

July 25, 26 & 29, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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† This Week at Trinity †

Saturday, July 25:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, July 26:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, July 27:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM Home Prayer Group

5:00 PM Adult Information Class

Tuesday, July 28:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (see location p. 2)

Wednesday, July 29:

6:30 PM Summer Mid-Week Divine Service

Thursday, July 30:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, July 31:

Saturday, August 1:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 2:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

OUR LAST SUMMER MID-WEEK DIVINE SERVICE will be Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 PM.

† We Pray For... †

The Sick: Dave & Eileen Acker, Lily Andreshak, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Steve Baldauf, Mark & Jean Becker, Lucy Bricco, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Joshua Collins and Family, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lana Gast, Bev GeRue, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Randy LaBelle, Fritz Larson, Josie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, George Ohlrogge, Jerry & Diane Peotter, Joan Reinke, Randy Ross, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Marty Schramper, Irene Schwerbel, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Beverly Voster, Don Wash, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

Those with Birthdays: Arianna Wendler and Lisa Wussow.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries: Julie & Thomas Vanden Wyngaard.

If you are in the hospital or planning on being in the hospital, please call one of the Pastors to let them know. Thank you.

Ongoing Adult Informational Class

Meetings on Monday Evenings from 5:00–6:00 pm, Pastor GeRue will lead an Adult Informational Class. Come and join us for this exciting and informative class. We will meet in the conference room off of the offices. At the completion of the class, you may become a communicant member of Trinity, if you desire.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.
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"Like" Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given to the glory of
God by Ladies Aid.

Weekly Attendance

Saturday, July 18: 60
Sunday, July 19: 109
Wednesday, July 22: 11
TOTAL: 180

✝ Stewardship ✝

Matthew 13:45-46 – *"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it."* Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

DIVINE SERVICE REMINDERS...

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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

DAILY DEVOTIONS DIRECT LINK!

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

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** NO Summer Sunday School
SUNDAY: *"Ezra" and "Nehemiah"*
10:30 AM with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
SUNDAY: *"What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"* with
10:30 AM Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
MONDAY: Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM *Not meeting the month of July.*
TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study
6:30 AM 3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus
All are welcome!
THURSDAY: Men's Bible Study
6:00 AM *"Hebrews"*
Contact: Steve Reinke
Conference Room



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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THIS MONTH

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, **Canned Vegetables**, Canned Ravioli, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Large Soups, Creamed Soups 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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! CHURCH PICNIC – AUGUST 9, 2026

9:00 AM Fellowship

10:00 AM Divine Service

Picnic to follow.

Join us at Jefferson Park's, Large Pavilion
in Menasha!

Potluck Suggestions:

A-G: Hot Dishes *Of course, everyone is welcome to bring whatever dish you would like to pass.*
H-N: Salads
O-Z: Desserts

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 25:

Elder on Duty:	Bruce Gast
Usher Team:	Gast/Corrente Teams
Communion Asst:	Steve Reinke
Altar Guild:	Jean Zeinert
Greeter:	Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte:	Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 26:

Elder on Duty:	Michael Bekx
Usher Team:	Dave Collingwood
Communion Asst:	Steve Sexmith
Altar Guild:	Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery:	Gail Burrows
Greeter:	Rosemary Collingwood
Acolyte:	Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 29:

Usher Team:	TBD
Altar Guild:	J. Zeinert/C. Evensen

MARY HOWDEN TO BE HONORED

Our dear sister in Christ, Mary Howden, will be honored on July 30th at the Annual Neenah Historical Society's Cemetery Walk, along with three other individuals who are Revolutionary War patriots. This year the event will take place in the newly remodeled chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery; address is 1339 Oakridge Road, Neenah. The time is 5:30 pm to 7 pm and the cost is \$5 at the chapel door. Everyone is invited!

