



# September 27 & 28, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, September 27:

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

**Sunday School  
Begins Sep. 28th!!**

### Sunday, September 28:

9:00 AM Divine Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

### Monday, September 29:

#### **PARENT TEACHERS CONFERENCE**

Pastor Billings' Sabbath  
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing  
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time  
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Menasha Pub. Lib.

### Tuesday, September 30:

#### **PARENT TEACHERS CONFERENCE**

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 1:

#### **NO SCHOOL**

#### **No Confirmation Classes**

### Thursday, October 2:

#### **NO SCHOOL**

No Men's Bible Study  
5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 PM Ensemble Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting (Sanctuary)

### Friday, October 3:

#### **NO SCHOOL**

### Saturday, October 4:

5:00 PM Divine Service  
**STAINED GLASS WINDOW REDEDICATION/168TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

### Sunday, October 5:

9:00 AM Divine Service  
**STAINED GLASS WINDOW REDEDICATION/168TH  
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Karon Flater, Sara Flater, Robert Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Jeremy Bouchard, Mary Anne Buksyk, Miles Furman, Jacqueline Kislewski, Lauren Milosavljevic, Mitchell Mlodik, Laurie Sokel, Jill Thomas, and Reese Wakkinen.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Amanda & Jasen Brown, Niclaus & Cora Dutter, Carol & Richard Evensen, DuWayne & Bonnie Griepentrog, and Tom & Polly Harrmann.

### MUSICAL OFFERING - Sunday

**Handbell Choir: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"—Gertrude Schickele**

*Our non-alcoholic option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.*

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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

Flowers this weekend have been donated by  
Altar Guild to the glory of God.

### This Weekend's Banners

"King of Kings, Lord of Lords" and "Alleluia,  
Alleluia Jesus Christ is Lord"

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## † Stewardship † Pentecost 16

**Amos 6:1a** – *"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion."* The Book of Amos is a warning to God's people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos' instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord's House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God's priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

### Daily Devotions Direct Link!

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

### Quilting Supplies Needed

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Our quilters are in need of sheets or fabric to use for the quilt tops or backing. Donations can be dropped off in the church office, or mark the items for "Quilting" and leave them on the pew by Door 7.

### \$ SCRIP News \$

**SCRIP** is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

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## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM "Ruth" with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM "*What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School*" with Pastor GeRue  
Conference Room
- MONDAY:** 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study  
"*Leaning on Jesus*" A Study of  
*God's Strength* by Deb Burma  
Contact: Connie Henkel  
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
200 W Packard, Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus/**All are welcome!**
- THURSDAY:** 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
"1st and 2nd Timothy"  
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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## Holy Communion

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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

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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!



## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, September 27:

**Elder on Duty:** Bruce Gast  
**Usher Team:** Roger Voigt  
**Communion Asst.:** Ian Thomas  
**Altar Guild:** Paula Reichert  
**Greeter:** JoAnn Schultz  
**Acolyte:** Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, September 28:

**Elder on Duty:** Michael Bekx  
**Usher Team:** Steve Sexmith  
**Communion Asst.:** Ron Kraus  
**Altar Guild:** Howard & Jackie Kislewski  
**Flower Delivery:** Howard & Jackie Kislewski  
**Greeter:** Jane Nielsen  
**Acolyte:** Robbie Kohler

## Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of **Canned Fruit, Canned Ravioli, Salad Dressing, Cold Cereal, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, 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!

## Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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



## EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 5: Trinity Anniversary Celebration  
& Stained Glass Window Rededication  
Sun. Oct. 19: Pastor Appreciation/LWML Sunday  
Mon., Oct. 20: LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally  
Red Robin Dining Out  
Sun., Oct. 26: German Dinner  
Sat., Nov. 15: Trinity Bazaar

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, October 4:

**Elder on Duty:** Roger Voigt  
**Usher Team:** Robert Allen  
**Communion Asst.:** Dan Siebert  
**Altar Guild:** Jean Zeinert  
**Greeter:** Betty Allen  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, October 5:

**Elder on Duty:** Bart Nielsen  
**Usher Team:** Lee Weinig  
**Communion Asst.:** Scott Gutzmann  
**Altar Guild:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Flower Delivery:** Craig & Jill Thomas  
**Greeter:** Liz Kamprath  
**Acolyte:** TO BE DETERMINED

## GERMAN DINNER-Mark Your Calendar

October 26, 2025 • 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
Large Fellowship Hall

### **Menu:**

Beef Cabbage Roll or "Locally Grown Pork" with  
Kraut, German Potato Salad or Spaetzle; Squash or  
Green Beans; Sauerkraut; Pickled Beets; Applesauce;  
Choice of Dessert (Apple Dumplings, German Chocolate  
Cake, Carrot Cake, Cheesecake with Fresh Fruit);  
Dinner Roll; Coffee, Milk or Water.

