

✠ School News ✠

“Sent to Serve”

This Week's Theme:

“Confessing the Truth”

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

John, Duke of Saxony, Elector
George, Margrave of Brandenburg
Ernest, Duke of Lüneberg
Philip, Landgrave of Hesse
John Frederick, Duke of Saxony
Francis, Duke of Lüneberg
Wolfgang, Prince of Anhalt

Recognize those names? Most of you probably do not. But they are very important people. They are some of the rulers who signed the Augsburg Confession and presented it to the Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire, Charles V, on this day, 491 years ago. We celebrate the anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 theses; the anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. But that event led to this one - the presentation of the Augsburg Confession, when these princes and cities of the Holy Roman Empire literally put their necks on the line and *confessed*: this is what is taught in our churches.

You see, the Emperor, Charles V, had called for this meeting at Augsburg. He called for this meeting because he wanted to put this silly religious disagreement behind him so he could get on with the important matter of the day: uniting the empire for a military battle against the Turks - or, as you know them better, the Muslims. Their army was on the doorstep of the Empire, hungry for battle, thirsting for blood, and eager for conquest to expand their territory through all of Europe. This silly religious dispute couldn't get in the way - there was too much at stake! So figure it out and let's

go fight the *real* battle.

It's not hard to translate that same idea to our day and age. There are those today who would say: stop arguing about theology, stop worrying about silly religious disagreements, about right and wrong, and how one is saved, and by who. That stuff doesn't matter. Let's all just get along and do what's really important. (Whatever you think it is that is really important. The current issues of today. Whatever battles you think are worth fighting.) That's kind of what the emperor was saying all those years ago.

Jesus says, confess. Confess the truth. Do not be afraid to do so. For ***everyone who [confesses] me before men, I also will [confess] before my Father who is in heaven.*** The English translation we heard today used the word *acknowledge* there - everyone who *acknowledges* me. That's okay. But confess is better, and more literal. Those German princes were being called to confess, and confess they would. That's why what they presented 491 years ago is called the Augsburg Confession.

This is the confession those princes made before Emperor Charles V, and it our confession still today. Not because it's our tradition - that would be a mistake. It is our confession still today because it's the truth. This is who God is, who we are, and what He has done for us. This is the truth that matters more than anything else in this world. The truth that leads to eternal life.

That's a confession to live for. And to die for.

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June 26 & 27, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, June 26

9:00AM Food Pantry

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, June 27

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday June 28

Pastor's Sabbath

9:00AM Sewing

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 29

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30PM Voter's Meeting

Wednesday, June 30

6:30PM Worship in Church (masks optioal)

Thursday, July 1

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

Friday July 2

Saturday, July 3

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, July 4

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, July 5-Offices Closed

Congregational Voters Meeting- Budget

Tuesday, June 29th at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary to adopt the 2021-2022 Budget. Copies of the agenda are available in the narthex.

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Jeff Briggs, Jim Perry, Dan Schultz, Mona Bahrke, Merry Voigt, Ronald Virchow Sr., Brenda Kempf, Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Charity Gerard, Ruth Wright, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Sherry Bricco-Tobin, Michael Hastings, Jim Wittmann, Karleton Borchardt, Merle Webber, Shelly Holewinski, Pastor Michael Ahlemeyer, Dennis Durkey, Jackie Kislewski, Levi Kroes, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jeanne Juve, Walter Brinkman, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, and Lynn Olson.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

2 Corinthians 8:3 – “For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will.” St. Paul lifts up an example of faithful Christian generosity in the Epistle lesson today. Read those words again this week and ponder them. How is the Lord calling you to increase your generosity toward His work?

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

In remembrance of Bonnie Fischer
by Rodney Fischer

This Weekend's Banners

"Grow Strong in Faith"
"Christ as a Light, Illumine and
Guide Me"

Church Office Hours

Church office hours are 8:00AM-3:00PM
Closed July 5.

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**
Income as of June 22 **\$25,869**

Weekly Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday – "Prayer: We Speak to God" with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online).

10:30AM Sunday – "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue, will resume in August.

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah (Blaine Henkel) (Online).

6:30PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or let Jean know.

Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers please contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00.

Trinity's Food Pantry

Many thanks to all who continue to support Trinity's Food Pantry through food & monetary donations. You are a blessing for many who are currently in need. We can use the following non-perishables: Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Salad Dressing, and Mustard. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

WANTED: *Coffee/Food*
Preparers for Sunday Morning Bible Study!!

Set up: 2 coffee pots,
+ carafes, pitcher (H₂O),
+ creamers, sugar,
+ utensils, plates/napkins & foods
After class, take down & put away!
Sign up on the MONTHLY CALENDAR

in NARTHEX!!

[All supplies are here!

No Purchasing necessary ...]

Questions: see/call

Rose (608.213.2644) or

Jackie (920.279.9234)



**NOTE THE NEW ADMIN
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com**

Trinity Brat Fry

Thank you to all who participated in the June 12th Brat Fry and Bake Sale at Ellie and Jerry Maynard's home in Sherwood. We had a large team working together to serve our Lord; for this we are most grateful.

With the help of Thrivent and the generous donations from Trinity members we saw a profit of \$1429 for the one day sale. A heartfelt thanks to the Maynards for again opening their home for this fundraiser. The proceeds will go for new window blinds at Trinity.

Paula and Brian Reichert
Ron and Dottie Kraus

Trinity Camping Weekend

This year, Trinity Camping weekend is August 20-22 & will again be held at Wild West Campground & Corral.

They are located 8 miles west of Waupaca on Hwy 54. Check them out at <http://www.wildwestcampground.com>.

New this year: Reservations are now taken online. Go to their website and place your reservation today.

To plan for future years, a questionnaire will be created to get your input. Question? Contact Roger or Merry Voigt, at (920) 725-9908 or rwvoigt@sbcglobal.net.



SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.– Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.– Fri. 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email Jean or Mary with your order at: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Kwik Trip Scrip is now at 12% rebate – Limited time only!!

Prayer Chain

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

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the pastors.