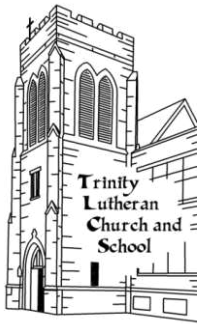


Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
300 Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952



# September 2023 Newsletter



**Trinity Lutheran Church and School**

300 Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

**Church Phone:** (920) 722-2662 / **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715

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

**Worship Services:**

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am; Wednesday – 6:30 pm

**Education Hour:** Sunday - 10:30 am

**In Person & Online Worship Service**

**Trinity's website:** [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)

Services will be available for live streaming on Trinity's Facebook page. Check the church website for more details.

**Important Dates:**

- September 5: 6:30 PM Board Mtgs
- September 6: 8:45 AM Chapel
- September 7: 4:30 PM VB Game at Home vs Trinity Oshkosh
- September 9: 9:30AM Food Pantry
- September 10: Rally Day & New Member Welcome
- September 12: 6:30 PM Bd of Directors Mtg  
4:30 VB @ Home/FV Christian
- September 13: 8:45 AM Chapel
- September 14: 4:30 PM VB @ Home Vs Celebration
- September 18-29: Map Testing
- September 19: 4:30 PM VB @ Home/New Hope
- September 20: 8:45 AM Chapel
- September 21: 4:45 PM VB @ Berlin
- September 23: 9:30AM Food Pantry
- September 26: 4:30 PM VB @ Trinity Oshkosh
- September 27: 8:45 AM Chapel
- September 28: 4:30 PM VB @ Celebration
- September 30: **Octoberfest**

**September 1 & 4 Church Office & School Office will be CLOSED.**

**September 4: Labor Day**

**Our Mission Statement:**

*Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.*



**Senior Pastor:**

✝ Rev. Steven S. Billings

**Assoc. Pastor/Principal:**

✝ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

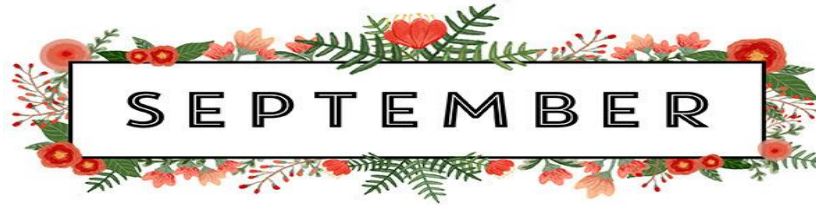
**Director of Music:**

Mrs. Connie Henkel



**Organist:**

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

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 Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
 Email:  
 ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <p><b>Church &amp; School Offices Closed</b>  <b>September 1 and 4</b></p>						<b>1 NO SCHOOL</b> 7:00 PM Hymn Sing Church & School Offices <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> 5 PM Worship
<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour	<b>4 LABOR DAY</b> Rev Billings' Sabbath NO SCHOOL Church & School Offices <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 AM Ladies BS 3:45 PM VB Practice 6:30 PM Board Mtgs	<b>6</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship	<b>7</b> 6 AM Men's BS 4:30 VB @ Home\ Trinity Oshkosh	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship	
<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Worship Teacher Dedication and Installation School Sings/Chimes  Following Service ---- Rally Day Luncheon & New Member Welcome	<b>11</b> Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's BS	<b>12</b> 6:30 AM Ladies BS 4:30 PM VB @ Home/ Fox Valley Christian 6:30 PM Directors	<b>13</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship	<b>14</b> 6 AM Men's BS 4:30 PM VB @ Home/Celebration	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5 PM Worship	
<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Worship Praise Four Sings 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School	<b>18 MAP TESTING</b> Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's BS	<b>19 MAP TESTING</b> 6:30 AM Ladies BS 4:30 PM Volleyball @ Home/New Hope 6:30 PM Ladies Aid/ LWML Mtg (SFH)	<b>20 MAP TESTING</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship	<b>21 MAP TESTING</b> 6 AM Men's BS 4:45 PM Volleyball @ Berlin	<b>22 MAP TESTING</b> Confirmation Retreat in Fort Wayne	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Worship Confirmation Retreat in Fort Wayne	
<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School Confirmation Retreat in Fort Wayne	<b>25 MAP TESTING</b> Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's BS	<b>26 MAP TESTING</b> 6:30 AM Ladies BS Dental & Hearing Screening 4:30 PM Volleyball @ Home/Trinity Oshkosh 6:30 PM Altar Guild Meeting	<b>27 MAP TESTING</b> 8:45 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism 6:30 PM Worship	<b>28 MAP TESTING</b> 6 AM Men's BS 4:30 PM Volleyball @ Celebration	<b>29 MAP TESTING</b>	<b>30</b> Octoberfest 5 PM Worship	

