



# July 9, 10 & 13 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, July 9:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

### Sunday, July 10:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

### Monday, July 11:

Rev Billings' Sabbath

9AM Sewing

6PM Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, July 12:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meetings

### Wednesday, July 13:

6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, July 14:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Friday, July 15:

### Saturday, July 16:

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person & Online

### Sunday, July 17:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Ed Hour In-Person & Online

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

Rick Ascher, Michael Bekx, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Juliet Colby, David Cotter, Matt Daniels, Cindy Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Dominic Hall, Michael Hastings, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Sam Koch, Judy Krause, Karen Lambert, Pr. Ronald Meier, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Bill Otto, Norb Pomerence, Sandy Rammer, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Jan Schroeder, Ray Schroeder, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Liz Swaney, Jill Thomas, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Ronald Virchow Sr., Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth.

*A gift was given to Trinity in honor of  
Lee and Elaine Weinig's 45th Wedding  
Anniversary.*

## 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.



**PLEASE NOTE: SCHOOL OFFICE IS  
CLOSED. HOURS ARE BY APPOINTMENT.**

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO USE  
THE HYMNAL TO HELP CUT OUR  
PAPER COSTS.**



## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by the Ladies Aid.

### This Weekend's Banners

"For God So Loved, Can't We?"  
"You Are My Witnesses"

**Trinity Congregation approved  
budget for Fiscal 2022-23 can  
be found in the Narthex on the  
Bulletin Board.**

**Sunday, July 17, Amanda Groshek  
will be visiting Trinity.**

### Lost & Found

Our lost and found basket is in the narthex by  
the coat racks. Please check here if you left  
something at church.

### Bible Study Opportunities At Trinity Lutheran Church:

10:30 AM Sunday – "Community. We are not alone." with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings  
(In Person & Online) - Large Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM Sunday – Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College  
Students) "Micah" with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room

10:45 AM Sunday – With Blaine Henkel—**THIS STUDY WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.**

6:30 PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, meet in the Large Conference Room for devotions, discussion  
and fellowship until this fall. Contact: Connie Henkel

6:30 AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, 12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for  
Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You with Dottie Kraus

6:00 AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Romans with Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

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

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Luke 10:25b – "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"** There is nothing right about this question. What shall I *do* to *inherit*? What can you do to inherit the throne of England? You can't do anything to gain it. An inheritance comes by family ties, not deeds. Our deeds follow and result from our family ties. The Father calls us His own children. So we inherit eternal life by grace, and seek to live out our new calling as the Father's children with our good works.

### Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the office for a copy.

### Trinity's Food Pantry

Trinity's Food Pantry serves those in need in the Fox Cities.

You can continue to provide for our Pantry distribution. Currently, the following non-perishables are needed: Tomato Sauce & Paste, Paper Products, Yellow Mustard, Pudding/Jell-O, Pickles, and Tuna. If you or someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.



## August Golf League

Join us for a fun casual August Golf League for Trinity starting on Monday, August 8th at Winagamie Golf Course with tee off times between 4-5. If interested in signing up, please contact Barb or Steve Sexmith. Join us every week through the end of August. We need to let the course know how many tee times we need each week. Barb (920)427-6763 or Steve (920) 540-8687, [bsexmith@new.rr.com](mailto:bsexmith@new.rr.com), or [ssexmith@new.rr.com](mailto:ssexmith@new.rr.com).



## Trinity Camping Weekend 2022

Has been set for the traditional 3rd weekend in August, August 19 - 21. We will camp once again at Wild West Campground & Corral. They're located on 90+ acres within 15 miles from Waupaca, WI and Hartmann Creek State Park, where you'll find a variety of recreational activities to enjoy. They are located on Hwy 54, 8 miles west of Waupaca (5 miles west of Hartmann Creek State Park). Check them out at: [www.wildwestcampground.com](http://www.wildwestcampground.com). Campsite reservations and payments are taken online. Cannot camp the entire weekend, or not a camper? Come join us on Saturday for fellowship and a lunchtime potluck meal. Contact Roger or Merry Voigt with questions - phone 920-725-9908, email [rogerwvoigt@gmail.com](mailto:rogerwvoigt@gmail.com).



## Your Efforts Are Making A Difference!

We thank you for your ongoing donations of aluminum cans! Your efforts are appreciated. You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bins inside Door 7 and now Door 2.

