



October 7 & 8, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, October 7: TRINITY BAZAAR

9:00 AM—3:00 PM Bazaar in Gym & Conference Room
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, October 8: LWML SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

Monday, October 9: COLUMBUS DAY CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED

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

Tuesday, October 10:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
4:30 PM VB vs Trinity Oshkosh @ Home
Parents Night
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, October 11:

9:00 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Catechism Class
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, October 12: BOOK FAIR

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM VB @ FVC Neenah
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 13: BOOK FAIR

K4-K5 Field Trip to Little Farmer

Saturday, October 14: BOOK FAIR

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

Sunday, October 15: BOOK FAIR

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

✠ 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, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Nancy McMullan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Jerry Peotter, Norb Pomerence, 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: Lonnie Belcher, Karen Borchardt, Jordan Bouchard, Alisha Damrow, Emberli Groshek, Henry Hertziger, Lincoln Keberlein, Christian Kohler, Ava Motto, Elise Pasholk, Barbara Schewe, Jane Stier, Elaine Trimmerger, Debra Wittmann, Terry Wray and Norman Wright.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Russell & Karen Borchardt, Nathan & Anne Dahms, Shirley & Ernie Fleischer, Bruce & Lana Gast, Ann & Harry Sokel, Bill & Carla Watson.

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.



Church and School Offices Are Closed Monday, October 9, in Observation of Columbus Day.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Ruth Pomerence's birthday by her husband, Norb Pomerence.

This Weekend's Banners

"Kingdom People Produce KINGDOM FRUIT"
"Proclaim the Lord"

✠ Stewardship ✠

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:43 – *"Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits."* The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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

\$\$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!

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>.



**LWML Sunday—
October 8, 2023**

This year, Lutheran Women's Mission

League (LWML) Sunday is October 8th. Our LWML ladies will be collecting mites.

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!

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 month, 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

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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



✠ Serving Our Lord This 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*

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 14:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 15:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 18:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
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, Small Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM **Sunday:** *"What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"* Contact : Pastor GeRue- Conference Room
- 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"* Appleton Retirement Community, 200 W Packard, Appleton, Contact Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!
- 7:30 PM **Tuesday:** *The Study of Psalms*, Contact: Blaine Henkel via Zoom invitation
- 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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Concrete Connection

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'" (Matt. 21:42).

Look at a piece of concrete. What holds the small pieces of sand and rocks together? Why is this connection important? Where do we find this type of connection in our home, school and other places?

Construction materials were obviously different in Jesus' day. They didn't have concrete mix and other materials that we have today. In some ways, they had to be more careful and creative with construction. Stones were carefully selected and put in place. Jesus uses a construction example in today's lesson.

Since the fall into sin, God had been putting the "stones" of His salvation in place. Each piece was carefully selected and placed. Many people could not and would not understand what God was building. They thought they could build their own structures that would be pleasing to God. Like the servants sent into the vineyard, they rejected many of the stones that God had put in place. Obviously their "construction" would fall apart because it was made by human hands.

God did not give up on His plan of salvation. He would continue to put every piece into place. The final "stone" was Jesus. He was the Cornerstone. God put that final piece into place on Good Friday. Jesus Himself announced from the cross, "It is finished." The devil thought everything would crumble when Jesus died. Even as the earthquake hit the city of Jerusalem and buildings crumbled, Jesus stayed on the cross.

God's construction of the salvation of the world would stand forever. No earthquake, fire or any other natural or man-made disaster could destroy what God had built for us. Because of Jesus, our salvation is sure.

Oftentimes, it seems like things are crum-

bling around us. Sometimes it seems like things in our family are crumbling. Sometimes our relationships with our friends are crumbling. Sometimes things don't go like we had planned. We can't hold things together. But Jesus is the cornerstone of salvation. His promises are always true and sure. His plans and "construction" are always marvelous.

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 being the concrete and cornerstone of our salvation. We ask that You help us to continue to build our lives on You. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

- ◇ Oct 9 NO SCHOOL
- ◇ Oct 10 1:00 pm 2nd-3rd Water Safety Neenah Y
- ◇ 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs Trinity Oshkosh
- ◇ Oct. 11 9:00 am Chapel
- ◇ Oct 12 - 20 Book Fair
- ◇ Oct 12 4:30 pm Volleyball @ FVC Neenah
- ◇ Oct 13 K4 - K5 Little Farmer
- ◇ Oct 20 Grandparents Day
- ◇ Oct 20 Noon Dismissal
- ◇ Oct 24 4-8 pm Dining out at Tom's Menasha

Tom's Drive In Dining Out

Join us at the Tom's Drive In location in Menasha this coming Oct. 24th from 4-8 pm for our first dining out event of the school year. The address is 1151 Wittmann Park Ln, Menasha. We have plenty of \$10 Toms Scrip cards available.



Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML Year in Review (October 2022—September 2023)

October 2022

OCTOBER 1, 2022 we hosted a Bake sale at Trinity's Bazaar and took orders for pies and cakes for several weeks thereafter. Total proceeds were \$3002.75

OCTOBER 4, 2022 Celebrated LWML Sunday/Weekend; the theme was 'Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit.' We served LWML cookies and cider to Trinity Congregation. Jean Zeinert constructed the beautiful banner for the celebration.

OCTOBER 8, 2022 125 Personal Care Kits and 100 school kits plus 50 handmade quilts were transported to First English Lutheran Church for Lutheran World Relief. These items then go to a distribution site and are sent all over the world to those in need. THANK YOU TRINITY CONGREGATION FOR YOUR MANY DONATIONS!

OCTOBER 17, 2022 Ten Trinity Ladies attended the LWML Fall Rally at Peace in Neenah. The theme was 'Divine Muscle; if God be for us, who can be against us?' A missionary in Eurasia, Reverend Charles Cortright, and his wife Connie spoke of their many experiences.

OCTOBER 18. 2022 Meeting; our speaker was Reverend Jim Dehne; he spoke to us on 'The Old Testament Cycle of Life.'

November 2022

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 Trinity Ladies attended a Pre-Advent Tea, hosted by Peace, Neenah 'Pondering in our hearts; an evening with Mary.'

NOVEMBER 15, 2022 Twenty six members and guests attended our Christmas party at George's Steak House. Our honored guests were our four pastors and their spouses. Reverend Alliet shared a devotion.

December 2022

DECEMBER, 2022 We hosted our annual LA/LWML cookie & candy sale for a total of 7 dates as we opened our sale to Trinity Congregation for two weekend worship times and the Trinity School Children's programs. Our total proceeds were \$1725.45.

Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML Year in Review (Cont.)

January 2023

JANUARY 17, 2023 Meeting with disbursement of Ladies Aid/LWML funds as follows:
\$750 Matthew Kinne Family, Fort Wayne LCMS Seminary Student
\$300 Amy Formella, LCMS Bible translator in Sierre Leone
\$300 Reverend Kevin Parviz, Burning Bush Ministry (Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism)
\$500 Reverend Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele, LCMS missionary in Kenya
\$300 Reverend Steven and Martha Mahlberg, LCMS missionary in Sri Lanka
\$300 Poland Orphanage
\$300 Trinity Altar Flowers monthly; \$650 Trinity for floor wax and other maintenance needs
\$500 Bibles and Catechisms for Confirmation students etc.
\$800 Amazon gift cards for Trinity School teachers (\$100 for each teacher to use in classroom)
\$220 Basketball pole padding in Trinity School Gym; \$143.70 Volleyballs for Trinity School
Total distribution was \$5063.70

February 2023

FEBRUARY 21, Meeting; Barbara Kester led us in a Bible Study on 'Dilemmas and Decisions. 'Our prayer is that we always seek His way for our lives and our destination is in His Hands, not ours.

March 2023

March 4, 2023 President Dottie Kraus attended the LWML Leadership Developmental Workshop at Good Shepherd in Watertown, Wisconsin.

March 21, 2023 Meeting; Speaker was Leah McCormick 'What does the Menasha Senior Center have to offer?'

April 2023

APRIL 22, 2023 Trinity hosted the Zone 11 Spring Rally at Trinity. Speakers were Reverend Timothy and Deb Kinne. 'Something Wonderful Happened Here; A Visit to the Holy Land.' A breakfast brunch was served to the attendees. Reverend GeRue opened our rally with a devotion. Reverend Dehne sang a beautiful solo 'O Holy Night.' 54 attended!

May 2023

MAY 16, 2023 Salad, Hora d'oeuvre & Dessert Supper and Meeting; Barb Kester led a Bible study 'Chosen for a Purpose.'