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - SEPTEMBER

09/01 DURKEY, Dennis & Judith  
 09/02 MAYNARD, John & Sue\*  
 09/03 KESTER, Thomas & Barbara  
 09/04 DAHMS, Daniel & Peggy  
 09/04 HERTZIGER, Tammy & Michael  
 09/05 JANDREY, Tim & Janine  
 09/08 VOIGT, Eric & Brittney

09/15 DRUM, Tom & Judi  
 09/18 RHODES, Lisa & Gary  
 09/20 BRICCO-TOBIN, Sherry & William\*  
 09/09 KRAUS, Ronald & Dottie  
 09/29 EVENSEN, Carol & Richard  
 09/30 HARRMANN, Tom & Polly



## BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER



09/01 BOWDEN, Garrett  
 09/01 COLLINGWOOD, David  
 09/02 BARTEL, Barbara  
 09/03 ARFT, Ethan  
 09/04 VOIGT, Eric  
 09/04 WENDLER, Brittany  
 09/05 DUTTER, Merrybell  
 09/06 DAHMS, Alexa  
 09/09 ACKER, Eileen  
 09/09 GERUE, Catherine  
 09/09 ROBINSON, Cora  
 09/10 FISCHER, Rodney  
 09/10 FLATER, Karon  
 09/10 RIGOTTI, Kathleen

09/12 CISKE, Calvin  
 09/12 MULLINS, Christina Marie  
 09/12 RUTKOWSKI, Ryan  
 09/13 BOWDEN, Colin  
 09/14 CORRENTE, Margaret  
 09/15 OLSON, Lynn  
 09/16 HARRMANN, Polly  
 09/16 MAYNARD, Shannon  
 09/16 SIEGEL, Simon  
 09/18 FLEISCHER, Shirley  
 09/19 CISKE, Johanna  
 09/19 GERUE, Valerie  
 09/21 DIESCH, Cindy  
 09/21 DURKEY, Dennis

09/21 RHODES, Lisa  
 09/23 MANTEUFEL, Deborah  
 09/23 WATSON, Carla  
 09/25 KOBS, Justin  
 09/26 BURSACK, Jared  
 09/26 VOIGT, Owen  
 09/26 WUSSOW, Craig  
 09/27 WAKKENEN, Farrah  
 09/29 WAKKENEN, Reese  
 09/30 THOMAS, Jill



### ✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠

New Members/Transfers In:

Released/Transfers Out:      Baptisms:      Weddings:

Members Who Have Passed: Joann Jording - 8/7/23 & Lynn Olson - 7/31/23



<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26

## Serving Our Lord with Gladness – September 2023

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings  
Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Worship Date/Time	Acolyte	Elder on Duty	Communion Assistant	Usher Captain	Greeter	Altar Guild	Flower Delivery
Sept 2: 5:00 PM Sept 3: 9:00 AM Sept 6: 6:30 PM	Melani Gast Levi Kroes	Bruce Gast Michael Bekx TBA	Dan Siebert Lee Weinig	Roger Voigt Jim Wittmann Dave Acker	JoAnn Schultz Connie Henkel	Brian & Paula Reichert Howard & Jackie Kislewski Carol Evensen	
Sept 9: 5:00 PM Sept 10: 9:00 AM Sept 13: 6:30 AM	Payton Lenth	Bruce Gast Michael Bekx TBA	Vance Pues Paul Collingwood	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig Steve Reinke	Betty Allen Liz Kamprath	Brian & Paula Reichert Howard & Jackie Kislewski Carol Evensen	
Sept 16: 5:00 PM Sept 17: 9:00 AM Sept 20: 6:30 PM	Cecelia Street Emma Schmidt	Bruce Gast Michael Bekx TBA	Lee Colby Ron Kraus	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith Dave Acker	Barbara Kester Jane Nielsen	Brian & Paula Reichert Howard & Jackie Kislewski Carol Evensen	
Sept 23: 5:00 PM Sept 24: 9:00 AM Sept 27: 6:30 PM	Mirella Taschner Emma Schmidt	Bruce Gast Michael Bekx TBA	Bruce Buksyk Blaine Henkel	Lee Colby Dave Collingwood Steve Reinke	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Brian & Paula Reichert Howard & Jackie Kislewski Carol Evensen	
Sept 30: 5:00 PM	Maya Torres	Bruce Gast	Ian Thomas	Roger Voigt	JoAnn Shultz	Brian & Paula Reichert	

### Altar Guild Help Needed



Trinity is in dire need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team.