## 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.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, July 16:

Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Greeter: *Betty Allen & Bud & Joyce Tschirgi*  
*Maya Torres*

### Sunday, July 17:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*  
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*  
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Greeter: *Liz Kaprath*  
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

### Wednesday, July 19:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke/Bill Diesch*  
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*

## Ladies Aid/LWML Summer Outing!

Our Ladies Aid/LWML summer outing has been set for **Tuesday, July 19**. We will be heading to Malone Wisconsin to the **LaClare Creamery and Goat Farm**. Meet at Trinity to carpool at 10 a.m. Please sign up on the spinner in the narthex; indicate how many are coming in your party, if you can drive, and how many people total will fit into your vehicle. The **cost is \$5.00**. We plan to dine at the restaurant there for lunch. There is a possibility of taking a bus; will update if that becomes reality.

## \$ SCRIP News \$

**SCRIP** is sold in the Church Office Mon.-Fri. from 7:00AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., or email your order to: [ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com](mailto:ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com). They will put it together.

**Stock up on both Festival and Kwik Trip Scrip for the new Festival-Kwik Trip Gas Card Program!**

## **“MERCY MERCY!”**

Luke 10:25-37

You are the man! Yes, you - the man in the Holy Gospel. For you have been assaulted by the devil and his merry band of demon-robbers, and left to die in your sin. Just as he did to Adam and Eve in the beginning, and to men and women ever since then. The devil doesn't care who you are, he just wants to use and abuse you. To satisfy his appetite for human flesh and bone. To steal and take what is not his. To assault and murder.

You never see him, though you see his work: the debris of humanity left by the side of the road. You never see him because he is more clever than to be seen. Instead, he gets others to do his work for him: namely, you. Me. Us and our sinful human nature. So the assaults come upon men and women through men and women. Through treachery and deceit; through gossip and back-stabbing; through selfishness and pride; through gluttony and lust and greed. We're killing each other and killing ourselves. But make no mistake who is behind it all. The old evil foe, laughing with delight and leaving a trail of death in his wake.

You think it would be different in church, but even here . . . We are infected and affected too. Not stopping to help when we should; not wanting to be bothered or interrupted or inconvenienced. The priest and the Levite who passed by the desperate, dying man were just as desperate and dying as he, weren't they? They just didn't realize it. They thought they were living, but they were dying too. Satan spares no man in his murderous assaults, attacking from without and from within; attacking with truth and with lies - whatever works; attacking with deadly persistence and consistency.

You are the man. Assaulted and left for dead. That's why the lawyer's question to Jesus really doesn't make sense. What shall I do to inherit eternal life? Man, you're in the ditch! And to you, in the ditch, has come a most unsuspected helper. A Samaritan—or someone

most folks wouldn't even notice, or if they did, wouldn't care about. Who are those people today? We see them, but we don't really see them? We see them, but look down on them? We see them, and only think: Thank God I'm not them. But that one is the one who stopped to help.

He stopped with the very opposite of assault: with compassion. His thoughts didn't belittle, but cared. His hands didn't hurt, but healed. He poured out not wrath, but oil and wine. And he paid for the man's care. Had he done this before? He seemed to know the innkeeper and have his trust, that his credit was good. This Samaritan, who no one wanted as their neighbor, was everyone's neighbor. Stopping, mercying, healing, caring. He is a savior to this man, giving us a picture of our Savior, come for us.

For, in fact, Jesus is the Savior come for us and all who have been assaulted and left for dead. He is not only everyone's neighbor - even more, He is the Son of God come to be our brother. The one who comes in compassion, not to hurt but to heal, to pour out His own blood for our healing, and to pay for our care with His own life on the cross. A payment of infinite worth for a debt of infinite depth. That the sin we commit be forgiven. That the old evil foe be robbed of his prey, and his laughter and glee be turned to mourning and sadness.

This is our Savior for us. Who stops for us not because we ask, but because He has compassion. Who raises us from death and gives us life again. Who demanded nothing from the wounded man, because He knew what he would do. That he would “go and do likewise.”

Yes, you are the man - the man risen and given life! You are the man to whom Jesus has come with His healing, forgiveness, and life. So you are the man, now blessed. Blessed in Jesus, your Savior. That you may now live in His mercy, and His mercy now live in you.