



# July 26, 27 & 30, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, July 26:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, July 27:

9:00 AM Divine Service

Adult Confirmation

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, July 28:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study-Menasha Public Lib.

### Tuesday, July 29:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 30:

6:30 PM Summer Divine Service -LAST SERVICE

### Thursday, July 31:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

11:00 AM-6:00 PM Drive Thru Brat Fry/Bake Sale

### Friday, August 1:

### Saturday, August 2:

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, August 3:

9:00 AM Divine Service

**OUR FINAL SUMMER MID-WEEK SERVICE  
WILL BE WEDNESDAY JULY 30.**

## ✠ 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 Trimberger, 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:** Holden Anderson, Kendall Bates, Riley Hofmann, McKena Johnson, Arianna Wendler, and Lisa Wussow.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Julie and Thomas Vanden Wyngaard.

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



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## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook.

### This Weekend's Flowers

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

### This Weekend's Banners

"Word of God" & "Teach Us to Walk in the Way  
of the Lord"

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## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Luke 11:11** - *"What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?"* A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the church and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas — home, church and society — the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.

### Holy Communion

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Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

### Daily Devotions Direct Link!

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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>.

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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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### Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

### Prayer Chain

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

### \$ SCRIP News \$

**SCRIP** is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-  
Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex  
before and after worship services.



## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 26:

**Elder on Duty:** Bruce Gast  
**Usher Team:** Brian Gast/Dominic Corrente  
**Communion Assistant:** Dan Siebert  
**Altar Guild:** Jackie Bouchard  
**Greeter:** Dan & Peggy Dahms  
**Acolyte:** Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 27:

**Elder on Duty:** DuWayne Griepentrog  
**Usher Team:** Dave Collingwood  
**Communion Assistant:** Steve Sexmith  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Rosemary Collingwood  
**Acolyte:** Robbie Kohler

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

#### **LAST MID-WEEK SERVICE FOR THE SUMMER**

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

## **Food Pantry**

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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**

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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 ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 2:

**Elder on Duty:** Robert Allen  
**Usher Team:** Roger Voigt  
**Communion Assistant:** Vance Pues  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** JoAnn Schultz  
**Acolyte:** Payton Lenth

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 3:

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Steve Sexmith  
**Communion Assistant:** Ron Kraus  
**Altar Guild:** Brad & Karen Perry  
**Flower Delivery:** Brad & Karen Perry  
**Greeter:** Jane Nielsen  
**Acolyte:** Simon Kroes

## **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.

## **Donations Are Needed ...**



We are running short on toilet paper. Donations can be left in the church or school offices. Thank you so much for your generous donations. We appreciate any help you can offer.

## **Painters Needed**

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If you know anyone who would like to do some painting to match our beautifully restored windows, please contact Elaine Weinig for a list of needs. Phone or text to: (920) 470-9090, or email: lweinig@outlook.com Thank you!

**Reminding our Trinity Family of our  
DRIVE THRU BRAT FRY & BAKE SALE  
Thursday, July 31st • 11:00 am to 6:00 pm  
in Trinity's Parking Lot on Broad Street**



**Tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers!**

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**.

**NEED DESSERT?**

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

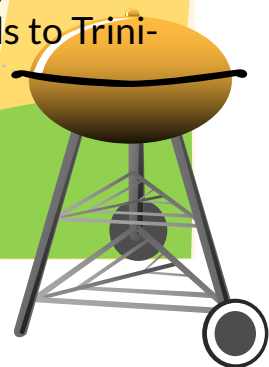
***Baked items will be appreciated as always.*** By the way, we've been richly blessed at our bake sales this summer. You can bring your donations to Trinity (GYM) on Wednesday between 8 am and 2:30 pm or bring them Thursday morning after 8 am.

**HELP IS NEEDED!**

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.**

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. All proceeds to Trinity Tuition Assistance Fund

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



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT AND KIT MINISTRY

It is that time of year again when our hearts and minds are turned to remembering those neighbors who are less fortunate. For more than 75 years LWR has responded to war, disasters, and emergencies by turning the compassion of quilters and school and health kit makers into tangible items that meet urgent needs and offer glimpses of hope for families experiencing crisis. Your Trinity Ladies Aid/LWML has organized this drive here at Trinity for many years. Please pray about this and if so moved we would ask you to consider donating items for the school kits or personal care kits. Your generosity will certainly be a blessing to the receiving individuals and blessed by Him. We have completed an inventory of items we had already collected last year or during the interim. The following need numbers take this into consideration.