Tasks are:

- Saturdays: Set-up and reset the altar
- Sundays: Clean up communion and deliver flowers to a designated member of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Please contact Mary Conradt or Jean Zeinert at (920) 722-2662 to become a member of our team.

### German Dinner

Due to circumstances beyond our control, The German Dinner will not happen this year.

Prayerfully consider joining in planning the Dinner for 2024.

### SAVE THE DATES

#### \*ALTAR GUILD MEETING

September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
in the Sanctuary.

#### \*USHER MEETING

October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM  
in the Sanctuary.



# Catechetical Comments

A Series

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our look at The Apostles' Creed and consider the following question: *Who is God?*

93. *Who is God?*

In His Word God has told us that He is

H. just (fair and impartial)

The *Small Catechism* further answers the question *Who Is God?* by saying:

*In His Word God has told us that He is*

*H. just (fair and impartial)*

It then offers the following Scripture passage in support of this answer:

**Deut. 32:4** – The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity.

“It’s not fair!” What parent hasn’t heard this objection? The little imp didn’t get the toy he wanted, or didn’t get picked for the side he wanted at recess, or didn’t get the grade on the book report he thought he should have. “It’s not fair!” is the common declaration.

But what is fairness really? Isn’t it treating everyone equally? The child might have a point if all the other children got things of similar value that they wanted. But that’s not usually what is meant by “That’s not fair!”

What is usually meant is, “I didn’t get what I wanted!” And the presumption is that he or she *should* have gotten what they wanted. But, as my mother and father would have responded, “Nobody ever said you’d get everything you wanted.” The truth is, nobody ever promised that life would be fair.

It’s true that life is not always fair; *people* are not always fair. They play favorites or exclude those they don’t like. The rules are sometimes different for one person than they are for another. People are sometimes unfair.

But not so with God. God loves everybody, treats everybody, equally. St. Paul writes to Timothy that God “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). And to the Galatians he says that, as far as God is concerned, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). And, finally, to the Romans he writes, “God shows no partiality (Rom. 2:11).

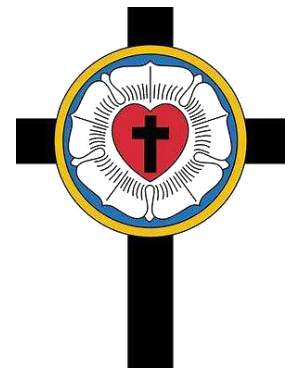
So God is always fair. Except He isn’t.

What would you say of someone who punished an innocent person and let the guilty one go free? Is that fair? Hardly! And yet, that is how our just and fair God has dealt with our sin. He took the punishment due us and laid it on someone else. But here’s the catch: The one He laid it on was Himself. Jesus willingly suffered for our sins so that we may be forgiven; He died our death so that we could live. It’s not fair! But God was willing to suffer injustice because justice would have slain us. We’re not like Him. We can’t come back from the dead by our own power. But He could. He can. He did.

It wasn’t fair. It wasn’t just. But it’s what we needed. And God, who loves us to death, did just that. And now He lives. And so shall we. It isn’t fair, but we are ever so grateful! ✚

Humbly in His service,  
Rev. Steven S. Billings  
Senior Pastor

# TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS – September 2023



**“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).**

I am excited about our worship themes for this school year. We are going to explore “connections.” Jesus connects with His disciples in our theme text from the Gospel of John, chapter 15.

The disciples were familiar with the vineyards in the region where Jesus lived and taught. If the plants were rooted in good soil and received adequate moisture and sunshine, the vines typically produced good fruit. Vines not connected to the plant would dry up, and it would be impossible for them to produce fruit. Disconnected and dried-up vines were fruitless and worthless and would be destroyed.

John 15 shares one of the “I am” statements of Jesus. Jesus says, “I am the vine.” Jesus is the life-giving vine. Jesus is the life-giving vine because He gave His life for us. The Father, who owns the vineyard, sent His only Son into the vineyard. On the cross, Jesus became lifeless, making the sacrifice for our sins. In His resurrection, Jesus came back to life so that all might live eternally through Him.

