

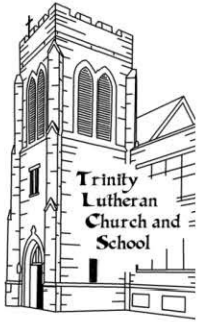


Trinity Lutheran Church & School
300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI 54952



October 2025
Celebrating 168 years





Trinity Lutheran Church and School

300 Broad Steet
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

Website: trinitymenasha.com

Divine Services: Saturday, 5:00 PM & Sunday, 9:00 AM

Education Hour: Sunday, 10:30 AM/Sunday School, 10:30 AM

Online Worship: Sunday Only, 9:00 AM Services will continue to be available for streaming on Trinity's Facebook page and for later viewing on YouTube. Check our church website for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

October 4 & 5 Rededication of Stained Glass Windows & Trinity's 168th Anniversary
Reception following Saturday & Sunday Worship services in the Narthex.

October 7: 6:30 PM Board Meetings

October 10: 7:00 PM Hymn Sing

October 11: 9:30 AM Food Pantry

October 13 thru 19: Book Fair in Gym

October 14: 6:30 PM Board of Directors

October 17: Grandparents Day / School Noon Dismissal

October 18: 5:00 PM Divine Service, School Children Sing

October 18 & 19: LWML Weekend/Pastor Appreciation

October 23: 4:30 PM LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally

October 20: Dine Out (All Day)/ Red Robin, Appleton

October 25: 9:30 PM Food Pantry

October 26: 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM German Dinner

October 28: 6:30 PM Ladies Aid Meeting

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

Music Director/Organist:

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

Assoc. Pastor/Principal:


✝ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

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October

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 Email: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			NO SCHOOL SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED TEACHER CONVOCATION, SAINT LOUIS, MO	NO SCHOOL SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED 5:15 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal	NO SCHOOL SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED	5 PM Divine Service
5	6	7	8	9 BOOK FAIR	10 BOOK FAIR	11 BOOK FAIR
9:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School	Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Home Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6:30AM Ladies Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ Home vs. Berlin 6:30 PM Bd Mtg	9:00 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ Home vs. Celebration 5:15 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal	9 AM School Opening 7PM HYMN SING	9:30 AM Food Pantry 5 PM Divine Service
12 BOOK FAIR	13 BOOK FAIR	14 BOOK FAIR	15 BOOK FAIR	16 BOOK FAIR	17 BOOK FAIR	18 BOOK FAIR
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19 BOOK FAIR	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 AM Divine Service Pastor Appreciation LWML Sunday 10:30 AM Ed Hour /Sunday School	Rev Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 6 PM Home Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study Dine Out / Red Robin LWML Zone 11 Fall Rally 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM	6:30AM Ladies Bible Study VB Practice	9:00 AM Chapel 5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 4:30 PM VB @ Home vs. Celebration 5:15 PM Hand Bell Rehearsal	End of 1st Quarter 9AM School Opening	9:30 AM Food Pantry Reformation Observed 5 PM Divine Service
26	27	28	29	30	31 REFORMATION DAY	
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - OCTOBER

10/02 BROWN, Amanda & Jasen
 10/06 REUNING, Tim & Jackie
 10/07 BATES, Dewey & Kelly
 10/09 BORCHARDT, Russell & Karen
 10/09 DAHMS, Nathan & Anne
 10/11 GAST, Bruce & Lana
 10/11 WATSON, Bill & Carla
 10/13 FLEISCHER, Shirley & Ernest
 10/15 MEVERDEN, Betsy & Donald

10/16 RATZBURG, Brian & Linda
 10/20 ACKER, David & Eileen
 10/20 RISKE, Carl & Karen
 10/23 CLEVELAND, Andrew & Heather



BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER



10/01 BUKSYK, Mary Anne 10/02 KISLEWSKI, Jacqueline 10/02 MILOSAVLJEVIC, Lauren 10/03 BOUCHARD, Jeremy 10/03 FURMAN, Miles 10/03 MLODIK, Mitchell 10/08 WITTMANN, Debra 10/09 HERTZIGER, Henry 10/10 BELCHER, Lonnie 10/10 BORCHARDT, Karen 10/10 BOUCHARD, Jordan 10/11 STIER, Jane	10/12 FUCHS, Joshua 10/13 KEBERLEIN, Lincoln 10/14 KOHLER, Christian 10/14 TRIMBERGER, Elaine 10/15 GAST, Iris 10/15 HURST, Angela 10/16 MEHL, Ruby 10/16 MILOSAVLJEVIC, George 10/19 ALLEN, Robert 10/19 BALDAUF, Steven 10/20 VOSTER, Ronald 10/21 BARTELME, David	10/21 WRAY, Teresa 10/22 EMERY, Evan 10/22 GREETAN, Linda 10/23 BRICCO-TOBIN, Sherry 10/24 WENDLER, Kurt 10/24 WILLIAMS, Cindy 10/26 ALLEN, Betty 10/26 KOHLER, Christine 10/26 THOMAS, Craig 10/27 THOMAS, Ian 10/28 WITTMANN, Jim
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✠ Trinity Membership Update ✠



New Members/Transfers In:
Released/Transfers Out:

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Members Who Have Passed: SCHEWE, Lawrence September 7 & HINTZ, Lorena September 26

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

Serving Our Lord with Gladness – October 2025

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
Oct 4: 5:00 PM Oct 5: 9:00 AM	TO BE DETERMINED	Roger Voigt Craig Thomas	Dan Siebert Scott Gutzman	Robert Allen Lee Weinig	Betty Allen Liz Kaprath	Jean Zeinert Craig & Jill Thomas	Craig & Jill Thomas
Oct 11: 5:00 PM Oct 12: 9:00 AM	TO BE DETERMINED	Roger Voigt Craig Thomas	Vance Pues Dave Collingwood	Jerry Maynard Jim Wittman	Barbara Kester Connie Henkel	Jean Zeinert Craig & Jill Thomas	Craig & Jill Thomas
Oct 18: 5:00 PM Oct 19: 9:00 AM	TO BE DETERMINED	Roger Voigt Craig Thomas	Vern Jahsman Paul Collingwood	Gast/Corrente Dave Collingwood	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Jean Zeinert Craig & Jill Thomas	Craig & Jill Thomas
Oct 25: 5:00 PM Oct 26: 9:00 AM	TO BE DETERMINED	Roger Voigt Craig Thomas	Steve Reinke Josiah Nielsen	Roger Voigt Steve Sexmith	JoAnn Schultz Jane Nielsen	Jean Zeinert Craig & Jill Thomas	Craig & Jill Thomas

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 Jean Zeinert at (920) 722-2662 to become a member of our team.

German Dinner

The German Dinner is scheduled for October 26. Mark it on your calendar.

Prayerfully consider volunteering to help in planning and executing this popular event

SAVE THE DATE

TRINITY BAZAAR
 November 15, 2025
 9 am-3pm



Catechetical Comments

A Series

THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our consideration of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed by taking up question 107.

108. How does the universe still depend on God?

God sustains all things by His wisdom and power.

The *Catechism* continues its explanation of the First Article of the Creed by asking the question:

How does the universe still depend on God?

It answers this question by saying:

God sustains all things by His wisdom and power.

It then presents the following Scriptures in support of this answer:

Psalm 36:6 – Man and beast You save, O LORD.

Psalm 147:4 – He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

Hebrews 1:3 – He [the Son] is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power.

Colossians 1:17 – [Jesus] is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Colossians 1:18a adds a very interesting, though thoroughly Scriptural idea: “He (Christ) is the head of the body, the church.”

What happens to the body if it has no head? An illustration was given in class one day by Rev. Dr. John Saleska, who grew up on a chicken farm.

He explained that what we might have heard is absolutely true: chickens whose heads have been cut off really do run around for a bit before falling over. They're dead; their bodies just don't know it yet.

The universe without its head – Christ – is just as dead. Many in our world have severed themselves from Christ and are spiritually dead, marching stubbornly, blindly, and ignorantly toward an eternity in which they will be physically and spiritually dead forever – permanently.

We can see this in the lives of unbelievers as they wander aimlessly from one perversion to another, with the whole of the unbelieving world cheering them on. They really are running around like chickens with their heads cut off.

But, thankfully, they are not really in charge, although they think they are. They cause a lot of damage, they distract a lot of their fellows away from the Head, and they really need us not only to pray for them, but to live our faith before them, so that they may see what life is like when you have a head – when you have *the* Head, Jesus, leading you on a path to life rather than death.

