



## July 12, 13 & 16, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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### ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

#### Saturday, July 12:

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

#### Sunday, July 13:

9:00 AM Divine Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour

#### Monday, July 14:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath  
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing  
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time  
4:00 PM Adult Information Class  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study-Menasha Public Lib.

#### Tuesday, July 15:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday, July 16:

6:30 PM Summer Divine Service with Communion

#### Thursday, July 17:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

#### Friday, July 18:

#### Saturday, July 19:

5:00 PM Divine Service

#### Sunday, July 20:

9:00 AM Divine Service  
New Member Reception Following Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour

**School office hours for the summer  
are by appointment only. Church  
office hours remain 8 AM to 3 PM.**

**Summer Mid-Week Services (June–July)  
will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Com-  
munion will be served. Please note this is a  
repeat of the previous weekend's service.**

### ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Dave Edwards, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Karen Perry, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Joy White, Martin Wiese, Dorothy Wirth, and Jim Zeinert.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Rev. Paul Alliet, Wynter Arft, Jackie Bouchard, Jeffrey Dionne, Sean Fitzpatrick, Christopher Gast, Jennifer Gast, Erwin Graper, Elizabeth Groshek, Deb Henschel, Elizabeth Kamprath, Genevieve Larson, Cameron Messenger, Ellice Olson, Michelle Pues, Savannah Ross, Wynogene Schmitting, Karen Schramper, Marshall Weinig, Cheryl Wendler and Michelle Wieck.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Mark & Jean Becker, Michael & Ailene Moderson, Nicole & Andrew Ross, Kurt & Jodi Wendler.

**4:00 PM ADULT INFORMATION CLASS  
JULY 14, 2025**

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## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
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### This Weekend's Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by  
Altar Guild to the glory of God.

### This Weekend's Banners

"God So Loved" & "You Are My Witnesses"

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## Just reminding our Trinity Family of our July 31st DRIVE THRU BRAT FRY & BAKE SALE in Trinity's parking lot.

You will drive through the Broad Street gate, order your lunch or dinner and drive out the gate on First Street; that is UNLESS you want to go to the TRINITY BAKE SALE.

Then you will park in the parking lot facing First Street and go into Door 6. The bake sale will be in the gym.

We also need help for the day; we can pretend we are working at the Drive In. The sign up sheet is on the spinner in the narthex.

Baked items will be appreciated as always. By the way, we've been richly blessed at our bake sales this summer. You can bring your donations to Trinity (GYM) on Wednesday between 8 am and 2:30 pm or bring them Thursday morning after 8 am.

This is certainly a new endeavor so please ask our Lord to bless our efforts. This is again a way in which we can serve our Lord, our community and have fun and fellowship doing so.

Questions call Paula & Brian Reichert (920) 460 - 1225 or Ron & Dottie Kraus (920) 991-2705.

## New Member Reception – July 20th

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Join us Sunday, July 20th for a New Member Reception in the Narthex. We are excited to welcome them into our Trinity Family. New members are:

- Craig Collins
- Deb Kuepper
- Bradley & Karen Perry
- Rev. Ricky & Lynne Schroeder
- Stefan Schroeder
- Joy White

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## BIBLE STUDIES

**SUNDAY:** "Ruth" with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH  
10:30 AM

**SUNDAY:** "*What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School*" with Pastor GeRue  
10:30 AM  
Conference Room

**MONDAY:** **Women's Bible Study**  
6:30 PM  
"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Public Library

**TUESDAY:** **Ladies Bible Study**  
6:30 AM  
200 W Packard, Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus/**All are welcome!**

**THURSDAY:** **Men's Bible Study**  
6:00 AM  
"1st and 2nd Timothy"  
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference Room

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

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## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Luke 10:25b** – "*Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?*" There is nothing right about this question. What shall I do to inherit? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.

## Church Picnic—Sunday, August 10!

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**Mark your calendar folks!** The church picnic will be at Smith Park on August 10th. Social hour begins at 9:00 AM with the church service at 10:00 AM. Lunch will follow the church service.

Suggestions on **what to bring:**

A-J: Main Dish      K-R: Salad      S-Z: Dessert  
Or, you can bring your favorite dish.

**Help is needed** on Saturday at 10:00 AM to load and transport items to the park. Sunday we need help with set-up starting at 7:00 AM and clean up after the luncheon.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 12:

**Elder on Duty:** Bruce Gast  
**Usher Team:** Tom Harrmann  
**Communion Assistant:** Steve Reinke  
**Altar Guild:** Jackie Bouchard  
**Greeter:** Betty Allen  
**Acolyte:** Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 13:

**Elder on Duty:** DuWayne Griepentrog  
**Usher Team:** Lee Weinig  
**Communion Assistant:** Blaine Henkel  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Liz Kamprath  
**Acolyte:** Simon Kroes

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 16:

**Elder on Duty:** Robert Allen  
**Usher Team:** Dave Acker  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Evensen/Jean Zeinert

## Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Ravioli, Salad Dressing, Cold Cereal, Jello/Pudding, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Hamburger Helper and Dish Soap.** If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