Jesus connects us to the life that He gives. Just as the branches need water to stay alive, we receive the water of Baptism, which brings life to us. Jesus continues to give us the water of the Word.

Our Trinity Lutheran school is connected to Jesus, the Vine. We will celebrate that connection in our weekly chapel service, in our classroom devotions and Bible lessons, and in our worship together in the Divine Service. This year, we will experience many connections in our school: connecting with friends; connecting with other classes and teams, connecting with teachers, pastors, and school staff, connecting with new information and experiences in our classroom lessons. The most important connection is our daily connection with Jesus.

Because we are connected to Jesus, we bear fruit for Him. We will learn more about being a fruitful Lutheran school and being fruit-bearing pastors, teachers, students, and families during this school year. I am looking forward to connecting with Jesus and with you this year.

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (John 15:7).

**PRAYER:** Jesus, we thank You for being the Vine and connecting us to you. We pray that You bless our connections to You and Your Word in our chapel time, classroom devotions, Sunday worship, and in our family devotions. Amen.

## Upcoming dates

September 1 and 4	No School Labor Day	
September 5	School Resumes (All Grades)	3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
September 6	8:45 am Chapel	
September 7	3:45 pm Volleyball Practice	
September 10	9:00 am Rally Day School Sings	
September 12	4:30 pm Volleyball at home vs FVC Neenah	
September 13	8:45 am Chapel	
September 14	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs Celebration	
September 18-19	SWD Principals Conference	
September 18–29	MAP Testing	
September 19	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs New Hope	
September 20	8:45 am Chapel	
September 21	4:30 pm Volleyball @ St. John Berlin	
September 25	Dental and hearing Screening	
September 26	1:00-2:30 pm Safety Around Water	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Trinity Oshkosh
September 27	8:45 am Chapel	
September 28	4:30 pm Volleyball @ Celebration Appleton	
September 29	Midterms 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	

## **A Life Lived for Others! - Stewardship Message**

Ok, a little word association game: What's the first thing that comes to your mind when I say: "Good Neighbor?" I'm guessing most of you are thinking "its Jake from State Farm" or the jingle "Like a good neighbor." If you believe all those commercials, your State Farm Rep is the neighbor you want to have. Always there when you need him, day or night.

Since I am not here to sell you insurance, I want to talk about, "What is a good and loving neighbor from a biblical perspective?" Jesus uses the story of the Good Samaritan to teach us about being a good neighbor. In the story, it was the Samaritan that saw the man injured and wounded and did not pass by on the other side. He possibly even risked his life. He gave of his time and his resources, He loved. Jesus said in Mark 12:30-31, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, and with all your mind: and Love your neighbor as yourself." For the Samaritan it was his way of life. Sacrificing, showing kindness showing love, not looking to get something out of it.

The scripture I just read leads one to believe the neighbor we are concerned with isn't them – It's us! It's not about "who is my neighbor?" It's about "am I a good neighbor?" Am I a good neighbor only to those that I like? Am I a good neighbor all the time or just when it is convenient for me? Being a loving neighbor can hurt sometimes and sometimes it takes sacrifice. Jesus does expect us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. That is quite an expectation.

We have talked previously about some things you can do to be a good and loving neighbor. Prayer. Take a look at the weekly bulletins prayer list and pray for each person by name. Select a few people on the list you may not even know and send them a card or better yet, give them a call. Take a walk across the street from your home to meet a neighbor you don't know. Visit one of our shut in members. Help with the many activities around the church. Join Ladies Aide/LWML, help make quilts. Volunteer at a local hospital. Volunteer to do Hospice. Assist with our food pantry, Serve on one of our Boards. Our Time and Talent form provides plenty of opportunities to be a good and loving neighbor. Ask Jesus to make you a good and loving neighbor.

A friend of mine once told me that God doesn't need your good deeds, your neighbor does! How true!

In closing, Galatians 5:13 states, you, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh, rather, serve one another humbly in love".

Thank you for your time! Live a life of serving others, Jesus did!