Live your faith, my friends. Let your neighbors see what it's like to live in the light, with Someone who makes sense of the world in which we live. You have Him. Thank God for that! Don't be afraid to let it be known. †

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



***FROM THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!***

PSALM 98:4

With hearts full of gratitude and eyes fixed on the cross, another school year is underway at Trinity Lutheran School with the theme: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD." This powerful truth from Psalm 98 reminds us that while we and our children may face challenges in this world, we already stand in the winner's circle because Christ has overcome sin, death, and the devil.

This school year, we invite Trinity congregation to once again walk alongside us in our mission: "He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24:46-47.

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:41-42 15 16

According to God's will, this congregation shall reach out to the community, preaching His Word; actively extending a hand in human hurts, hopes and needs. We will administer the Sacraments and instruct all members according to the confessional Standard of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

That mission is more than words on a page. It shapes every lesson we teach, every hallway conversation, every playground interaction, and every prayer spoken in our classrooms.

Here is what that looks like:

1. **We want our students to know their Savior.** First and foremost, our school exists so that children grow up rooted in God's Word, secure in their identity as redeemed children of God. Christ is at the center of every subject, every chapel, every moment.
2. **We want our students to be kids.** We strive to give our children the gift of childhood—where they can explore, laugh, run, ask questions, and grow in a safe and nurturing environment. Joy and play are a part of learning here.
3. **We want our students to love their country.** With grateful hearts for the freedoms we enjoy, we teach our children to be thankful citizens, to honor those who serve, and to recognize how God has blessed our nation. Patriotism and faith are not at odds; they work hand-in-hand as we raise thoughtful Christian citizens.

As we go through this year, I ask for your prayers, your encouragement, and your ongoing support. Whether it's through volunteering, sponsoring a student, attending a chapel service, or simply asking a teacher how you can help—you are a vital part of this ministry.

Thank you for being partners in this mission. Together, and through Christ, we can confidently make a joyful noise to the LORD! †

Yours in Christ,

Pastor GeRue



Upcoming Events

Monday Oct 6:	9 am School Opening
Tuesday Oct 7:	9 am School Opening 4:30 pm VB @ Home vs Berlin
Wednesday Oct 8:	9 am School Chapel 10:15 am NM Fire presentation
Thursday Oct 9:	9 am School Opening 12:15 pm 1st-2nd Fox Meadows 4:30pm VB Celebration @ Home
Friday Oct 10:	9 am School Opening
Monday Oct 13 – Sunday Oct 19	Book Fair
Monday, Oct 13:	9 am School Opening Book Fair
Tuesday Oct 14:	9 am School Opening 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
Wednesday Oct 15:	9 am School Opening
Thursday Oct 16:	9 am School Opening 3:45 pm Volleyball Practice
Friday Oct 17:	Grandparents Day 9 am School Chapel Noon Dismissal
Saturday Oct 18:	5 pm School Sings
Monday Oct 20:	9 am School Opening Dining Out Red Robin
Tuesday Oct 21:	9 am School Opening 4:30 & 5:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs. Homeschoolers
Wednesday Oct 22:	9 am School Chapel 9:30 am Arsenic and Old Lace FVLHS 5 th -8 th
Thursday Oct 23:	9 am School Opening 4:30 pm Volleyball @ Home vs Celebration
Friday Oct 24:	End of 1 st Quarter 9 am School Opening 1 st and 2 nd Farm Wisconsin K4-K5 Little Farmer Popcorn Friday
Saturday Oct 25	VHS Volleyball Tournament
Monday Oct 27:	9 am School Opening
Tuesday Oct 28:	9 am School Opening 5:00 pm Volleyball Party
Wednesday Oct 29:	9 am School Chapel
Thursday Oct 30:	9 am School Opening
Friday Oct 31:	Reformation Day End of 1 st Quarter 9 am School Opening



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2025

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
Ministry Fund	\$16,841.32	\$68,186.93	(\$74,456.66)	\$10,571.59
Nicolet Restricted Funds*	\$40,030.08	\$15,832.12	(\$215.00)	\$55,647.20
LCMS Endowment Fund**	\$127,957.80			\$127,957.80
LCEF Steward Fund	\$19.72			\$19.72
Window Fund MM	\$6,936.17	\$105,134.71	(\$6,936.17)	\$105,134.71
Schwab Wealth***	\$56,194.13			\$56,194.13
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$7,372.94	\$0.24	(\$6,989.96)	\$383.22
Nicolet Office Acct	\$3,373.83	\$1.34		\$3,375.17
Nicolet Scrip	\$12,648.93	\$15,334.43	(\$13,188.12)	\$14,795.24
TOTAL	\$284,956.43	\$204,489.77	(\$101,785.91)	\$387,660.29
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$793,104.16		(3,530.62)	\$789,573.54

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

Speaker: Jan Bathke: "Living With Death"

Everyone is welcome!



