



# June 28, 29 & July 2, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, June 28:

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

### Sunday, June 29:

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

### Monday, June 30:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath  
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing  
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time  
4:00 PM Adult Information Class  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study-Menasha Public Lib.

### Tuesday, July 1:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 PM Board Meetings

### Wednesday, July 2:

6:30 PM Summer Divine Service with Communion

### Thursday, July 3:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Friday, July 4: 4th of July—OFFICES CLOSED

### Saturday, July 5:

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, July 6:

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



**MONDAY, JULY 7,  
CHURCH & SCHOOL  
OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

**School office hours for the summer are by appointment only. Church office hours remain 8 AM to 3 PM.**

Summer Mid-Week Services (June–July) will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Communion will be served. Please note this is a repeat of the previous weekend's service.

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Deb Bartelme, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Dave Edwards, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Even- sen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Ed Gehrt, Michael Hastings, Mary Howden, William Jahsmann, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Amy Martin, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy & Barb Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Joy White, Martin Wiese, Dorothy Wirth, and Jim Zeinert.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Heather Emery, Claire Fulcer, Dottie Kraus, Levi Kroes, Amelia Looker, Caleb Manteufel, Ellie Maynard, Melissa Reed, Rev. Ricky Schroeder, Jillian Turrell, Hailey Wieck, and Zoey Zachek.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Kelly & Steven Acheson, Brian & Iris Gast, Bart & Jane Nielsen, Bradley & Karen Perry, Brian & Paula Reichert and Adina Weinig & Matt Vaessen.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS**  
Monday, June 30, 2025 • 4:00 PM



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## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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

### This Weekend's Flowers

The flowers this weekend have been donated by Vern Jahsman in loving memory of his late wife Judy, and their wedding anniversary; and by Rodney Fisher in loving memory of his late wife, Bonnie's birthday.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Proclaim the Lord" &  
"Teach Us to Walk in the Way of the Lord"

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## 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.

## Painters Needed

If you know anyone who would like to do some painting to match our beautifully restored windows, please contact Elaine Weinig for a list of needs. Phone or text to: (920) 470-9090, or email: [lweinig@outlook.com](mailto:lweinig@outlook.com) Thank you!

## Daily Devotions Direct Link!

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

## Prayer Chain

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

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## 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 Rm

**MONDAY:** **Women's Bible Study**  
6:30 PM  
"Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply" 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  
"Paul's Letters to the Thessalonians"  
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conference Room

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

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## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles

1 Kings 19:18 - "*Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.*" Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

## June Expenses: Adopt-A-Bill

Thank you to those who have adopted bills over the past few weeks. This weekend you will find a new group of June bills that need adopting in the basket in the Narthex. If the Spirit moves you, please take and adopt one of these bills. Thanks!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, June 28:

**Elder on Duty:** David Little  
**Usher Team:** Brian Gast/Dominic Corrente  
**Communion Assistant:** Vance Pues  
**Altar Guild:** Paula Reichert  
**Greeter:** Dan & Peggy Dahms  
**Acolyte:** Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, June 29:

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Dave Collingwood  
**Communion Assistant:** Paul Collingwood  
**Altar Guild:** Howard & Jackie Kislewski  
**Flower Delivery:** Howard & Jackie Kislewski  
**Greeter:** Rosemary Collingwood  
**Acolyte:** Richie Sprouse

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 2:

**Elder on Duty:** Craig Thomas  
**Usher Team:** Steve Reinke  
**Altar Guild:** *Volunteer Needed*

## Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of Jello/Pudding, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Hamburger Helper, Laundry Detergent 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!