MAY 18, 2023 Trinity, Menasha hosted the zone Ascension service; Trinity LA/LWML hosted the meal for 42 pastors and choir members.

June 2023

JUNE 20, 2023 Meeting

JUNE 22-25, 2023 40th Biennial National Convention in Milwaukee. Four Trinity ladies attended the convention; three served in numerous service roles during the event. The Trinity quilters provided 4 homemade quilts to donate to Gifts from the Heart for the convention; Orphan Grain Train Ministry was the recipient of the quilts.

Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML Year in Review (Cont.)

July 2023

JULY-AUGUST LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DRIVE Collection of school and personal care items from Trinity Congregation.

JULY 19, 2023 Tour of Appleton Historical Museum and dine out (Pullmans at Trolley Square); sixteen members and guests attended the event.

August 2023

AUGUST 16, 023 Meeting and assembling of school and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief; completed and packed 140 school kits and 100 personal care kits. A \$300 check was received from a member for shipping costs.

September 2023

SEPTEMBER, 2023 We filled seven welcome baskets for the seven new member families or individuals accepted into membership at Trinity during the month of September.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 Salad, Hors d'oeuvre & Dessert Supper and Meeting, Election of Officers; 2023-2024 officers are as follows: Dottie Kraus (920-991-2705), president; Brenda Kempf (920-637-4568), vice president, Carol Evensen (920-851-8239), secretary; Jane Stier (020-284-2937), treasurer. Dawn Henrickson will be shadowing to take over the presidency.

Our meetings and events are primarily the 3rd Tuesday monthly at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. Additional dates and/or time changes will be posted. Ladies of Trinity, we invite you! We aim to have speakers, projects and events but we believe fellowship and support for our Sisters in Christ is equally important. We are a service organization with a mission to affirm our relationships with our Tri-une God so we are enabled to use our God-given gifts in ministry to the people of the world, near and far.

We especially treasure our elderly and shut in members of our congregation; we keep them in our prayers as well as calling and visiting them. Cards are also sent to members who are ill, have lost a loved one or just need encouragement.

The quilters meet every Monday at 9 a.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. Anyone is invited to join us and stay as long as you'd like; there is a job available for everyone. In the past year our quilting crew has made 151 quilts for World Relief and Pillars Homeless Shelter and have also donated 75 blankets, 78 pillows, 26 sheets, 259 pillowcases, 2 bedspreads and 6 towels to Pillars. These ladies are truly a blessing to many! Several ladies also make quilt tops from home.

Elaine Weinig is our funeral meal coordinator. We continue to provide salads and desserts and prepare most of the food that is served at the funerals for our Trinity members. We appreciate any assistance with the food, serving the meal and cleanup; we pray we can always continue this service for our families.

We collect Mites each month, of which 75 percent goes to South Wisconsin District to satisfy the grants chosen; that goal is a 2 year commitment for a total of \$205,000. The national mite goal is set at \$2,350,000 over a two year span. You are always welcome to take a mite box (available on the table in the narthex) and help us collect. We can also show you where these mites actually go and the grants that the mites will satisfy. Trinity has contributed a total of \$628.83 to the Mite Ministry in the last year.

We again thank Trinity Congregation and our dear Pastors for your continued support and prayers for our Trinity Ladies Aid/Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



Trinity Bake Sale Pie/Cake Order Form

Folks it's that time again when the Ladies of Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML are taking orders for several kinds of pies.

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

- ANGELFOOD CAKE FROM SCRATCH \$12: _____ angelfood cake(s)
- APPLE \$15: Please specify regular crust or crumb crust.
Regular Crust: _____ Crumb Crust: _____
- BANANA CREAM WITH MERINGUE \$15: _____ banana cream pie(s)
- BLUEBERRY \$15: _____ blueberry pie(s)
- CHERRY \$15: _____ cherry pie(s)
- CUSTARD OR COCONUT CUSTARD \$12: _____ plain custard pie(s)
_____ coconut custard pie(s)
- COCONUT CREAM WITH MERINGUE \$15: _____ coconut cream pie(s)
- KEY LIME with graham cracker crust \$12: _____ key lime pie(s)
- LEMON MERINGUE \$15: _____ lemon meringue pie(s)
- NEW YORK CHEESECAKE \$15: _____ cheesecake(s)
- PECAN \$15: _____ pecan pie(s)
- PUMPKIN \$12: _____ pumpkin pie(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!