## RESTRICTED FUNDS 2nd Qtr Board Totals 06/30/2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>			<u>QUARTERLY TOTAL</u>
<b>Board of Christian Education</b>	Starting Balance	Credit	Debit	Ending Balance
Brat Fry – School Sports Equip/Athletic Fund	\$0.00			\$0.00
Sunday School	\$613.04			\$613.04
Vacation Bible School	\$407.44			\$407.44
Youth	\$3,522.56			\$3,522.56
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$4,543.04</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$4,543.04</b>
<b>Board of Elders</b>	Starting Balance	Credit	Debit	Ending Balance
Thrivent Funds -Confirmation/Baptism	\$45.65			\$45.65
Confirmation supplies	\$400.00			\$400.00
Postage	\$0.00			\$0.00
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$445.65</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	<b>\$445.65</b>
<b>Board of Outreach &amp; Social Ministry</b>	Starting Balance	Credit	Debit	Ending Balance
BOSM	\$3,400.54			\$3,400.54
Craft Fair	\$1,024.00			\$1,024.00
Dinner – German	\$400.00			\$400.00
Dinner – Theatre	\$645.45			\$645.45
Fish Fry	(\$269.20)			(\$269.20)
Food Pantry	\$50,113.22	\$6,535.00	(\$1,285.00)	\$55,363.22
Brat Fry	\$118.97	\$500.00	(\$500.00)	\$118.97
Octoberfest	\$1,071.00			\$1,071.00
Oliver Siegel Fundraiser	\$74.03			\$74.03
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$56,578.01</b>	<b>\$7,035.00</b>	<b>(\$1,785.00)</b>	<b>\$61,828.01</b>
<b>Board of Properties</b>	Starting Balance	Credit	Debit	Ending Balance
AED	\$500.00			\$500.00
Boiler Replacement Fund	\$0.00			\$0.00
Cleaning Supplies/Janitorial	\$896.05		(\$564.73)	\$331.32
Digital Phone for Elevator	\$1,656.00			\$1,656.00
Fire Extinguishers	\$727.35			\$727.35
Lawn Mower-Gas/Maintenance	\$749.33			\$749.33
Landscaping & Property Improvements	\$579.50	\$4,127.00	(\$25.00)	\$4,681.50
LFH Remodel	\$162.14			\$162.14
Campus Lighting Fund-Entire Facility	\$760.00			\$760.00

## RESTRICTED FUNDS 2nd Qtr Board Totals 06/30/2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>			<u>QUARTERLY TOTAL</u>
Men's Maintenance	\$3,080.23			\$3,080.23
Audio Visual Fund	\$248.45	\$350.00		\$598.45
Narthex Refurbished	\$687.65			\$687.65
Roof	\$188.10			\$188.10
Sanctuary A/C	\$1,706.00	\$175.00	(\$1,096.00)	\$785.00
Simplex Fire Alarm (unplanned maint)	\$1,944.57			\$1,944.57
Window Repair	\$114.00		(\$975.00)	(\$861.00)
Stain Glass Window	\$3,152.56			\$3,152.56
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$17,151.93</b>	<b>\$4,652.00</b>	<b>(\$2,660.73)</b>	<b>\$19,143.20</b>

<u>Board of Stewardship</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
2021 Missions	\$21.75			\$21.75
Alpha	\$100.00			\$100.00
Poland Funds	\$0.00			\$0.00
Stewardship	\$530.00			\$530.00
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$651.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$651.75</b>

<u>Board of Worship</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Altar flowers	\$1,821.51	\$992.00	(\$620.25)	\$2,193.26
Banner Fund	\$744.09			\$744.09
Gallery Choir	\$310.00			\$310.00
Organ Fund	\$7,453.53	\$1,500.00	(\$305.00)	\$8,648.53
Piano Tuning	\$90.00			\$90.00
Music Fund	\$980.70	\$10.00		\$990.70
Seder Meal	\$315.80			\$315.80
Handbell Fund	\$4,067.00	\$38.00		\$4,105.00
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$15,782.63</b>	<b>\$2,540.00</b>	<b>(\$925.25)</b>	<b>\$17,397.38</b>

<u>Personnel/Staff</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Beginning Balance				
Moving Fund - Teachers/Pastors	\$766.41			\$766.41
Staff Continuing Ed. - Teachers/Pastors	\$14.00			\$14.00
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$780.41</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$780.41</b>

<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Beginning Balance				

## RESTRICTED FUNDS 2nd Qtr Board Totals 06/30/2023

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		<u>QUARTERLY TOTAL</u>
Emergency Fund	\$3,134.22		\$3,134.22
Lutherans for Life	\$71.00		\$71.00
Misc/Interest	\$538.10		\$538.10
Bank Interest	\$797.53		\$797.53
Redeposit of \$500 Octoberfest	\$0.00		\$0.00
Redeposit of \$385 Bazaar	\$0.00		\$0.00
<b>Quarterly Total</b>	<b>\$4,540.85</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,540.85</b>
<i>Interest</i>		\$52.27	\$52.27

