



December 25, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Worship Service (NO COMMUNION)
6:30 PM Worship Service (NO COMMUNION)
11:00 PM Candelight Worship Service (COMMUNION)

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 AM Worship Service
NO BIBLE STUDY OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, December 26:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Rev. Billings' Sabbath
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 27:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 28:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 PM NO CATECHISM

Thursday, December 29:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 30:

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, December 31: New Years Eve

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 1: New Years Day

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

**PLEASE NOTE
SCHOOL OFFICE
IS CLOSED
DEC. 23, 2022
THROUGH
JAN. 3, 2023.**

✝ We Pray For...✝

The Sick: Heather Andreshak, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Mark and Jean Becker, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, David Cotter, Jean Damon, Matt Daniels, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Dennis & Judith Durkey, Tim E., George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Josh Fuchs, Alma Garza, Michael Hastings, Connie Harbath, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Warren Lindner, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Mlodik Family, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Jan Schroeder, Ray Schroeder, Sam & Amy Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steene-poorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth. Carol Evensen, Terry Wray,

Anniversaries: Jeremy and Dana Bouchard, Craig and Sandy Wussow.

Birthdays: Jacob Mies, Walker White, Dana Bouchard, Justin Bouchard, John Henrickson, Maxwell Milske, Isabelle Callan, Sally Bolen, Joshua Heid, and Jonah Turrell.

✝ Stewardship Lesson ✝

Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus’ love has done!

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com_or

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Altar Flowers

Merry Christmas

This Weekend's Banners

Shepherds with the Star

"Rejoice, Glory to God in the Highest"

Congregational Voter's Meeting

Your Attendance is Strongly Encouraged

Our next Congregational Voter's Meeting will be held January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Voting will take place in person only.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers and directors of our congregation. This will include voting for the positions of President and Vice President.

We are also seeking approval of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's nominations for President of the Synod and Regional Vice President.

Thank you.

Blaine Henkel, President

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE
TO USE THE HYMNAL TO HELP
CUT OUR PAPER COSTS.**

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.

Daily Devotions Direct Link!

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

**YOUR 2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN YOUR MAILBOXES!
DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2023**

Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM Sunday: *"The Letter to the Romans"* with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings-Large Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM Sunday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room
- 10:30 AM Sunday *The Book of Isaiah* with Blaine Henkel
- 5:30 PM Monday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Pastor's Office
- 6:30 PM Monday: Women's Bible Study, *"Joy: A Study of Philipians"* by Deb Burma, Conference Room. Contact: Connie Henkel
- 6:30 AM Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, *"12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You"* with Dottie Kraus
- 6:00 AM Thursday: Men's Bible Study, *Paul's Letter to the Corinthians* with Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room.



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

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
4:00 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*
4:00 PM Communion Assistant: **No Communion**
4:00 PM Altar Guild: **No Communion**
4:00 PM Greeter: *Volunteer*
4:00 PM Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*
6:30 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*
6:30 PM Communion Assistant: **No Communion**
6:30 PM Altar Guild: **No Communion**
6:30 PM Greeter: *Volunteer*
6:30 PM Acolyte: *Melani Gast*

11:00 PM Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*
11:00 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*
11:00 PM Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
11:00 PM Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
11:00 PM Greeter: *Volunteer Needed*
11:00 PM Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*
Usher Team: *Volunteers*
Communion Assistant: *Volunteer*
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*
Greeter: *Volunteer*

Wednesday, December 28—No Mid-Week Service

§ SCRIP News §

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

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

Fleet Farm & Tom's Drive In — 10% rebate!
New Scrip! - Buy your Grocery Only Kwik Trip Scrip at **15% rebate**. Ask your seller for details.

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.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, December 31: New Years Eve

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**
Greeter: *Betty Allen*
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

Sunday, January 1: New Years Day

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Lee Weing*
Communion Assistant:
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*
Greeter:
Acolyte: *Ava Schmidt*

Wednesday, January 4—No Mid-Week Service

2023 Offering Envelopes

Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are in your mailbox, unless you give electronically. Do not begin using them until January 1, 2023. This year we will alternate a Communion Envelope with the Building Fund Envelope..

Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Beans, Jello, Pudding, Tomato Soup and Canned Fruit. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the office for a copy to pick up your free Portals of Prayer, courtesy of the Board of Elders.



Trinity Lutheran School
“WORSHIPPING DISCIPLES”

Luke 2:1-20

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased,’ ... And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them” (LUKE 2:13–14, 20)

“Christmas is ...”

Christmas is presents, decorations, family, food, lights, songs, vacation and so on. Christmas is lots of different things to many of us. Today’s Bible reading (the Christmas story according to Luke, Chapter 2) teaches us that Christmas is worship. It was a time of worship for angels and shepherds.

What an amazing announcement the angel had to share with the shepherds on the field near Bethlehem: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (LUKE 2:11). Since the fall into sin, faithful believers had been waiting for the fulfillment of God’s promise of a Savior. The Promise had been born in Bethlehem.

What was the response of the angels? The “multitude of the heavenly host” praised God. All of God’s creation rejoiced at the Good News of the Savior.

The shepherds followed the angel’s invitation to go to Bethlehem to see “a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (LUKE 2:12). What was their response to what they saw? They “returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen” (v. 20). They praised God for the Savior born for them and “all nations.”

A time away from school and our Christmas celebration will include lots of things to do for our families and our friends. However, our most important activity is to follow the angels’ example to worship our Savior. Jesus was born to save the world from sin and to save each of us.

When we receive Christmas gifts we respond with thank you words or notes. We may give an appreciative hug to parents or grandparents who gave us a gift. How do we respond to the Gift that God has given to us? We give thanks to God with our words of praise. May God bless our worship together this Christmas time.

Dear Jesus, as we give thanks for Christmas gifts that we receive, we say “thanks” to You for the greatest gift of all. We have been given the gift of salvation because You chose to come as a humble Baby to Bethlehem. May we share our thanks this Christmas by worshipping You and following You as faithful and joyful disciples. Amen.

WORSHIP
With
US

New Years Eve

Saturday, December 31st, 5:00 pm Worship w/communion, “Everlasting to Everlasting”

New Years Day

Sunday, January 1st, 9:00 am Worship w/communion



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.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Rev. Steven S. Billings

Rev. Keith E. GeRue

And the entire Faculty and Staff of Trinity