## Help Trinity Food Pantry Pick the Peace Garden

This Summer, Trinity Food Pantry will once again have the opportunity to pick fresh vegetables from the Peace Lutheran Garden (1228 S Park Ave, Neenah). We are looking for volunteers to help with picking, Monday & Thursday evenings for no more than one hour on Food Pantry weeks. If you are able to help, please sign up ([on the spinner in the narthex](#)) for a date and we will contact you with details. Thank You!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

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### Saturday, 5:00 PM, July 5:

**Elder on Duty:** Bruce Gast  
**Usher Team:** Roger Voigt  
**Communion Assistant:** Vern Jahsman  
**Altar Guild:** Jackie Bouchard  
**Greeter:** JoAnn Schultz  
**Acolyte:** Payton Lenth

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, July 6:

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

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, July 9:

**Elder on Duty:** Michael Bekx  
**Usher Team:** Dave Acker  
**Altar Guild:** *Volunteer Needed*

## \$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

## Donations Are Needed ...

We are running short on toilet paper. Donations can be left in the church or school offices. Thank you so much for any help you can offer.



## Trinity Shut-Ins

Please remember these wonderful people in your prayers, perhaps send them a "Thinking of You" card, give them a call, or even make a visit. Thank you to our members and school children who have created special items to give to our shut ins. They are much appreciated! See our church office if you would like more information. The following is an updated list of shut-ins:

Ron Bielefeld	Dee Post	Elaine Trimberger
Jane Harrmann	Cora Robinson	Joyce Tschirgi
Burnette Pagel	Lois Thoman	Rudy & Barb Vitek
Gina Peotter	Jean Toepler	

## **“Saints Peter and Paul” Matthew 16:13-19**

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The preeminence of the apostles among the infant Christian Church is recorded throughout the New Testament especially in Ephesians where it is said that the community of “the saints and members of the household of God” is “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets” (Eph. 2:19-20) and again in the Book of Revelation describing that the wall of the new Jerusalem has twelve foundations on which are written the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (21:14). These men were eyewitnesses of the life and work of Christ; and our Lord himself sent them as messengers and shepherds to carry this message of salvation to the entire world beginning at Jerusalem. But certainly foremost among the Apostles are Peter and Paul. During Jesus’ earthly ministry, Peter was first among the disciples. And after his conversion on the Damascus road, Paul very clearly is the missionary par excellence of the Christian Church and major author of much of the New Testament.

Confession of faith matters in this life. Sts. Peter and Paul labored uphill their whole ministry against people who tried to mingle works into salvation. They taught, preached, confessed, argued, debated, and even fought for the truth. Jesus is the Son of the living God and has won forgiveness for all people by faith alone apart from works. Christ’s crucifixion is enough to justify you before God, to restore the once-broken relationship with your heavenly Father. This is the confession of the Christian Church and it is worth studying, discussing, debating, fighting, and even dividing people who confess something contrary. It is not easy. It is not popular. It does not make for comfortable conversations with family and friends. It is, however, of the utmost importance in this life. For without it, there is no confidence in the life to come.

Confession of faith matters at the time of death. The sickness or death of a loved one brings our own mortality close before our eyes. Maybe the only thing that brings it closer is our own serious sickness or deathbed. It is in these times especially that weak confessions are

shaken and crushed. A bad confession cannot stand up in the face of death. I think it’s helpful to view our lives as a preparation for death. In the military there is a saying that says, “You don’t rise to the occasion, you sink to the level of your training.” If your training has been poor, in the moment of battle, your performance will be poor and lives are on the line. In the Christian Church, we emphasize spiritual training, so that in the moments of difficulty and death, we have a sure foundation, a confession that will sustain us even as our bodies and minds falter. This Christian training strengthens faith.

When Peter was being crucified and Paul was being beheaded in Rome, only Christ, the Son of the living God, could have sustained them. Every Divine Service, every reception of the Lord’s body and blood, every moment of studying the Scriptures, and especially the remembrance of their Baptism trained them for that moment. And by the grace of God, they stood fast.

This is hope for you. You have been baptized. You have been taught the Scriptures; you have every opportunity to study them; you live in a country that allows attendance in the Divine Service as frequent as you wish; you have the opportunity to receive Christ’s body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith equally as often. If you haven’t trained as diligently or as often as you should, your Lord still holds out his arms to you. He will not forsake you.

Jesus is the Son of the living God. He sacrificed himself for you and rose again for your salvation. He is the only object big enough for a good confession. He will be with you through the good times in life and in the difficult. That’s what the living God alone can do. May He strengthen you in this faith.

In Jesus’ ✠ Name. Amen.