt Display

Sunday, October 1:

9:00 AM Worship Service/Homemade Quilt Display

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

Monday, October 2:

Pastor's Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 3:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 4:

8:45 AM Chapel

5:00 PM Catechism Class

6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, October 5:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 6:

Saturday, October 7: TRINITY BAZAAR—9 AM-3 PM

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 8: LWML SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

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.

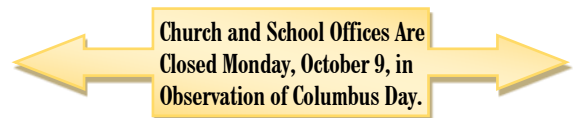


✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Mark and Jean Becker, Larry Bevers, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Bruce Christoffersen, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Sara Flater, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Jerry Peotter, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, Tim Wirth, and Sheryl Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Jeremy Bouchard, Mary Anne Buksyk, Miles Furman, Jackie Kislewski, Lauren Milosavljevic, Mitchell Mlodik, Joseph Reichert, Laurie Sokel and Jacqueline Torres.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Dewey & Kelly Bates, Amanda & Jasen Brown and Tim & Jackie Reuning.



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-devotions>.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend have been given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

This Weekend's Banners

"Serve the Lord With Gladness"
"Jesus Christ Is Lord"

✠ Stewardship ✠

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:26 - "But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd..." Foolish Pharisees! They fear men more than they fear God, and so they miss out on the great blessing of knowing Jesus and His love. All our sins are like this: we fear something more than we fear God. And how foolish that is! Just think of the blessings we miss out on whenever we place our fear or trust in something other than God.



Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in special need of Canned Fruit. We also need Jello, Ketchup, Kleenex, 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 apples 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!

Just A Reminder:

After Bible Studies, Sunday School, or meetings, please turn off the lights as you leave your room. Thank you!



Board of Properties

Trinity Bazaar is Around the Corner! Saturday, October 7, 2023 • 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the School Gym & Conference Room

Drop off your donated items in the Small Fellowship Hall by the grey tables.

Items still needed for the "Heavenly Bargains" room:

home décor items (new, or gently used), crafts and hobby items (handmade or store bought), vinyl records, CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes and VHS tapes, antiques, vintage and collectables are still needed.

PLEASE NOTE: Mark or label vintage donations as such and place them in the designated location in the Small Fellowship Hall by the grey tables.

NEW THIS YEAR: the "Book Nook" - We are 📖📖 for books left over from rummage sales, estate sales, etc., Please consider donating them to our Book Nook. Items needed are: books to include children's books (all categories & sizes), fiction and non-fiction books, cookbooks, Bibles, devotions, etc. (Please No Magazines, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Reader's Digest Books.)

Don't forget to volunteer your time, treasures 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. Thank you so much for your donations.

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 30:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *JoAnn Schultz*
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 1:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*
Communion Assistant: *Steve Sexmith*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 4:

Elder on Duty: *David Little*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
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, October 7:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Greeter: *Betty Allen*
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 8:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant: *Scott Gutzmann*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Liz Kamprath*
Acolyte: *Levi Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 11:

Elder on Duty: *Tim Reuning*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

From Your Board of Stewardship

We hope that you are finding the "A God-Lived Life" emphasis and devotions meaningful for you and your family. Later this October, you will be given the opportunity to express your appreciation to our Lord by making a commitment to His Mission Work here at Trinity for the coming two years. Watch for details...



- A Life of Being a Disciple
- A Life Lived for Others
- A Life of Hospitality

Homemade Quilts by Trinity's LWML

The beautiful quilts you see draped over the pews this weekend will soon be on their way to the many who will receive them through Lutheran World Relief. Our Monday quilting crew has selflessly given of their time and talents week after week. Those ladies are Ilene Anderson, Barb Bartel, Ellen Rivord, LaVerne Werth, Elaine Weinig, Chantay Peterson, Char Elliott, Val Dehne, Dottie Kraus, Tammy Collier, Brenda Kempf, Pam Wohlrabe. Thank you Ladies; we are blessed!

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connecting to Authority

Matthew 21:23–32

““And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’” (Matt. 21:23).

What’s the first thing you do when you get into the car? (Connect the seat belt.) Why is this connection important? (Safety, “It’s the law!”) Who makes this and other laws? Why do we have this law and others? Our government has the authority to make and enforce laws to keep us and others safe.

