



October 18 & 19, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, October 18: BOOK FAIR

LWML WEEKEND

5:00 PM Divine Service /Children Sing

Sunday, October 19: BOOK FAIR

LWML WEEKEND/PASTOR APPRECIATION

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

Monday, October 20: LWML ZONE RALLY

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

ALL DAY—RED ROBIN DINE-OUT

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

4:30 PM LWML Zone Rally

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

Tuesday, October 21:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 22:

9:00 AM Chapel

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

6:00 PM Pastor Quartet Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 24:

Saturday, October 25: REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, October 26: REFORMATION SUNDAY

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

11:30 AM German Dinner

Our non-alcoholic option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.

✠ 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 & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, 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 Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, Lori Wendricks, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Robert Allen, Avaleigh Bain, Steven Baldauf, David Bartelme, Sherry Bricco-Tobin, Evan Emery, Linda Greetan, Christopher Swick, Ronald Voster, Kurt Wendler, Cindy Williams and Teresa Wray.

Celebrating Anniversaries: David & Eileen Acker, Kevin & Jamie Mies, and Carl & Karen Riske.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 19, 2025

Join us for a reception to celebrate our wonderful Pastors. There will be cupcakes and drinks after the service. You will find a table with Thank You cards and a basket to put them in. Sponsored by the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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"Like" Us on Facebook.

This Weekend's Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been given
by Carl & Karen Riske in celebration of their
wedding anniversary.

This Weekend's Banners

"Linked in Christ's Love" & "Serve the Lord
With Gladness"

✠ Stewardship ✠ Pentecost 19

Genesis 32:26 - *"Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day has broken.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'"* The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

Daily Devotions Direct Link!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings' Daily Devotion and his Daily Prayer videos: <https://www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions>.

MUSICAL OFFERING - Saturday

PS3-2nd: "Be Careful Little Eyes"
3rd-8th: "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"
Chimes: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Custodian Supply Donation Needed

We need to ask for donations of paper towels. We appreciate your generosity and support of your church and school. God's blessings!

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
"*Leaning on Jesus*" A Study of *God's Strength* 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, Conf. Room

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

Holy Communion

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.

LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally Monday, October 20, 2025 Registration starts at 4:30 PM

Trinity Menasha • RSVP at (920) 722-2662
Speaker: Jan Bathke: "Living With Death"
Everyone is welcome!

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 18:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Gast & Corrente Team
Communion Asst.: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 19:

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: Richie Sprouse

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Cranberries, Boxed Stuffing, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, 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!

\$ 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.

Kwik Trip, gas and groceries has doubled their rebate. Also, increased rebate on Fleet Farm. Limited time only!

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

Mark Your Calendar
GERMAN DINNER
Sunday, October 26, 2025
11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Large Fellowship Hall

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 25:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Roger Voigt
Communion Asst.: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 26:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst.: Josiah Nielsen
Altar Guild: Craig & Jill Thomas
Flower Delivery: Craig & Jill Thomas
Greeter: Jane Nielsen
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Volunteers Needed!

German Dinner is next Sunday, October 26th. Volunteers are still needed. Please check the spinner in the narthex and prayerfully consider if there's a way you can use your time and talents to help make our German Dinner another great success. Thank you so very much.

Quilting Supplies Needed

Our quilters are in need of sheets or fabric to use for the quilt tops or backing. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or mark the items for "Quilting" and leave them on the pew by Door 7.



EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 18: 5:00 PM Children Sing
Sat., Oct. 18: LWML Weekend
Sun., Oct. 19: Pastor Appreciation/LWML Weekend
Mon., Oct. 20: LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally
Red Robin Dining Out (All Day)
Sun., Oct. 26: German Dinner
Sat., Nov. 15: Trinity Bazaar

Keeper

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?**
- 2 My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.**
- 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right
hand.**
- 6 The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.**
- 8 The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Have you ever stood at the bottom of a mountain and looked up? You feel small, and the idea of walking up the mountain seems impossible.

The people praying and singing today's psalm were most likely making a pilgrimage to the holy city of Jerusalem. A journey of this magnitude would sometimes seem overwhelming and impossible, especially as one hill, mountain or valley would lead to the next. One might even become discouraged.

As the church year goes on, do you feel like you are at the bottom of a mountain, and each week leads to another hill and valley?

If so, do not be discouraged, but join the prayer of God's people as they said, "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

Your help also comes from the Lord. No, He will not remove the burden of day to day life from you; just as Jesus grew in wisdom and stature as a boy (Luke 2:52), you must grow in wisdom and knowledge, too.

But this psalm comforts you that Jesus will abide with you every step of this school year and, more importantly, every step of this life so

that you may be led to His holy Jerusalem, His heaven.