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Total as of 06/30/2023</b>	<b>\$100,474.27</b>	<b>\$14,279.27</b>	<b>(\$5,370.98)</b>	<b>\$109,382.56</b>

Drive: Shared/Treasury/Restricted Funds Total 2020

<i>Validation</i>				
<i>Bank Balance</i>	\$112,808.95	\$11,130.77	(\$23,465.45)	\$100,474.27
	\$12,334.68	(\$3,148.50)	(\$18,094.47)	(\$8,908.29)

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2023

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	<u>Acct #</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>Mthly/Qtly</u>
Nicolet General Fund	\$12,530.45	\$108,068.34	(\$105,212.57)	\$15,386.22	6843	\$2,855.77	M
Nicolet Restricted Funds*	\$109,382.56	\$2,525.00	(\$4,816.00)	\$107,091.56	8048	(\$2,291.00)	Q
LCMS Endowment Fund**	\$119,348.02	\$3,902.75	(\$1,698.82)	\$121,551.95	7006	\$2,203.93	Q
LCEF Steward Fund	\$760.68	\$7,485.66	(\$7,414.10)	\$832.24	2525	\$71.56	M
Nicolet Money Market	\$55,581.11	\$9.37	(\$55,537.40)	\$53.08	2026	(\$55,528.03)	M
Schwab Wealth***	\$38,976.77	\$1,603.30	(\$45.56)	\$40,534.51	4018	\$1,557.74	Q
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$7,366.16			\$7,366.16	8056	\$0.00	Q
Nicolet Office Acct	\$3,429.59	\$1.46		\$3,431.05	6851	\$1.46	M
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,188.52			\$3,188.52	8099	\$0.00	Q
Nicolet Scrip	\$12,392.35	\$25,524.05	(\$22,489.89)	\$15,426.51	6800	\$3,034.16	M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$362,956.21</b>	<b>\$149,119.93</b>	<b>(\$197,214.34)</b>	<b>\$314,861.80</b>		<b>-\$48,094.41</b>	
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$907,318.84		(4,673.24)	\$902,645.60	0440		

## Many Thanks from Bob & Nancy Lephart

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and money graciously given to us. We are so thankful for the many people responding to our challenging cancer situation! We know God is with us and pray His will is for healing Bob!

God's Blessings always! Nancy & Bob Lephart

## Oktoberfest Volunteers Needed!

The board of Outreach and Social Ministry is in need of volunteers to help at Appleton Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The monies Trinity raises goes back into the Church & School. We need people involved to make this a success again this year. Any questions, contact Ailene Moderson at (920)450-2753 or mmodes@yahoo.com

## Trinity's Bazaar is 👁️ for Donations

Antiques, Collectibles, Vintage Items and Your Collection of Cards, Marbles, Beanie Babies, Stamps, etc.

New this year, the Book Nook is 👁️ for all sizes and categories of books:

- Hard or Soft Cover
- Coffee Table Books
- Cookbooks
- Children's Books
- DVD's, CD's or Cassette Tapes

*Please No Magazines, Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, or Reader's Digest Books.*

Heavenly Bargains is 👁️ for your homemade crafts: knitting, crocheting, or needlepoint and hobby items.

New, or gently used items in your home. Includes all seasonal décor, crafts, store bought items, household items, your "Thing-A-Ma-Jigs" and "Thing-A-Ma-Bobs." **Please, no clothing, shoes, personally worn items.**

For upcoming information about donation drop off times, dates & locations, call Sally Bolen at (920) 422-2054.



# KRAUT MAKING PARTY

**September 17, 2023**  
**856 State St., Menasha**  
*A lunch will be available*

If you want to see how sauerkraut is made, whether you eat it or not, come to the Weinig's (watch for more info on the Spinner in September).  
*(Order form for Kraut is on the next page.)*

# SAUERKRAUT TIME!!

**Order your Kraut by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Ice cream pail - \$7

5 Gal. pail - \$23

Sign up below or call Elaine with your  
order at (920) 470-9090.

**NAME:**

**AMOUNT:**

**PHONE #:**

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## Sneaky Ways to Get More Steps in Your Day



A daily recommended step count of 10,000 steps can seem daunting. But it doesn't have to be! With a few small tweaks, you can easily reach your goal without even realizing it.

Here are some sneaky ways to get more steps in your day:

If you're watching television, stand up and walk around during commercial breaks—this adds up quickly! Find small opportunities to stretch your legs while at home or work. Park further away in the parking lot—and make it a habit. Go for a brisk walk during your lunch break. When standing, use one foot to balance on an object or chair to keep active. Dance while you do house chores.

