

January 2 & 3, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings

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



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Sunday, January 3

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, January 4

Pastor's Day Off

School Resumes

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study Online

Tuesday, January 5

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

3:45PM Basketball Practice

6:30PM Voter's Meeting (Board Meetings will follow)

Wednesday, January 6

8:45AM Chapel

5:15PM Catechism

6:30PM Worship Service

Thursday, January 7

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

3:45PM Basketball Practice

Friday, January 8

2:45PM Electives

Saturday, January 9

9:00AM-9:30AM Food Pantry Drive Up

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, January 10

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Paul Bruner, Sandy Rammer, Mike Godwin, Barbara Thomas, Rick Stanford, Mona Barhrke, Scott Henrickson, Jason Seals, Lee Weinig, Barbara Kester, Merry Voigt, Karen Beard, Rose Kosloski, Alyce and James Thurber, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Merle Webber, Joyce Virchow, Wendy Kondzela, Oliver Siegel, Jeff Dionne, Donna Mies, Roman Brockman, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Norb Pomerence, Alan Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Don Mader, Ann Keller, Mark Becker, Roman & Flora Turenko, Scott Dontje, Scott Steenepoorte, Tom Howden and family, and Lynn Olson.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Isaiah 60:6b – “They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.” Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His House. It's simply what Christians do. Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today by giving with a thankful heart.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
"Like" Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

In memory of Ruth Pomerence from her loving
husband Norb.

**This Weekend's Banners- The Lectern
Banner** - Shepherd and Star.

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**
Income as of December 27: \$47,819

Church Office- The Church Office hours are
Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM.

Teaching the Faith Bible Study- with
Pastor GeRue. We meet Sundays from
10:30-11:30 AM in the meeting room. Some
topics will be Holy Scriptures, God's Law,
Creation, Salvation, The Trinity, God,
Confession, Sacraments; things you were
afraid to ask & more. The study is open to all.
It is a review of the Lutheran Christian Faith
and serves as an Adult Information /
Confirmation Class.

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.

Altar Flowers- If you wish to donate flowers
please contact the office. The cost of
providing Altar flowers is \$25.00.

Portals of Prayer- Devotional books are
\$.75 each. Please let the office know if you
wish to purchase one.

Shelter Blanket Sewers Wanted! If you can
sew a straight seam, or close to it, we have
a need for you. We have a lot of squares and
strips ready to be sewn together into quilt
tops. This is a project you can do at home.
Contact LaVerne Werth @ 740-0381.
Machines are also available for your use.

Church Mailbox- Please look for your name
on your church mailbox.

Ushers- We are looking for more ushers to
help on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and
Sundays. If you would like to help, please
contact Beth at the office and she can get you
on the schedule.

Women's Bible Study- If you wish to join
the online Women's Bible Study contact
Connie Henkel by email at
sonshine_54952@yahoo.com or call (920)
725-0694.

Volunteers- to help with temperature taking
on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If
you would like to help, please contact Mary
Howden (920) 730-9521.

From Board of Properties- Hello everyone,
Cold and snowy weather is upon us. Which
means it's time to dust off the shovels!
Please prayerfully consider signing up for
one-month, multiple months, or the entire
season! If you are interested, there are two
ways to sign-up: contact Eric Voigt
(property@trinitymenasha.com) or contact
Beth through the Church Office.

We are also looking for help with shoveling
before school starts in the morning and
before school is released in the afternoon.
Please contact Eric Voigt or Lee Colby with
any questions or for more information.
Thank you.

✝ Thank You to....

All Trinity congregation members for your gifts, beautiful cards, prayers & kind thoughts during this Christmas season. We are blessed to serve you.

Happy New Year!

-Rev. Steven S. Billings

-Rev. Keith E. GeRue

-And the entire Faculty and Staff of Trinity

Trinity's Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support Trinity's Food Pantry through food & monetary donations. We have truly been blessed by your generosity! You are providing for many who are currently in need. We are in need of the following non-perishables: Cereal, Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese, and Pudding/Jello. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at 920-540-5090.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church Office Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

How to Order Scrip? You can call the office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM, Or email Beth with your order –

bwohlrabe@trinitymenasha.com. She will put it together and you can receive your order at door #7 when the office is open.

Kwik Trip Scrip is back to a 10% rebate, limited time only. Get yours today!

Pick up your Tom's Drive In Scrip - at a 10% rebate now. Get yours today!

Congregational Voter's Meeting- Tues, January 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary and online, for election of Officers and Board Members for 2021. Please call the church office by Noon on Tuesday to reserve a spot or to sign up for Zoom attendance.

Be an ESL Conversation Partner- How would you like to work with missionaries without ever leaving your home? For the first time, you can volunteer as an online conversation partner with English language learners around the world! Give your partner the chance to practice their English skills with a native speaker. You also get to support the work our missionaries are doing! Classes are one hour a week, for six weeks. All you need is a webcam on your computer and a good internet connection. To sign up, go to servenow.lcms.org.

New 2021 Church Directory- Please look for your new 2021 Church Directory in your church mailbox. If you did not get one, please contact Beth in the office and she will give you one.

2021 Offering Envelopes- Your new envelopes are in your church mailbox. Call Beth in the office if you did not receive yours.

Removal of the Christmas Decorations- will be following the same precautions as we did when putting them up. If you wish to be of service, please contact Sally Bolen (920) 422-2054.

✠ School News ✠ “Sent to Serve”



School Resumes- Classes resume Monday, January 4th at 8:15am.

National Lutheran Schools Week- is coming Sun, Jan 24th – Sun, Jan 31st. Lots of fun & exciting things will be happening around our school. “Sent to Serve” is our theme this year.

This week’s theme: **“Learning to Serve”**

Luke 2:40–52

“After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions” (Luke 2:46).

How do we communicate? Are there other ways in which we communicate with each other? How do you think people communicated in Jesus’ time?

We gather in our church where God communicates with us as we worship Him. He shares His Word with us. We listen carefully to His messages.

The “church” for Jesus and His family was the temple in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph knew it was important that they take their son to the temple. Our Bible lesson tells us about their visit to the temple when Jesus was 12 years old.

Sometimes our families do not communicate very well regarding where family members are at and how we are going to meet again. Mary and Joseph got

separated from Jesus. The worried parents found Jesus in the temple “sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions” (v. 46).

The temple teachers gathered together to discuss God’s Word given to them from the prophets. Through their questions and answers, they were communicating with one another about God’s Word. What do you suppose Jesus asked them? The lesson tells us that the audience was “amazed at his understanding and his answers.” The temple teachers did not comprehend that it was the all-knowing Jesus who was with them.

Where and when do we talk about God’s Word? We ask questions and share answers in our classroom Bible lessons, in our family and school devotions, and in other times of study. As the perfect Son of God, Jesus obviously had all the right answers. Jesus still has all the right answers. He is the answer to our questions and confessions about our sin. He answers all our needs with His grace and forgiveness.

While our texting, messaging and other forms of communication are interesting, the most helpful discussions are those about God’s Word. We are thankful for teachers, pastors and parents who communicate God’s Word to us. May we use all forms of communication to share Jesus’ love with others.

PRAYER: Jesus, You have blessed us with many means of communication. Most importantly, through Your Word You continue to communicate the message of salvation. Help us to hear and believe Your message to us, and help us communicate it to others. Amen.