In fact, this is why Jesus Himself journeyed to Jerusalem that first Holy Week, to climb the hill of Mount Calvary and go to the cross for you, to die and redeem you for the sins of doubt that assail you.

Now, the final verse of this psalm is also very comforting as it says, "The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8).

Wherever life leads you, Jesus is with you. Life is full of discouragement and moments of feeling overwhelmed, but God is faithful. When the days of school are difficult, and even when they aren't, call out to Him for help and He will answer.

PRAYER

Almighty God, as we face the mountains of challenges and fears in this life, remind us You are our Creator and Helper, our Rock and our Fortress. Thank You for sending Your Son to die the death meant for us on Calvary. Comfort us through Your Word and Sacraments every day. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Week at Trinity School

- Oct. 18—19** Book Fair
- Oct. 20** 9:00 am School Opening
All Day Red Robin Dining Out
- Oct. 21** 9:00 am School Opening
3:45 pm VB @ home vs Homeschool
- Oct. 22** 9:00 am School Chapel
9:30 am FVLHS Play 5th-8th Graders
- Oct. 23** 9:00 am School Opening
1:30 pm Electives
4:30 pm VB @ home vs Celebration
- Oct. 24** End of 1st Quarter
9:00 am School Opening
K4 & K5 Little Farmer
1st & 2nd Farm Wisconsin
Popcorn Friday



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

Ladies Aid/LWML Year in Review (October 2024 - September 2025)

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Menasha Wisconsin



OCTOBER 2024:

Meeting October 22: Trinity sent 125 Personal Care Kits and 125 School Kits along with 50 homemade quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Quilts were displayed on the church pews and blessed prior to being sent out.

October 11/12: celebration of LWML Day; member Elaine Weinig talked about what Ladies Aid/LWML has meant to her in all three services. There was a door collection for LWML mites. Jean Zeinert made the beautiful LWML banner 'ready to serve'.

Nine of our members attended the LWML Zone 11 rally in Fond du Lac, Hope Lutheran Church. A program on the mission of Bethany Lutheran Church, Milwaukee was well received.

Rebekah Nielsen shared with the group via zoom her experience as a short-term medical mission in the Philippines in June 2024. She shared their culture and the country. Rebekah completed her presentation with the conviction that though the great commission is calling her to look locally to serve Him and to encourage others to consider if God is opening local mission doors to them too.

Ladies Aid held a Bake Sale in conjunction with Trinity's Bazaar. Proceeds from the sale was \$2000, monies will be disbursed during the January 2025 meeting.

NOVEMBER 2024:

Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas party at the machine shed in Appleton. Our pastors (Billings, GeRue, Alliet, Dehne, Schroeder and their wives were invited to be our guests and all attended. Special thank you to Lynne Schroeder for hosting the event along with Linda Ratzburg.

DECEMBER 2024:

Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale; 9 separate sales as we opened up for the Trinity School Christmas worship services. Proceeds were \$1516. A tin of cookies and candy (8) were delivered to all shut ins.

JANUARY 2025:

Meeting January 21; our goal to disburse the funds we were so very blessed to be given by our Lord. The following disbursements were made for a total of \$5475.

\$300 to Bible Translator Sierre Leone, Amy Formella

\$500 to Matthew Kinne family, vicar in Hamilton, Ohio

\$300 to Reverend Kevin Parvis, Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism

\$300 to LCMS for Reverend Walter and Robyn Steele, missionary in Kenya at the seminary
\$300 to Reverend Steven and Martha Mehlberg, missionary in Sri Lanka
\$875 Amazon gift cards (\$125) given to each homeroom teacher for use in their classrooms.
\$300 office supplies
\$2300 for the Board of Properties to use their discretion on where to use the monies for projects and repairs at Trinity
\$300 altar flowers for 1 weekend each month (a Ladies Aid/LWML member covered the flowers)

FEBRUARY 2024:

Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

MARCH 2024:

Meeting March 18, created Easter cards to be sent to shut-ins.
Members also voted for the top five grants from a list of 47.
These will be voted on at 41st Biennial Convention in Omaha, Nebraska.

APRIL 2024

Meeting April 15: was Movie Night, watched the presentation of “Risen”
April 20: Zone 11 Spring Rally at Divine Savior, North Fond du Lac, 10 of our ladies attended. Theme was ‘a single, loving act can transform the world.’
Trinity brat fry/bake sale/bake sale on April 26/27 at the home of Cari and James Boss most of our Ladies Aid/LWML members were involved with organizing the event, baking, working both days and cleanup. Proceeds for Trinity were \$5454.

