



# October 14 & 15, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### 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

### Monday, October 16: BOOK FAIR

Pastor's Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, October 17: BOOK FAIR

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:30 PM VB @ Celebration, Appleton

### Wednesday, October 18: BOOK FAIR

5:00 PM Catechism Class

6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, October 19: BOOK FAIR

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

4:30 PM VB @ New Hope

6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, October 20: BOOK FAIR

#### GRANDPARENTS DAY

9:00 AM Chapel

School—Noon Dismissal

### Saturday, October 21:

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, October 22:

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, Deb Manteufel, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Jerry Peotter, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schrapfer, 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:** Robert Allen, Avaleigh Bain, David Bartelme, Iris Gast, Angela Hurst, Ruby Mehl, George Milosavljevic, Ronald Voster, and Teresa Wray.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** David & Eileen Acker, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Brian & Linda Ratzburg, Carl & Karen Riske and Rudy & Barbara Vitek.

**Those Grieving:** The Terry Wray Family

## 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.



## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of Donald Gehrt's birthday.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Rejoice" and "Crown Him the Lord of Life"

### ✠ Stewardship ✠

### The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

**Matthew 22:5 - "But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business."**

The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think that there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God's invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world's bowl of pottage?

### 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
- A Life Lived Shrewdly

### 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 is in special need of Canned Fruit. We also need Jello, Ketchup, Kleenex, Jam, Jelly 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!

## 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>.

## Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or someone else, please call Barbara at (920) 722-3228.

## \$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!**

## A heartfelt thank you ...

for all the wonderful donations to our Ladies Aid/Lutheran Women's Missionary League Pie and Bake Sale. We also thank you for coming and purchasing items and we pray you enjoyed them. If there is ever an issue with an item, we ask you to let us know, so we will not repeat it.

Our proceeds amounted to \$2,321.25, which will be disbursed in January, 2024. A large amount will go towards mission projects and we pray we have funding left to complete several project needs here at Trinity.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This 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*

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 21:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*  
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*  
Greeter: *Peg & Dan Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 22:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Josiah Nielsen*  
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**  
Flower Delivery: **Volunteer Needed**  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, October 25:

Elder on Duty: *Robert Allen*  
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*



## LADIES AID/LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note the following date and time change for our **October Ladies Aid/LWML meeting**. Amy Formella, Bible Translator in Sierra Leone, West Africa, will attend our meeting and give us an update on her ministry. Amy's home church is Peace Lutheran in Neenah; we have been supporting Amy's ministry for years. Our monthly meeting will be **Tuesday, October 31 at 7 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall**. Everyone, ladies and gentlemen, is invited to attend!



**Saturday, October 21, is the Zone 11 Fall Rally at Good Shepherd, 2450 W 9th Avenue, Oshkosh. The Rally begins at 8:45 a.m.** We plan to carpool to the Rally so please let Dottie Kraus know if you would like to carpool with someone: (920) 991-2705, or email her at [rkraus001@gmail.com](mailto:rkraus001@gmail.com).

Currently, we have our **Trinity's Pie and Cake Sale** going on! Order your pies now for the holidays! The order forms were in last weekend's bulletin. There are also **order forms on the ledge in the Narthex**. All cakes and pies will cost between \$12 and \$15 dollars.

Each year we enjoy doing our annual **Ladies Aid/Lutheran Women's Missionary League Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale in December**. Start looking at your favorite Christmas cookie and candy recipes to make, and share, with our Trinity family.

## "Thank You" from Deb Manteufel

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"I would like to say thank you to my church family and friends for all the warm wishes, beautiful cards, wonderful meals, phone calls, visits and healing prayers. I am on the mend and learning patience. I am truly blessed to have you all in my life. I am looking forward to when I can come back to worship with everyone. In Christ's Love, Deb Manteufel

# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Whose Connected?

Matthew 22:1–14

“Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests” (Matt. 22:9–10).

A contact list gives helpful information in case we need to contact someone in an emergency or to share information. Jesus wants everyone to be in contact with Him.

Jesus shared another parable about His kingdom. We don’t know how or why the king chose the “contacts,” or guests, for the wedding feast for his son. Weddings in Jesus’ time were often very big (especially for a king), and the celebration lasted for many days. In this parable, the guests who were contacted ignored the invitation from the king. The king then shared the invitation to the wedding with “as many as you find” (Matt. 22:9).

Jesus’ story emphasizes who is invited into His kingdom. Jesus’ kingdom is not like a wedding, where the guest list is limited. Jesus invites everyone to come into His kingdom. The parable also shares the sad news that many ignore Jesus’ invitation, and even some who come don’t believe in the blessings that Jesus has to give.

We praise God that we are on His “contact” list. Jesus contacted us in our Baptism. As we are welcomed to His banquet, our King dresses us properly. In our Baptism, we receive the “wedding garment” of Jesus’ righteousness. Our sins are covered by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Just as the king sent his servants out to invite others to the feast, we are invited by our King to share the invitation to Jesus’ kingdom. When we invite friends to a party, our parents may ask that we only invite a certain number. Jesus has not set number limitations to His heavenly celebration. Everyone is invited.

Because Jesus has put us on His contact list, we have the privilege of staying in contact with Him every day in prayer.

## 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 parents, teachers and others, who were Your means to put us in contact with You. We ask that You keep us connected and bless us as we contact others so that they too can be part of the heavenly banquet. Amen.

## ✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

### BOOKFAIR WEEK

**Oct. 16 – Twin, Triplet, Etc. Day - Each student grabs a friend(s) to match with for the day. Even the teachers can get involved!**

**Penny Day: Bring in Pennies**

**Oct. 17 – Mismatch Day—Mix and match any clothing. Go wacky wearing snow pants with a Wear you sombrero or mismatched socks.**

◇ 4:30 Volleyball @ Celebration Appleton

**Nickel Day: Bring in Nickels**

**Oct. 18 – “Future Day - Students can dress up as the occupation they’d like to be when they grow up.**

**Dime Day: Bring in Dimes**

**Oct. 19– Western Day - Your school won't be big enough for the hundreds of cowboys that will show up!**

◇ 4:30 pm Volleyball @ New Hope

**Quarter Day: Bring in Quarters**

**Oct. 20 – Grandparents Day – Wear your Best Day – Look your best and Act your best.**

◇ Oct 20 Noon Dismissal

**Dollar Day: Bring in Dollars**

**Every cent we collect will help our Tuition Assistance Fund.**

### **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.