



# December 11 & 12, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ We Pray For... ✠

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## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, December 18:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*

Usher Team: *Lee Colby*

Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

### Sunday, December 19:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*

Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*

Altar Guild:

### Friday, December 24: (4, 6:30 & 11 pm)

Elder on Duty: 6:30 pm—*Alan Manteufel*

11:00 pm—*Bart Nielsen*

Usher Team: 11:00 pm—*Jim Wittmann*

Altar Guild: 11:00 pm—*Jean Zeinert*

## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, December 11

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

### Sunday, December 12

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30 -11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

### Monday, December 13

Pastor's Sabbath

8:45 AM Heart challenge kickoff @ School

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM 3PS-K5 Christmas Service

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 14

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:45 PM Basketball @ Home vs Valley Home  
School

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, December 15

10:30 AM Grades 5-8 Christmas Service

5:00 PM Catechism

5:15 PM Advent Meal

6:30 PM Grades 5-8 Christmas Service

### Thursday, December 16

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

3:45 PM Basketball Practice

7:00 PM Choir Practice

### Friday, December 17

School Caroling / Noon Dismissal

### Saturday, December 18

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

### Sunday, December 19

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

Advent decorative altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Board of Worship.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Hope Peace Joy Love"

"Prepare the Way"

### \$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**

Income as of December 5: **\$13,508**

### Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday School—Pre K-6th Grade begins in the Second Floor Choir Room.

10:30AM Sunday – "Community. We are not alone." with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online) - Large Fellowship Hall

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue - Small Fellowship Hall

10:45AM Sunday – Book of Isaiah with Blaine Henkel—Narthex Conf. Room

6:30PM Monday – Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday – Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday – Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

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

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Philippians 4:5-6** – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

### Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

### Would you like to help in this fundraising effort?

Did you know Trinity will take your aluminum cans for our recycling effort? The price Trinity is getting, per pound for aluminum, is the highest we have gotten in the past few years.

With the holidays coming, please save your aluminum cans. You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bin, inside Door 7. We appreciate your efforts.

Trinity Family Christmas Caroling. Let's Bring Christmas Joy To Our shut Ins! Sunday,

December 19th @ 2PM. Meet at Trinity; we will carpool. Plans are for gathering at Stone Toad (1109 Oneida Street, Menasha afterward for dinner and fellowship.



## ADVENT MEAL MENU

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 • 5:15 PM

Hosted by Board of Properties and Elders.

Pulled Chicken, Pulled Beef, Salad and Dessert

All are invited for good food and fellowship!

## Deadline for the Weekly Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter

Please help us achieve our deadlines. We need your weekly Bulletin articles by Wednesday of each week.

The newsletter articles are due five business days prior to the end of the month.

Thank you for your help with this. It will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time.

## Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the "Altar Flowers" envelopes are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.*

## Large Cans Needed!

Trinity Altar Guild needs large cans. We use them as flower vases when sending altar bouquets to our parishioners. We are looking for the large soup or tomato juice type cans.

Please wash them out and bring them to the church office. Thank you so much!

## 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.

## New Daily Prayers for 2021-2022

### Available in the Narthex

The 2021-2022 Daily Prayers, Psalms, Readings, Hymns & Prayers for Individuals and Families have been printed. You will find them in the narthex, on the ledge, near the tables. May they be a blessing to you and your family.

## Trinity's Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity's Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Salad Dressing, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Canned Tomatoes & Jello/Pudding. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

## Lost & Found

Our lost and found items are on display in the narthex. Please check if you may have lost something at church.

## \$ SCRIP News \$

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

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.-Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

**Fleet Farm Scrip**—get yours now at a special 10 percent discount!

**Toms Drive In Scrip** is at 10% now through the end on the year

# ✠ SCHOOL NEWS ✠

## "In All Things"

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 13	6:00 pm PS3 -K5 Christmas Service
Dec. 14	4:14 & 5:15 pm Basketball Valley Home School @ Home
Dec. 15	10:30 am 5th- 8th Grades Christmas Service 6:30pm 5th- 8th Grades Christmas Service
Dec. 16	3:45 pm Basketball Practice
Dec. 17	Noon Dismissal/Caroling / Popcorn Friday

## Peace in All Things

**Scripture:** Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Text :** "Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!" (ZEPH. 3:14).

### First Things

Christ IS the Light of the world, and we prepare to celebrate His birth. A major emphasis of the Advent Season is to prepare in repentance and humility. The third week, the pink candle is lit. In the midst of our focus on repentance, we note "joy." There are many expressions of "joy" during this season of the year. Only in Jesus do we have the true joy of the season.

### The Main Thing

God's Word to us is again from one of God's Old Testament prophets. Zephaniah is a short, three-chapter book in the Old Testament (and is rather difficult to pronounce). Like many of the other prophets, Zephaniah was sent by God to share His message of judgment. The prophet begins the message, "I will utterly sweep away everything from the face of the earth" (ZEPH. 1:2). God's response to our evil is His judgment.

The Advent season is a time to also remember that Jesus will come again on the Last Day. He will come to judge the world. The earth and all that is in it will disappear. Everyone will

stand before the throne of God on the Last Day. Without Jesus that will be a very frightening and sad time.

The Book of Zephaniah concludes with a message of joy. "The Lord has taken away the judgments against you" (3:15); "the Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save" (3:17). God's people did not need to fear their enemies because God would be their deliverer. We do not need to fear our enemy, the devil, because we have a Deliverer. We do not need to fear the final judgment because Jesus came as the baby in Bethlehem and the Savior of the world to deliver us.

Even in the season of "joy," we do not always feel joyful. The decorations of "joy" are taken down soon after Christmas. Sometimes, the Christmas family gatherings are not always joyful. Even the pink candle on the wreath will not burn forever. However, having Jesus as our Savior brings joy to us every season and every day. Having Jesus as our Savior brings us joy eternally.

### In All Things

Heavenly Father, we live in a world that is not always joyful. There are times when we do not see or feel the joy in our own lives. Thank You for the joy of Jesus who faced the judgment for our sin so that we might have joy now and eternally with Him. Help us to be messengers of the joy of Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## ANGEL TREE

You will notice a Christmas tree in the school hallway between the 3rd-4th grade classroom and the 5th-6th grade classroom decorated with angels. Each teacher and office person has a different colored angel, so look for your child's class and pick one or more of the angels; each of them has an item listed that can be purchased for the classroom. Most of them are common items that are needed here at school. So, if you have time, grab an angel or two, and add the item to your Christmas shopping list. This is a great opportunity to help the school during Christmas.