These extra steps add up quickly and can help you reach your 10,000-step goal. Get moving and reach your goals today!

## 3 Health Benefits of Indoor Plants



Indoor plants have numerous benefits that make them the perfect addition to any home or office. They can improve air quality, boost mood, decrease stress, and add beauty and life to any space. Here are three incredible benefits:

**Filter toxins.** Plants filter toxins from the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. This process helps clean the air in your home or office which can reduce respiratory problems.

**Reduce stress.** Indoor plants have been proven to reduce stress levels. Studies show that people in offices decorated with plants report less stress than those without them. The natural beauty of greenery combined with their calming effects can help create an overall sense of wellbeing and relaxation.

**Beautify your environment.** Give life to your living space. Plants not only look beautiful, but they also create a sense of connection with nature and can complement any existing décor.

## Afternoon Slump? Caffeine-Free Ways to Get Through Your Workday

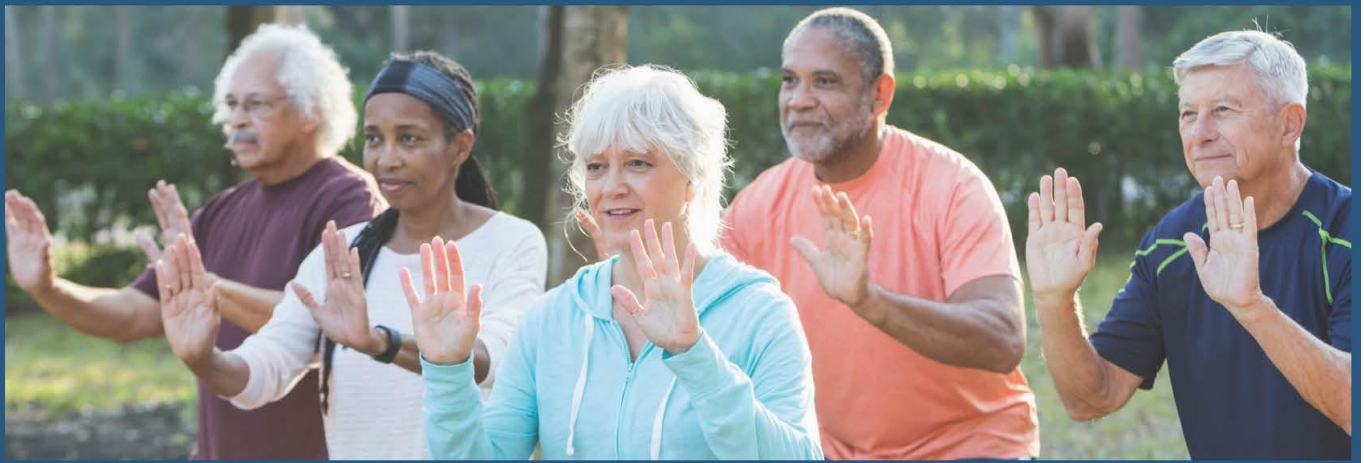


Feeling the afternoon slump? We all know that feeling—when the coffee is gone and you're stuck in front of your desk, trying to keep focused. Instead of going for another jolt of java, try these caffeine-free ways to get moving.

**Take a short break.** Step away from your work for five minutes and stand up for a bit. Stretch, walk around the office, or even take a quick lap outside—you'll be surprised at how refreshed you feel when you get back to your desk.

**Grab a snack and hydrate.** Dehydration is one of the main causes of an afternoon slump. Reach for some hydrating snacks like watermelon, cucumbers, and celery.

**Change your environment.** A new view can really help get those creative juices flowing again. If you're stuck in a cubicle, try taking a walk around the office building or move to an open space to work. Revitalize your afternoons and stay productive with these simple steps to beat the slump.



# TAI CHI

## FOR ARTHRITIS & FALLS PREVENTION

MENASHA SENIOR CENTER - 116 MAIN ST.

THURSDAYS, SEPT 7 - OCT 26

1:00 - 2:00 PM

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Reduce falls and fear of falling.

Enhance balance and mobility.

Gain serenity through gentle, flowing poses and movements.

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# Hey, Organist!!! ...

Well, why won't you play the hymn harmonizations the same for each stanza? ... the way they're written?? ...