Jesus’ listeners knew about authority. They lived under the authority of the Roman government, meaning that governors, soldiers and others had authority over them. The temple leadership was another authority. The Jews had many laws that the “chief priests and elders” were constantly enforcing (Matt. 21:23). Jesus had been in the temple and had accused some of making the temple “a den of robbers” (Matt. 21:13). In reality, Jesus was teaching that following Him and believing in Him was more important than keeping temple laws. Jesus’ words and actions upset some listeners, so they asked, “By what authority are you doing these things?” (Matt. 21:23).

Jesus was always respectful of authority. But Jesus was also teaching that there was a more important connection than the laws of Rome or the laws of the temple. Jesus wanted people to be connected to Him. Connecting to the rules only led to condemnation and despair.

God, in His authority, gave us the Ten Commandments. These laws remind us that we are disconnected from God and that there is no way we can connect ourselves to Him. There is no seat belt connection that “clicks” us to Jesus. But Jesus kept the Law of God perfectly for us.

There are many times when we do not respect the authority of our parents, teachers or other representatives of God. We repent of not keeping the Fourth Commandment or any of the Commandments. The Good News is that Jesus has connected us to Himself in our Baptism and keeps us connected to Him through His Word. Our Baptism connects us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are thankful for the forgiveness that Jesus has given us.

Because we are connected to Jesus, we respond to His authority by respecting those He has placed over us. We are thankful for laws that keep us and others safe.

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 the gift of Your law which reminds us of our need for You as our Savior. We ask You to bless those who make and enforce the laws of our community, state and nation. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

- ◇ Oct. 2 10:15 am K - 3rd MNFDP
- ◇ Oct. 3 12:30—2:00 pm Step Afrika 4th-8th PAC
- ◇ 1:00 - 2:10 pm 2nd-3rd Water Safety Neenah Y
- ◇ 3:45 –5:00 pm Volleyball Practice
- ◇ Oct. 4 8:45 am Chapel
- ◇ 12:30—2:00 pm 3rd-4th Frindle at The Grand, Oshkosh
- ◇ Oct. 5 Noon Dismissal
Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences
NO Volleyball
- ◇ Oct. 6 NO SCHOOL
- ◇ Oct. 9 NO SCHOOL



Trinity Bake Sale—October 7th

Pie/Cake Order Form

Folks it's that time again when the Ladies of Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML begin thinking of their bake sale to be held at the October 7 Bazaar. We will take orders for several kinds of pies.

Pies that can be picked up at the bake sale, October 7:

- APPLE \$15: Please specify regular crust or crumb crust.
Regular Crust: _____ Crumb Crust: _____
- CHERRY \$15: _____ cherry pie(s)
- KEY LIME with graham cracker crust \$12: _____ key lime pie(s)
- PECAN \$15: _____ pecan pie(s)
- PUMPKIN \$12: _____ pumpkin pie(s)

The above will also be available to order during the month of October and into November. You pick the date.

The following are added options for orders placed on or after October 7:

- BLUEBERRY \$15: _____ blueberry pie(s)
- LEMON MERINGUE \$15: _____ lemon meringue pie(s)
- CUSTARD OR COCONUT CUSTARD \$12: _____ plain custard pie(s)
_____ coconut custard pie(s)
- COCONUT CREAM WITH MERINGUE \$15: _____ coconut cream pie(s)
- BANANA CREAM WITH MERINGUE \$15: _____ banana cream pie(s)
- NEW YORK CHEESE CAKE \$15: _____ cheese cake(s)
- ANGELFOOD CAKE FROM SCRATCH \$12: _____ angelfood cake(s)

PLEASE EMAIL ALL ORDERS TO DOTTIE KRAUS at: rkraus001@gmail.com or call (920) 991-2705 and leave a message if no answer. WE WILL DO OUR BEST, AND THANK YOU!

There will be breads, cookies, jams, applesauce and fresh German potato salad and much more available at the Ladies Aid/LWML BAKE SALE on October 7, and these do not need to be ordered; it is as always 'first come, first serve.'

WE INVITE ALL BAKERS TO DONATE BAKERY ITEMS. You may bring your donations to the gym during church office hours on October 6 or bring them directly to the gym October 7. Please place your items on the tables in front of the stage.