Our goal is to make 125 school kits and 125 personal care kits. Our dedicated quilters are nearing their goal of 50 twin size tied quilts.

### **To complete 125 personal care/health kits we will need the following:**

- \* 34 bath size (4.5 oz) bars of soap in wrapper

### **To complete 125 school kits we will need the following:**

- \* 107 small hand held pencil sharpeners
- \* 97 blunt scissors
- \* 272 black or blue ballpoint pens
- \* 86 - rulers 30cm

Please place your donated items on the back counter in the Small Fellowship Hall.

We will be **assembling the kits** during our August meeting, **August 19 @ 6:30 PM**. All are welcome if you would like to help assemble kits in the Large Fellowship Hall.

THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO SERVE OUR LORD BY SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS.



## **“Mary Magdalene” John 20: 1-2; 10-18**

In Jesus' ✠ Name. Amen.

Except for Mary, the mother of our Lord, no other woman in the New Testament receives the attention from the Evangelists that Mary Magdalene does. Magdalene is not her last name, but rather a description, an adjective. It is like the name “Jesus Christ,” with “Christ” being a description of who Jesus is. He is the Christ, the Messiah. But it is even more like the name: Joseph of Arimathea, without the “of.” She is called Magdalene because she came from a town called Magdala, which is near Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus would have gone through that town many times during his time near the Sea of Galilee. Andrew, Peter, James, and John would have grown up and worked near there.

But Mary is not known primarily because of where she came from, but for what the Lord did for her and later what she would do for the disciples. Both Mark and Luke record that Jesus cast out seven demons from her and that afterward she became a follower of Jesus and supported His journeys from her own means (Mk 16:9, Lk 8:2-3). However, all four Gospels record that she was the first one to whom Jesus appeared after His resurrection, and she was the one who announced the resurrection to the Apostles.

For today, let's just consider the accounts that mention her by name. Although two Gospels mention the exorcism as a parenthetical, almost a brushing remark, this is really a significant event in her life. She was burdened by the devil and evil spirits in a real, tangible way that hurt her and made her life miserable. Jesus stepped into her life and relieved her of this pain and suffering by casting out those seven demons. This is representative of our life before coming to faith in Jesus, and even a fitting example of how we struggle and suffer with sin even after becoming Christians.

We don't normally stop and think about non-Christians this way and we definitely don't typically think about un-baptized babies this way, but this is the reality. It is clearly taught in Scripture and confessed in our Lutheran Confessions. Prior to coming to faith, a person, no matter how old or how young, is by nature, at

odds with God. Jesus says to Nicodemus, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). This means that everyone born according to nature, is brought into this world at odds with the kingdom of God—born in sin. Our Confessions clearly say that “Since the fall of Adam, all human beings who are born in the natural way are conceived and born in sin. This means that from birth they are full of evil lusts and inclinations and cannot by nature possess true fear of God and true faith in God....this same innate disease and original sin is truly sin and condemns to God's eternal wrath all who are not in turn born anew through baptism and the Holy Spirit.” This is the serious truth about sin and about those outside the Christian Church. They are apart from God, at odds with God, even against God. This is how we all were before coming to the faith and being Baptized.

Baptism is no light matter. It actually makes Christians. It drowns the old and gives birth to the new. It establishes a saving relationship with God. It changes the life of the person; they even act differently.

St. Mary's exorcism by our Lord is a picture of baptism. The devils are cast out and faith in Christ is established. Mary believed that Jesus was the Christ and her life after the exorcism was consistent with that. She followed Him, loved Him, supported His work out of her means, followed Him to the cross, came early to His tomb to care for His body, conversed with the risen Lord, and took that message of resurrection and hope back to the disciples.

That is what Christians do. This is the story of your life in Christ. You are born anew in the waters of Holy Baptism. You have been exorcised of the devil and all his works. You believe in Jesus as your Savior, having faith implanted in you by the Holy Spirit. You were set on the path of the Christian life, hearing and learning God's Word. All of you are at some point on that road, You are being nurtured and brought up in that faith. You continue this throughout life by coming to church, surrounding yourself with Christian family and friends, praying, reading Scripture, doing good works, helping your neighbor, confessing your sin, receiving forgiveness, and passing the message of salvation on to those God has placed around you. Amen.