## Help Trinity Food Pantry Pick the Peace Garden

This Summer, Trinity Food Pantry will once again have the opportunity to pick fresh vegetables from the Peace Lutheran Garden (1228 S Park Ave, Neenah). We are looking for volunteers to help with picking, Monday & Thursday evenings for no more than one hour on Food Pantry weeks. If you are able to help, please sign up (on the spinner in the narthex) for a date and we will contact you with details. Thank You!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 19:

**Elder on Duty:** Bruce Gast  
**Usher Team:** Jerry Maynard  
**Communion Assistant:** Ian Thomas  
**Altar Guild:** Jackie Bouchard  
**Greeter:** Barbara Kester  
**Acolyte:** Payton Lenth

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 20:

**Elder on Duty:** DuWayne Griepentrog  
**Usher Team:** Jim Wittmann  
**Communion Assistant:** Dave Collingwood  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Connie Henkel  
**Acolyte:** Richie Sprouse

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 23:

**Elder on Duty:** Michael Bekx  
**Usher Team:** Steve Reinke  
**Altar Guild:** Carol Evensen/Jean Zeinert



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## You are invited to the Ladies Aid/LWML Summer Outing



**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**\$5 admission**

Carpool 12:00 @ Church Dr. 7

1:00 tour (approx. 1½ hours)

Dine out @ New London Family Diner

1601 N Shawano St, New London



Sign up on the spinner in the Narthex  
or contact Elaine @ 920-470-9090  
or [lweinigoutlook.com](http://lweinigoutlook.com)



## **“The Law”** **Luke 10:23-37**

In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lawyer wants to know how to keep the Law in order to inherit eternal life. But that is impossible. The Law doesn't save. It kills. There is no nice way to preach it. You don't take the edge off of: "You are going to Hell" by saying it nicely or by smiling. You only give the impression that either you don't care or it is a joke. There is another option. Don't preach the Law. Don't say, "You are going to Hell." Instead hold out the Law like a promise. Pretend that the Law is obtainable. Men love that. It still won't save, but it will gain you friends. It allows men their delusions for a time, until the wolf sheds his false, sheep's coat and devours them. Despite the fact that it seems right to men and sells a lot of books, the Law cannot save. If there had been a law given which have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the Law. But the Scripture has confined all under sin!

Notice that Jesus turns the lawyer's question around. The Lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbor?" That is, "Who must I love?" Jesus asks, "Who proved neighbor to the man in need?" That is, "Who loved?" Jesus places the lawyer in the ditch. It is not a call to do good. It is a call to receive mercy. The Lawyer is in the ditch of the Law. He is dead on the side of the road, whether he knows it or not. The Law goes marching by. The helpless priest and Levite skitter past not because they do not care, but because they cannot help. They can only kill. The Lawyer must find a Neighbor who can lift him out of death, a Neighbor who is merciful, who will bind up his wounds, pour on wine and oil, walk beside him as a servant while he rides, take him to an inn of recovery, pay for everything, and promise to come back. That Neighbor is an outsider, an ethnic enemy, despised, scorned, betrayed, and killed. He has no obligation to help. He is moved by compassion. That Neighbor can make the Lawyer a son with the inheritance of heaven.

The answer then to "who is my neighbor?" is not "everyone." It is Jesus. Jesus is my Neighbor – not for me to serve, for me to love, for me to do good things to, but for me to be served by, to be loved, to receive good. Jesus, the Merciful

One, is my Neighbor. He loves me as Himself. He keeps the Law for me. Here is eternal life: not in a call to do good works, to be the Samaritan, but rather in receiving the ministrations of the Samaritan, our just defender. Jesus finds us broken by the Law, helpless in the ditch, dying. We wound up there because we hated Him. But still He loves us. He intervenes. He provides. Oil for Baptism? Wine for Holy Communion? The Inn for the Church? Of course. This is, after all, a parable.

Now, I don't why you came here this today. We all have bad reasons. Mine are the worst of all: I'm paid to be here! We like to try and justify ourselves. Maybe you come to Church because you feel guilty and hope your attendance will please God. Or maybe you are just lonely and don't have anything else to do. You come out of habit or because you have friends here and want to see them. I don't know, and I don't care. Here is the significant thing: You are here and Jesus is here. He is not here to judge you. He is here to heal you, to restore and refresh you, to love and forgive you, to be your Neighbor and your Brother. It is not that your sins are not significant or that He is enabling you, winking at your sins or looking the other way. Your sins are destructive and shameful, but He forgives them from His mercy. God is love. He loves to love you.

Whatever reason you may have thought you had for coming this morning, or even if you came without any reason at all, the real reason in the end is that God led you here. Your presence is of cosmic significance. The angels see you and they rejoice. God has not forgotten the promise He made to you when you were Baptized. He claimed you. He put His Name on you. No one steals from Him. This is where He wants you because this is where He is present according to His mercy and grace. He has a surprise for you, for the lawyer in you. You do not have to keep the Law. You do not have to be good. You do not even have to understand. He gives Himself to you. He will lead you. This place is but an inn of rest and recovery. It is temporary, a shadow of the real thing to come. Jesus has paid for everything and He is coming back. He will take you home. Soon, dear believer, soon, your Lord will return. In Jesus' ✠ Name. Amen.