CHECK OUT THIS WEEKEND'S INSERTS

- Message From Seminarian, Josh Fuchs, plus a list of seminarians' names and addresses.
- July 31st Drive Through Brat Fry & Bake Sale
- 2026 German Dinner Planning

**NATE DAHMS, SCHOOL ADMIN.
ASSISTANT'S SUMMER HOURS WILL BE
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 1:

Elder on Duty:	Robert Allen
Usher Team:	Roger Voigt
Communion Asst:	Ian Thomas
Altar Guild:	Shirley Fleischer
Greeter:	Betty Allen
Acolyte:	Robbie Kohler

Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 2:

Elder on Duty:	Craig Thomas
Usher Team:	Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst:	Scott Gutzmann
Altar Guild:	Craig & Jill Thomas
Flower Delivery:	Craig & Jill Thomas
Greeter:	Jane Nielsen
Acolyte:	Richie Sprouse

\$ SCRIP News Update! \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex before and after Divine Worship Services.

We now have available a new Scrip card offering that is accepted at Aldi Markets. It is called "Grocery & Auto Mastercard" at a \$50 amount and is accepted as a credit card transaction at Aldi, up to the \$50 amount. (For those of you that have used a Thrivent Action Teams card, this works exactly the same way). Your Scrip Card seller can give you more details on how this card works. Purchase your Grocery & Auto Mastercard today, and start to earn rebates each time you shop at Aldi!

Did you know that you can purchase Scrip or reload existing Scrip cards for many popular retailers online using the RaiseRight app or RaiseRight online? Find the app in the app store on your phone or log into www.raiseright.com on your computer. Enter in **Trinity's enrollment code – 8A38L86A1766**, and you'll be all set to order Scrip for yourself.... or as gifts, for those on your gift list!





Liturgy

The Sanctus

Note: The preface and proper preface come before and prepare us for the Holy Communion, for Jesus Christ to come to us in His true body and blood. See 2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, and Psalm 136.

If any part of the service has been recognized as providing a glimpse of heaven, it's the Sanctus: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory."

This is the eternal song of the angels who hover over the throne of God in the vision of heaven that was given to Isaiah (Is. 6:1-4). Such was the splendor of their song that the very foundations of the threshold of the temple trembled at the sound.

At first glance, these words appear to be out of place at this point in the service. Nevertheless, the reality is that there is nothing in this entire world that compares with the miracle of Jesus' bodily presence to feed his people.

In this meal God is breaking into our world to give us life. No wonder our repeated cry is "Hosanna in the highest," for what is more needed in this dying world than the Lord's salvation?

The second half of the Sanctus contains a statement as bold as the first. Here we have our own little Palm Sunday. Just as the crowds cried out to Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, so do we declare, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" (Mt. 21:9; Ps. 118:26).

Heaven continues to break into our world as Jesus, our humble king, comes riding into our midst in the Lord's name. This confession in the Sanctus of Jesus' real presence is so significant that Luther proposed moving the Sanctus after the Words of Institution in order to highlight the reality of the words we sing.

Note: As Jesus comes to us, we see by faith that the altar is the very throne of God and we join the angels and archangels, the seraphim and saints, in singing His praises. We also take on our lips the words of the crowd that greeted our Lord on Palm Sunday. As He rode into Jerusalem for His victorious death, so now He comes into our midst in, with, and under the bread and wine. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! See Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9.

Summer Hours

For the month of July, Pastor GeRue will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. You may call him at 920-886-1077 to make an appointment for any other time.

July 8, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ our Savior,

It is hard to believe that I am no longer a first-year student at Concordia Theological Seminary. The first year flew by, and I wanted to share some highlights, as well as some updates on the rest of the family.

The bulk of seminary life during the first year consisted of course work. Courses are designed to get us into a constant rhythm of reading and writing, which characterizes the life of a pastor studying God's word to bring it to God's people week in and week out. The entire faculty is excellent, and a few professors were particularly exemplary in their ability to teach. One noteworthy class I had was Homiletics 1, which is an introduction to writing and preaching sermons, and which, in the LCMS, qualifies us to preach in public with pastoral oversight.

In addition to studying, each student is placed in a local congregation for field work. Field work gives students the opportunity to shadow the pastor and to gain experience by taking on responsibilities in the life of the church. At my field work congregation, Zion Lutheran Church in downtown Fort Wayne, I regularly serve as a subdeacon in our Divine Service. I also led a book study for a young adult Sunday school series, taught a four-week adult Sunday school series, and delivered my first sermon to a live congregation during a mid-week Lent service.