Stewardship Under the Cross #4 – Oct Newsletter 2025

Can I overcome the “fear” of tithing?

Jesus said that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. As the hymn verse states it: “We give thee but thine own”. God is the ultimate giver of our incomes: all these gifts come from Him. To acknowledge this gift and our dependence on the Lord, God calls us to give a portion of our income back to Him for the maintenance of His Church. Indeed, the Scriptures are very clear – God calls His people to give generously to the work of the Church. As we have seen, God commanded Israel to support the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Levites in the Temple with a tithe, 10% of their income. Can we call ourselves generous by doing less?

This calls for faith. Do we trust God’s Word? Do we trust that what He says is for our benefit, not our harm? IF YOU HAVE NEVER TITHED BEFORE, IT CAN BE A SCARY PROPOSITION! Give 10% or more of my money away?? You’ve got to be kidding! But God doesn’t ever kid us in His Word. Instead, He tells us how to live holy and blessed lives, full of peace and contentment.

Consider this from Matthew 6: Jesus said “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

But, IMPORTANTLY, Jesus follows this with “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather

into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you, by being anxious, can add a single hour to your span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, oh you of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

God will never tell us to do something that will be to our harm – He loves us too much for that. Jesus gave His life on the cross for me. He loves me and knows what is best for me; so, I can know that what He says about stewardship is meant for my benefit. He wants my heart to be with Him – and my heart will always follow where I put God's money. TITHING IS NOT EASY, IT IS GODLY. IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE. Stepping out in faith always does. You may have to change your lifestyle to accommodate God's Word in this matter. But tithing will change your life in other ways too – it will give you a peace and contentment that can only come from putting yourself in the hands of the Lord.

Are you anxious today? Listen to Jesus' words at the end of Matthew 6: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Through our trust in our heavenly Father, may that be our mindset in all things, including our stewardship life. Thank you

October 10th Hymn Sing

The Second Friday (in October)!! 🎵

🎵 7pm in the Sanctuary

🎵 Come Sing YOUR Favorite Hymns!! 🎵

Followed by Refreshments and Fellowship!

Questions, See/call Bart or Rose!

Sunday, October 19th, 2025

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Please join the Board of Social Ministry in celebrating our wonderful pastors after the Divine service in the Narthex.

Cupcakes and refreshments will be served
Cards will be available for you to express your gratitude

CONGREGATION PHOTO DIRECTORY

The directories at last are here. If you had pre-ordered a copy you may pick it up in the church office during business hours.



Trinity Lutheran German Dinner

300 Broad Street, Menasha



October 26, 2025 11:30am – 1:30pm

\$16 Adults
add \$5 Double Portion Meat
\$0 Kids Ages 0-3
\$8 Kids Ages 4-10 (small portion German dinner)
\$6 Hotdog meal (hot dog, chips, dessert & drink)

Meal consists of: 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 Home Made!

Advanced tickets are available after 10/1/25 at the church office
Mon-Fri 8:30am – 3:00pm (920) 722-2662

Carry-out and reservation times are available by
contacting Elaine at (920) 470-9090
BEFORE OCTOBER 25th.
CARRY-OUT ON OCTOBER 26th (920) 886-1194

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 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!



*Fundraiser during restaurant operating hours. Visit redrobin.com and find this location to view hours. Donation based on all eligible net dine-in and to-go food sales only. Excludes sales from catering (at select locations), 3rd party ordering and delivery sites, alcohol, gift cards, retail, tax and gratuity. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near the restaurant during fundraiser day & hours.



TRUNK or TREAT



**WEAR
YOUR
COSTUMES!**

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH
2:00-4:00pm**

Peace Lutheran Church
1228 S. Park Ave., Neenah
920-725-0510

www.peaceneenah.com

Outdoor event. Weather permitting.
Check our Facebook page for updates.
facebook.com/peaceneenah