MAY 2024

Meeting May 20: salad, hors d’oeuvre and dessert dinner; we enjoyed white elephant bingo. It was a great time of good food, fellowship and fun! Approximately 20 members and guests attended.

JUNE 2024

Meeting June 17: a presentation by Tim & JoAnn Schwan from Faith Lutheran Church Appleton and Hagger the comfort dog. It was very touching to hear about this ministry and how they go out into the communities, especially after disasters to bring peace and understanding.

June 7: a second Trinity Brat Fry and Bake Sale was hosted by Ellie and Jerry Maynard in Sherwood. Our members were again very involved with organizing, serving as cashiers, baking and working in the food and bakery stand the day of the sale. Proceeds were \$3,474.85

JULY 2024

Meeting July 15: tour of four-wheel drive Seagrove Museum in Clintonville. This was a guided tour that brought many happy memories for our senior members from this timeless collection. After the tour a wonderful dinner was enjoyed at Matthews Supper Club in Clintonville. Great night of fellowship for the ladies and a few spouses.

Our 2025 Lutheran World Relief Drive began, involving Trinity congregation.

AUGUST 2025

Meeting August 19: goal to assemble the Personal Care Kits and School kits for Lutheran World Relief. We did just that and completed 125 of each. Thank you to the several ladies from the congregation. We thank the many Trinity members who donated the many items needed for these kits. The kits, along with our 50 homemade quilts, will be taken by truck to a pick-up station located at Appleton Lutheran Church on October 4 and from there taken to world relief storage and lastly shipped to needy families all over the world.

Five new families were taken into membership. Our Ladies Aid/LWML group presented these families with bountiful welcome baskets, including Trinity information.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Meeting September 16: we enjoyed a wonderful salad, hors d'oeuvre and dessert potluck 19 ladies and Pastor GeRue attended. Pastor led us in a devotion. The schedule of the remainder of 2025/2026 meetings with speakers, social events, and plans for fundraisers were put into motion. Officers for the 2025-2026 year were installed by Pastor GeRue as follows: Carol Evensen/Dawn Henrikson as co-presidents, vice president Brenda Kempf, secretary Jane Nielsen, treasurer Jane Stier.

Trinity is very blessed to have an extremely active group of ladies who are committed to serving their Lord, Trinity congregation and our community. We do not publish this 'year in review' for a pat on the back but we hope and pray that other ladies will see who we are and what we are all about and want to become part of us. We dedicate ourselves to Him in gratitude for what He did for us. We pledge to joyfully answer His call when he has need of us. Our will is to do His will, which is utmost to bring the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with Him. We also feel it very important that we promote and support relationships among our Trinity ladies and care about each other. Our prayer is that we love each other as Christ never stops loving us.

Meetings and events are normally on the third Tuesday of each month; the time is normally 6:30 pm in the small fellowship hall. Every female member of Trinity is always very welcomed, as are guests and friends.

Sewing is every Monday from 9 am to whatever time you'd like to stay. Most of the ladies leave between 12 noon and 2 pm. You need not have sewing knowledge or experience to come, as we find jobs for everyone. Again, there is much fellowship and sharing as we work. We not only make quilts for Lutheran World Relief but we also make & donate quilts and other bedding to Pillars, the homeless shelter in Appleton.

Time is crucial for us to listen to His call, as we do all we can to show love and caring for the people He has placed in our path of life, as well as for our neighbors all over the world. Our mite collections are used to fulfill grants that have been voted upon and selected for needs in many areas.

We are so richly blessed; to Him be the glory and honor!



RED ROBIN® WILL GIVE *20% Of Food Sales* Back To*

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

ORGANIZATION NAME

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

N109 Stoney Brook Rd Appleton

RED ROBIN RESTAURANT NAME/ADDRESS/STATE/ZIP

October 20th

DATE

All Day

TIME

1. Start your order at order.redrobin.com and select the restaurant above.
2. In the menu, tap the category labeled **Fundraisers (To-Go Only)**.
3. Click the **add** button, and then **add to bag**.
4. Add your meal items and check out.
5. Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!



*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.

Usher's Meeting

October 22, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Supper served at 5:00 pm

Open to all interested in Ushering or Greeting

Open to anyone interested in becoming involved in a needed, once a month, activity of greeting and ushering. Enjoy a meal and fellowship with other Trinity members.

- ♦ **3rd year confirmands** will be added to the crews.
Parents are requested to attend.
- ♦ **Usher Captains -If you are unable to attend, please be sure someone from your team will be there.**

If you have any questions or a special topic you wish to discuss, please contact Elaine at 920-470-9090 text or voice or by email: lweinig@outlook.com.

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