All homemade!

Advanced tickets available beginning 10/1/25 at  
the church office, Mon—Fri 8:30am to 3:00 pm or  
call (920) 722-2662.

RSVP to Elaine Weinig (920) 470-9090  
before October 25, 2025.

## Custodian Supply Donation Needed

We need to ask for donations of white 13 gallon  
drawstring trash bags. With school starting the  
need has increased. We appreciate your gener-  
osity and support of your church and school.  
God's blessings!

## Trust in the Lord

Psalm 146

***<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!***

What is faith? Faith is the act of trust in someone or something. Or, as the First Commandment says, “You shall have no other gods.”

In Luke 16:19-31, there were two men, the rich man and Lazarus. Both had trust and faith, but the rich man placed his trust in who he was, his clothing, being at the best parties and eating great food. He had everything! So, it seemed.

The other guy, Lazarus, appeared to have nothing. He sat at the town gate where all the other castoffs sat, hoping to receive the mercy of people walking by. He also welcomed stray dogs to lick the sores all over his body. But unlike the rich man, Lazarus had faith in God.

When the two men died, the rich man, who trusted in himself, went to Hades, another name for hell. In comparison, poor Lazarus, who had faith in God, died and went to heaven, in the eternal presence of Jesus.

The two men lived utterly different lives, and they died entirely different deaths. Why?

It was because of where they placed their faith in this life. The rich man put his faith and

trust in himself and the things of this world, while poor Lazarus, who was a prisoner of sickness and lived in the dust of the earth, had nothing except his faith in God.

Our psalm today says, “Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation” (Psalm 146:3).

The point of the psalm is to ensure you know where to place your faith in this life. While we are given many gifts, such as clothing, video games, sports, and even delicious food, no creation or gift of an earthly man or this world will save you.

Instead, many of us are already like poor Lazarus: we are sick, our bodies are broken, and we are lonely. But we are called to place our faith and trust like Lazarus in the “Son of Man,” whose body was broken, who went to the cross alone and suffered for you — Jesus.

We are often led to believe we are defined by who we are friends with, the brands of food we eat or even the clothing we wear. The rich man in the Gospel certainly believed this to be true. But we are all little Lazarus's who need Jesus' forgiveness. So join Lazarus as you look to the cross of Jesus, whose arms are stretched out for you, then pray our psalm again and take comfort as it says, “Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God” (Psalm 146:5). This hope is more of an expectation, or as we would say, it's faith.

### PRAYER

Most Gracious God, turn our hearts away from trusting in the things of this world, and to call upon You alone. Focus our eyes upon Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again for our salvation, as the true fount and source of every blessing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Next Week at Trinity School

**Sept. 29** 9:00 am School Devotions  
Parent Teacher Conferences

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**Oct. 1—3** No School LEA Conference  
9:00 am School Devotions



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# LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally

Monday, October 20, 2025

Registration starts: 4:30 PM • Trinity Menasha

Please RSVP: (920) 722-2662 no later than Oct. 15



## 2025 Trinity Bazaar is Coming

November 15, 2025 • 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Heavenly Bargains is expanding the type of items they will have available this year.

Are you downsizing, or maybe doing some fall cleaning? Do you have leftover items from a garage or estate sale? Think of us when you are ready to donate books (no magazines), home décor, puzzles, arts and crafts items, etc.

What you will find at the Bazaar this year:• Book Nook

- Trinity School Student Fund Raiser
- Ladies Aid Bakery & Pies
- Antiques & Collectables
- Coffee & Cinnamon Rolls
- Heavenly Bargains
- Chili, Barbeque & Hot Dogs.
- Over 15 different vendors to help you get a jump start on your Holiday decorating and gift giving

# RED ROBIN® WILL GIVE *20% Of Food Sales\* Back To*

Trinity Lutheran Church & School

ORGANIZATION NAME

Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to  
your server to have your sales counted.

## FUNDRAISER DETAILS

N109 Stoney Brook Rd Appleton

RED ROBIN RESTAURANT NAME/ADDRESS/STATE/ZIP

October 20th

DATE

All Day

TIME

1. Start your order at [order.redrobin.com](https://order.redrobin.com) and select the restaurant above.
2. In the menu, tap the category labeled **Fundraisers (To-Go Only)**.
3. Click the **add** button, and then **add to bag**.
4. Add your meal items and check out.
5. Arrive at Red Robin, come in, say hi, grab your food and be on your way! If your location has curbside pick-up, we can bring it to your car too!



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