



November 4 & 5, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, November 4: ALL SAINTS' DAY
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 5: ALL SAINTS' DAY
Fall Back—Daylight Savings Time
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

Monday, November 6:
Pastor's Sabbath
Ladies Sewing Group
6:00PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 7:
6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, November 8:
9:00 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Catechism
6:30 PM Worship Service

Thursday, November 9:
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 10:

Saturday, November 11:
9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 12:
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

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.

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Mark and Jean Becker, Larry Bevers, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Bruce Christoffersen, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Sara Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Deb Manteufel, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Jerry Peotter, Norb Pomeranke, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schrampfer, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Aspen Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, Tim Wirth, and Sheryl Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Abbie Bates, Rev. Steven Billings, Courtney Corrente, Nathan Dahms, Jacqueline Diesch, Judith Durkey, Linda Kohler, Julian Mahoney, Jerry Maynard, Chantay Peterson, Alexander Schrampfer, Jason Stieg and Rudy Vitek.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Donna & Robert Mies

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.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com_or
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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

This Weekend's Banners

"He Comes" and "The Lord's Supper"

✠ Stewardship ✠

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

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>.

Ladies Aid Fundraisers

Trinity's Pie and Cake Sale going on through November! Order your pies now for the holidays! The order forms were in last weekend's bulletin. There are also **order forms on the ledge in the Narthex**. All cakes and pies will cost between \$12 and \$15.

Each year we enjoy doing our annual **Ladies Aid/ Lutheran Women's Missionary League Christmas Cookie & Candy Sale in December**. Start looking at your favorite Christmas cookie and candy recipes to make, and share, with our Trinity family.

November Food Drive for Trinity's Pantry

Trinity's Food Pantry has seen a steady increase in the number of families we serve in recent weeks. In May, we were serving approx. 36 families, now we are seeing up to 60 families/distribution! Thankfully, we have been blessed by ongoing donations from many faithful members here and from Peace Lutheran Church in Neenah, Festival Foods-Menasha as well as support from Heart of the Valley Food Pantry and Star Orchard to assure that we have a good variety of fresh and non-perishable food items for our recipient families.

We will be having our annual Thanks-Giving Food Drive in November to help stock our rapidly declining non-perishable items & have also reached out to 15 area Missouri Synod churches to consider having food drives at their churches to benefit Trinity's pantry if they are not already supporting a pantry.

We specifically need donations of (listed in order of need): Canned Fruit, Juice, Cereal, Large cans of soup (Campbells Chunky or Progresso, 16 oz), Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables **OR** make a \$ donation. Make checks payable to: Trinity Menasha Food Pantry.

You can bring your items in anytime it's convenient for you, but if you're coming to the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wed. Nov. 23rd. You will have an opportunity to add your donations to many others to fill up the front of church with our thank offerings.

For more information about Trinity's Food Pantry or if you know someone who would benefit from receiving a little help from our pantry, please contact Steve Reinke at Sreinke@trinitymenasha.com or call 920-540-5090.

Thank you so much for your support!

Trinity's Food Pantry Coordinators:

Steve Reinke

Lee & Juliet Colby

Jerry & Diane Peotter



✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 4: All Saints' Day

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *Betty Allen*
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 5: All Saints' Day

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant: *Paul Collingwood*
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*
Greeter: *Liz Kamprath*
Acolyte: *Axle Hurst*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, November 8:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**

§ 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.

Limited time—Kwik Trip Scrip at 10% Rebate!
Fleet Farm @8% Rebate!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 11:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 12:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Robbie Kohler*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, November 15:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**

Ladies Aid Annual Christmas Party!

We will meet at George's Restaurant, 2208 S Memorial Dr, Appleton on November 28 at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the spinner in the Narthex. We hope to see you all there for a lovely evening of Christian fellowship and great food. A limited menu will be posted in the near future.

Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans"** with Pastors Alliet & Billings, Small Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"** Contact : Pastor GeRue-
Conference Room
- 6:30 PM **Monday: Women's Bible Study, "Chosen: A Study of Esther"** by Donna (Pyle) Snow -
Conference Room, Contact: Connie Henkel
- 6:30 AM **Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, "PRAYER: We Speak to God"** Appleton Retirement
Community, 200 W Packard, Appleton, Contact Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!
- 7:30 PM **Tuesday: The Study of Psalms**, Contact: Blaine Henkel via Zoom invitation
- 6:00 AM **Thursday: Men's Bible Study, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians** Contact Steve Reinke,
Large Conference Room

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connected To the Power Source

Matthew 25:1-13

“But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps” (Matt. 25:4).

