



## August 23 & 24, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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### ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

#### Saturday, August 23:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

#### Sunday, August 24:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

#### Monday, August 25:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

#### **First Day of School—5th through 8th Grades**

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

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

#### Tuesday, August 26:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday, August 27:

#### **First Day of School—PS3 through 4th Grades**

9:00 AM School Chapel

#### Thursday, August 28:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Choir Practice

#### Friday, August 29: NO SCHOOL

#### Saturday, August 30:

2:00 PM Installation of Pastor Frisque @  
Peace Lutheran Church, Neenah

5:00 PM Divine Service

#### Sunday, August 31:

9:00 AM Divine Service

### ✝ We Pray For...✝

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, 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, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, 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, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Kathryn Baehman, Tinley Carpenter, Daniel Emery, Brian Gast, Cody Hanby, Connie Henkel, Howard Kislewski, Robbie Kohler, Charley Michalski-Tobey, Samuel Mlodik, Mason Steeno, Shiloh Tuyls, Dylon Wieck, and Desiree Wittmann.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Megan & Adam\* Anderson, Kathleen & Chris\* Rigotti and Brian & Cheryl Wendler.

School begins August 25th. School office hours will again be 8:00 AM to 3:30 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  
Ladies Aid to the glory of God.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“For Us and With Us” & “Linked in Christ’s Love”

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## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 13:26 – *“Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’”* Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus’ Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks.

### 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 service.

### 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>.

### \$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

### 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](mailto:lweinig@outlook.com) Thank you!

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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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### 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.

### Thank You to All!

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Thank you to Pastor Billings, Pastor GeRue, the Prayer Chain and to all who sent cards, get well wishes and prayers my way during recent surgery. I was blessed with a wonderful medical team that helped with a speedy recovery. God’s blessings to all! Dave Edwards

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 23:

**Elder on Duty:** Robert Allen  
**Usher Team:** Gast/Corrente Team  
**Communion Assistant:** Ian Thomas  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** Dan & Peggy Dahms  
**Acolyte:** Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 24:

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Dave Collingwood  
**Communion Asst:** Paul Collingwood  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Rosemary Collingwood  
**Acolyte:** Simon Kroes

### **Ladies Aid/LWML says Thank you!**

Thank you to all who donated items to the Lutheran World Relief Kits Drive. We have reached our goal! If you still would like to participate, financial donations are appreciated to cover shipping costs. You can make check payable to "LWR" and place them in the offering plate, or bring them to the church office. God's blessings, and again, thank you for your generosity.

## **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!

### **Coming September 7th**

On Sunday September 7, we will have our annual Rally Day. Children will sing, Teachers will be rededicated, horse d'oeuvres, cake, ice cream and fellowship. Don't forget the balloons. 9:00 am Sunday September 7.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 30:

**Elder on Duty:** Robert Allen  
**Usher Team:** Roger Voigt  
**Communion Assistant:** Dan Siebert  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** Barbara Kester  
**Acolyte:** Payton Lenth

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 31:

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Steve Sexmitch  
**Communion Assistant:** Josiah Nielsen  
**Altar Guild:** Brad & Karen Perry  
**Flower Delivery:** Brad & Karen Perry  
**Greeter:** Connie Henkel  
**Acolyte:** Richie Sprouse

## **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.

## **Church Picnic , Thank You!**

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The Board of Outreach & Social Ministry would like to thank everyone that helped with the loading and unloading of supplies and with set up and clean up after the picnic. They truly appreciate your hard work and donations that helped make this year's picnic a success. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family! Blessings on your day, Noelle Webber  
Board of Outreach and Social Ministry



## **Trinity's Bazaar November 15**

We are in the planning phase for this years Bazaar and are looking for vendors. If interested please complete an application and turn into the Church Office by September 15.

**“Treasure in Jars of Clay”**  
**2 Corinthians 4:7-10; Luke 22:24-30**

What is Paul is getting at when in writing to the Corinthians, he said: **“But we have this treasure in jars of clay . . .”**

For the “clay” that Paul is speaking of there is the “human-ness” of the Church. The fact that the Church, which contains such a great treasure, the saving and precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, is made up of sinful people. We very well might say: *“The Church I like; it’s the people I could do without.”*

*“God, you I like; it’s your people I could do without!”*

And its tempting, isn’t it? To want to escape. When you’re tired of the struggle; when you’re tired of striving for the truth; when you’re tired of being around all of these imperfect people, these jars of clay around you . . .

But there is a problem with that kind of religion . . . and His name is Jesus Christ. *For the incarnation deals a death-blow to all forms of escapism.* Because in order to deal with the problem of our sinful human-ness and our offensiveness, God did not tell us to try to *escape* this world and our sinful human nature and somehow mystically get away from it all by spiritually ascending into Heaven. **No, He came down.** He came right down into it! The Father sent His Son down into this world of sin and offense, to take on our human nature, and become a man. . . . And there was never a greater treasure in a jar of clay than the Son of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The Creator of the world as a creature. The One who feeds every living thing lying in a manger, messing His diapers, and feeding at His mother’s breast. The all-powerful One, walking on this earth and getting tired and thirsty and hungry. The Author of all life, hung bleeding and dying on a

cross. And even though He was sinless in every way, still He was an offense, a stumbling block, to many. To many who could simply not believe that God would take on human flesh, a jar of clay. To many who could simply not believe that God would eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners. To many who could simply not believe that God would die as a criminal on a cross for those, and in the place of those, who deserved to die that death themselves. It just doesn’t make sense that God would do that!

And so Paul rightly explains what having this great treasure in jars of clay means for us. **“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.”** Or in other words, having the treasures of the Son of God in jars of clay, the Church is not a place of escape – no, just the opposite! She is life *in the midst* of death. She is forgiveness *in the midst* of sin. She is truth *in the midst* of deception. She is peace *in the midst* of struggle. She is certainty *in the midst* of doubt. She is love *in the midst* of hate. She is hope *in the midst* of hopelessness. She is light *in the midst* of darkness. . . . **“We have this treasure in jars of clay . . .”**

**Next Week at Trinity School**

- Aug. 25** 1st Day of School 5th—8th Grades
- Aug. 26** 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- Aug. 27** 1st day of School PS3—4th Grade  
9:00 am Chapel  
3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- Aug. 29** No School
- Sept. 2** School Resumes  
3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- Sept. 3** 9:00 am Chapel
- Sept. 4** 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- Sept. 7** Rally Day—Students sing at 9:00 am