



August 1 & 2, 2026 Weekly Bulletin
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† This Week at Trinity †

Saturday, August 1:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, August 2:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, August 3:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing
5:00 PM Adult Information Class
6:00 PM Home Prayer Group
6:30 PM German Dinner Meeting
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, August 4:

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

Wednesday, August 5:

MID-WEEK SUMMER SERVICES HAVE ENDED

Thursday, August 6:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, August 7:

NO HYMN SING

Saturday, August 8:

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

Sunday, August 9:

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

**CHURCH PICNIC HAS
BEEN CANCELLED.**

† 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, Carl Riske, 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: Daniel Bartelme, Kendall Bates, Simon Kroes, Danielle Lindner, Barbara Sexmith, Merry Voigt, Bill Watson & Samuel Wussow.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries: William & Cindy Diesch and Brian & Michelle Mahoney

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.
Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
"Like" Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given to the glory of
God by Altar Guild.

Weekly Attendance

Saturday, July 25: 46

Sunday, July 26: 76

TOTAL: 122

✝ Stewardship ✝

Matthew 14:17–18 – "They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'" The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.

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
10:30 AM Sunday School" with
Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY:** Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM Menasha Public Library
Contact: Connie Henkel
- 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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT AND KIT MINISTRY

Our goal this year is to make 140 school kits and 140 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:

- 251 bath size (4.5 oz) bars of soap in wrapper
- 123 Toothbrushes
- 40 Nail Clippers (with or without file)

To complete 125 school kits we will need the following:

- 37 small hand held pencil sharpeners
- 116 blunt scissors
- 29 Wide or College rule notebooks
- 140 - 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 18 @ 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.

✠ Serving the Lord This 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:	JoAnn Schultz
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!

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

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, August 8:

Elder on Duty:	Robert Allen
Usher Team:	Robert Allen
Communion Asst:	Dan Siebert
Altar Guild:	Shirley Fleischer
Greeter:	Betty Allen
Acolyte:	Emma Anderson

Sunday, 9:00 AM, August 9:

Elder on Duty:	Craig Thomas
Usher Team:	Lee Weinig
Communion Asst:	Lee Weinig
Altar Guild:	Craig & Jill Thomas
Flower Delivery:	Craig & Jill Thomas
Greeter:	Liz Kamprath
Acolyte:	Robbie Kohler

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!

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>.



Liturgy

The Lord's Prayer

Note: What could be better than praying God's own words back to Him? As we continue to prepare for Holy Communion, Jesus puts His words into our mouths and gives His Father to us, His baptized siblings, with the promise that He hears and answers all our prayers. Even as we pray the Lord's Prayer, the very things we need are already prepared for us. Through the Holy Communion of Jesus' body and blood, God's name is kept holy among us, His kingdom comes to us, His will is done among us, and we receive the bread of heaven, the forgiveness of sins, help in temptation, and rescue from the evil one and his works and ways. See Matthew 6:9–13 & Luke 11:1–4.

The Words of Our Lord

Among many Christians, the words of Jesus that we often refer to as the Words of Institution are nothing more than an historical report: this is what Jesus did and what he said. Period.

We have been blessed to know, however, that these words mean much more. They do what they say.

According to the command of Christ, we celebrate the Lord's Supper not as a mere meal of remembrance but as a Sacrament by which Jesus himself comes to us. We don't transport ourselves back in time; rather, he comes to us and brings heaven down to earth for our benefit.

Of course, in heaven we won't receive the Lord's Supper. There we will have Jesus — the Bread of heaven — in all his fullness. But for now, as we wait for his return, he establishes his own beachhead in our sin-infested world, coming as our defender and deliverer, offering his own body and blood as the medicine of immortality.

Here we find strength for the journey as Christ dwells in us and we in him. And the more we partake of this sacred food, the greater our desire becomes to be with Christ forever.

In the words of Thomas Aquinas' great eucharistic hymn: O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see: May what we thirst for soon our portion be: To gaze on Thee unveiled, and see Thy face, The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. (Lutheran Service Book, 640)

Note: It is not the power of the pastor or the faith of the people that makes this miracle happen, but the mighty words of Christ Himself, speaking with the pastor's mouth: "This is My body"; "This is My blood," the very same body and blood that were born of Mary and crucified for us. And so it is, just as He says! This is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink. See Matthew 26:26–28, Mark 14:22–24, Luke 22:19–20, and 1 Corinthians 11:23–25.

The Pax Domini *The peace of the Lord*

Note: Just as Jesus rose from the dead and appeared in His flesh to the disciples on the first Easter, giving them His peace, so He comes now to us with that same peace in His body and blood. The peace of the Lord is not floating in space but is located in the gifts He gives here. See John 20:19.