If a weather forecast warns you about possible storms such as tornadoes or blizzards, your family may prepare for the situation by having light sources available in case the electricity goes out. It's important to not only have the light flashlight but also to have batteries in the source.

The women in Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reading weren't preparing for a storm. They were preparing to make a nighttime trip to a wedding celebration. In Jesus' time, they didn't have battery-powered lights. They had lamps that needed a supply of oil to keep the lamp burning. Some of the women were prepared with fuel for their lamps. Some were not prepared and would miss the celebration.

The lesson in Jesus' parable is much more important than having lamps or lights powered. The Bible teaches that Jesus will come again on the Last Day. Jesus, who came to earth as true man to die for us. Jesus, who completed the plan of salvation and rose from the dead. Jesus, who ascended into heaven, will come again to judge the world and welcome us and all believers to be with Him. While we know that Jesus will come again, we don't know when He will come. Jesus' story teaches that we should always be ready for when He comes again.

Being ready doesn't involve having lamps with oil or lights with batteries. Jesus prepared us for His coming by giving us faith. The women in the story without oil were those who were not waiting in faith for Jesus. Jesus has given us the power of our Baptism and the power of His Word. We do not have to worry about being ready. When Jesus comes, we will be part of the celebration because we have faith in Him.

Because there are people who do not have the fuel of faith, they continue to experience the storms of doubt and despair. We have the privilege of sharing the Good News that Jesus has come, and He wants all to be ready to welcome Him.

PRAYER

“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).

Jesus, thank You for giving me the fuel of faith. We ask that You continue to keep us ready to receive You. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

- Nov. 6 The Grand, Oshkosh The Carp That Wouldn't Quit 9:30 am
DC insurance due
- Nov. 7 1pm 2nd-3rd Water Safety
Nenah Y
- Nov. 8 Chapel 9am
- Nov. 10 Veterans Day Assembly and
Lunch

SALUTE TO THE VETERANS LET TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL THANK YOU PROPERLY

Friday, November 10th, is Veteran's Day. We will acknowledge what God has done through veterans for us in our 10:30 am assembly. Join us for a presentation in honor of our Military Veterans performed by the students of Trinity School.

Assembly, 10:30am on November 10
Following the presentation, enjoy a free lunch to thank you for your service to our country.

Please call Trinity's office to RSVP for lunch by: November 6, (920) 886-1083.



All Saints' Day 2023

Judy Krause ~ November 7, 2022

William Ottow ~ November 8, 2022

Donald Gehrt ~ April 26, 2023

Barbara Richardson ~ April 26, 2023

Warren Lindner ~ June 17, 2023

LeRoy Schaefer ~ June 23, 2023

Karleton Borchardt ~ July 26, 2023

Lynn Olson ~ July 31, 2023

Joann Jording ~ August 7, 2023

Terry Wray—October 12, 2023



“Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 7:15, 17



SERMON NOTES

All Saints'

1. What do people in our culture commonly expect in a funeral sermon?
 - a. Social commentary
 - b. Praise of the deceased
 - c. Religious platitudes
 - d. Comfort of the Gospel

2. Good works in the life of a believer are a sign of...?
 - a. Personal faith produced by salvation
 - b. Personal goodness that results in salvation
 - c. Both A and B
 - d. Neither A nor B

3. In a funeral sermon, time spent discussing the good works of the deceased could actually take away from...?
 - a. Time for the meal afterward
 - b. Time for people to get back to their jobs
 - c. Time spent proclaiming Christ
 - d. None of the above

4. Who are these standing before the Throne of God?
 - a. A great multitude that no one could number
 - b. Clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands
 - c. Crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God"
 - d. All of the above

5. How did Pastor conclude his sermon?

"We, too, beloved, will _____ Hallelujah!"



FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

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Trinity Lutheran

November 13th

3:00 – 10:00 pm

10%

DONATION NIGHT

Support Trinity Lutheran School by presenting this flyer to the Appleton Location and Texas Roadhouse will donate **10%** of your total food purchases to Trinity!