This summer I have already finished two courses and am taking Hebrew, which runs through early August. The upcoming school year will be very similar to last, except that I will begin the process of preparing for vicarage placement next spring. While the load is demanding and often daunting, I love the work, and there is nothing else I would rather be doing.

Seminary has given Hannah some opportunities as well. She has been very active in the Seminary Women's Association, which organizes events for learning and fellowship amongst the wives and other women in the seminary community. She recently began serving on the board as a helping hand. Hannah also used her musical skills by singing in the seminary mixed choir, which sang for a number of special services throughout the year. Of course, that is in addition to her daily vocation as a mother. Susanne is 4 and learning to sound out words. John will be 3 in August and loves trucks, tractors, and seeing how things work. Patrick is 1 and a half and adds a few new words to his vocabulary every week. And by God's kindness, a new baby is on the way this coming November.

We are grateful for the many ways Trinity has supported us over the year. Your gifts have helped us financially, but more than that, your prayers have risen to God and sustained us in ways we cannot fathom. Please continue to pray that through these studies, God would open my mouth to speak his word with courage (Eph 6:19), in season and out of season (2 Tim 4:2), rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Tim 2:15), as a faithful servant in his house (Heb 3:5). Pray especially that God would grant Hannah grace and patience as she cares for the children, and for a healthy delivery in the fall. We continue to pray for you all, that you may remain steadfast in repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21). "Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 15:5-6).

Your servants in Christ,
Josh, Hannah, and the Fuchs children

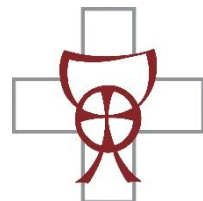
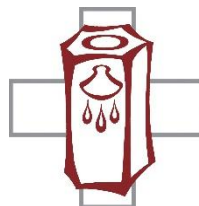
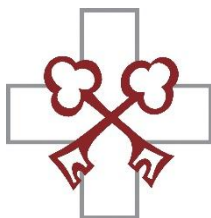
Introducing Trinity's Concordia Seminarians

Josh and Hannah Fuchs & Family
5426 Riviera Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

John and Emily Franklin & Family
3327 Kendale Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Adam and Kristie Ross & Family
27 Founders Way - Unit A
St Louis, MO 63105

They have been called to share the message of Christ crucified for the forgiveness of sins—as pastors who preach and teach God's Word in its truth and purity.



Drive-Thru Brat Fry & Bake Sale Event!

On **Friday, July 31** we plan to host a Drive Thru Brat Fry **in our parking lot...** It will begin at **11 am and go through 6 pm** to be able to offer both lunch and dinner meal deals to our customers. The bagged meal will include:

- grilled meat on a bun
- bag of chips
- 2 chocolate chip cookies and
- a bottle of water.



You will enter Trinity's Parking Lot off 1st Street and visit the **Bake Sale located inside by Door 6**; then you will place your order. Your order will be filled, and brought to your vehicle. You may then exit through the gate on Broad Street. All proceeds will go towards Trinity's Tuition Assistance Program; we are excited for this opportunity to serve our Lord and benefit our school children.

Baked items for the Bake Sale may be brought to Trinity between 8 am and 2:30 pm on Thursday 7/30 or by noon on Friday, 7/31

Please sign up to give us a hand on the 31st. You can find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex; we'll need a willing and joy filled crew! Also be sure to thank our Lord for His blessings regarding our previous sales.

For questions, contact Pastor GeRue at (920) 886-1077 or Ron and Dottie Kraus at (920) 991-2705

Guten Tag! ("Good day" in German!)

It is time to start making plans for our **2026 German Dinner**, that is if we have the willing hearts and hands to make it happen.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

There is no Packer game on Sunday, November 1st. The Packer bye Sunday is late this year; it is November 22nd and very close to Thanksgiving. Our first step will be to have an initial organizational meeting, in the Small Fellowship Hall. This is a meal/event that our congregation and the community looks forward to but it has a lot of entrees, and it is all homemade. Thus, we need lots of prayers and a team of willing workers to do the job, where everyone can enjoy and not become exhausted. Prayerfully consider attending the August 3rd meeting at 6:30 pm to offer your support and talents; let's get the ball rolling! Questions, call us, Ron and Dottie Kraus at (920) 991-2705.



Vielen Dank! ("Thank you very much!")