Glad you asked! There's some great reasons – and you'll appreciate them. ... Ready? We (the organists) were trained to play the hymns – music AND text together (in our minds)! You know the hymns don't just have some music that we play. They have a text to each, and the text is different on each stanza. Each hymn tells a story, and each stanza may most likely have a different mood than the rest. Hence, the reason the organist plays each stanza differently: to match the mood of the music with the mood of the text. Stanza 1 may be happy, 2 may be solemn, 3 may be prayerful, 4 may be playful, 5 may be joyful and 6 may be triumphant. See the variations? Therefore, the stanzas shouldn't be played in the same way – they should be played to help you, the singer, feel the mood of each stanza.

Here's an example: LSB 528 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## Hymn Stanzas

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King. The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad. The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears. That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears. 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the power of canceled sin; He sets the prisoner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations, own Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone. Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an offering made, For every soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise and love, Be now and ever given  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven.

## Organist Plays ...

- ▶ triumphant organ sound
- ▶ I might like to play the melody on the trumpet to proclaim, along with you'all
- ▶ a softer sound, more peaceful and less dramatic accompaniment
- ▶ BIG! Trumpet! exciting! (He set us free!!)
- ▶ Medium sound, nicely excited (because we are Justified by grace)
- ▶ Softly soloed out (because it's without music), And Softer because Jesus was an offering
- ▶ triumphant sound again!! Glory to God!!

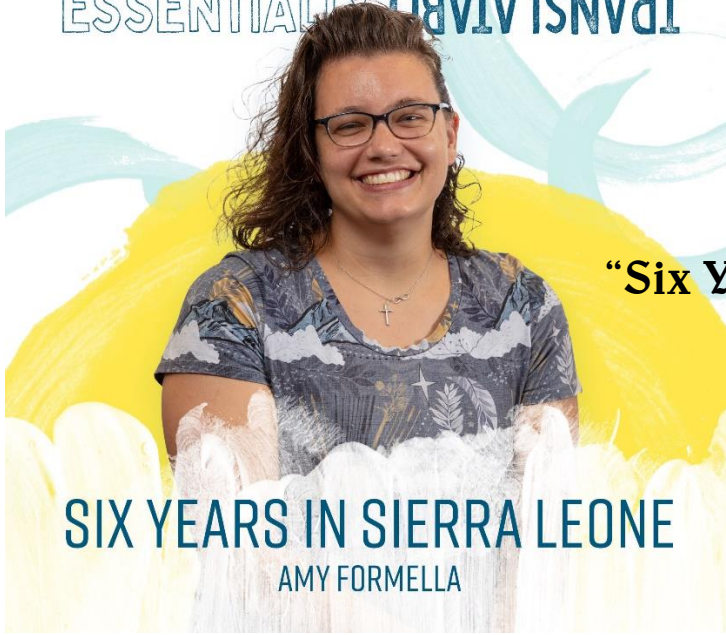
Yes, it's also important to be able to sing the hymn in parts (SATB – Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass) for those who are familiar/know music. Several stanzas are usually played in this format (for your delight). No, we're not the kind of church that isn't allowed to sing in parts! Please do so. ... as infrequently as we play what's in the hymnal. 😊 (Otherwise, make up your own notes, yes? ♥)

By the Way: the PreService Music is not just there to "fill silence" ... It's there to help you, the parishioners, prepare for worship, help you'all pray and "feel the mood" of the Day by the hymntunes that are played. See? It's not just the hymns ... it's all of the music – PreService, Offerings, Postlude.

Remember, God loves a joyful voice! It doesn't matter if it's on-pitch, or can count! Just sing a joyful noise unto the Lord!! Love, rose (Questions, comments – see Rose, 608.213.2644)



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**“Six Years in Sierra Leone”**



**Amy Formella**

**August 2023**

**SIX YEARS IN SIERRA LEONE**

AMY FORMELLA

In this episode of the Essentially Translatable Podcast, Rich Rudowske and Emily Wilson interview Amy Formella, a Lutheran Bible Translators' missionary to Sierra Leone. Amy shares about her background, and current work with the Mende and Themne language communities and the importance of Bible translation in their lives.

Translators face a unique set of challenges that go beyond the scope of their work. Balancing personal and community responsibilities, managing health issues, and ensuring travel safety are just a few of the obstacles they encounter. Despite these challenges, translators persevere in their mission to translate the Bible, drawing on their resilience, wisdom, and determination to continue serving the Mende and Themne people.

**Tune in to hear more about Amy's experiences as a missionary and the journey that brought her to where she is today:**

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