



# November 11 & 12, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### 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

### Monday, November 13:

Pastor's Sabbath  
Ladies Sewing Group  
3:00-10:00 PM Texas Roadhouse Dining Out  
6:00PM At Home Prayer Time  
6:30PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 14:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  
4:30 PM **Active Shooter Presentation with Meal**  
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meetings

### Wednesday, November 15:

9:00 AM Chapel  
5:00 PM Catechism  
6:30 PM Worship Service

### Thursday, November 16:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, November 17:

### Saturday, November 18:

9:30 AM Food Pantry  
5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, November 19:

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

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Mark and Jean Becker, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Bruce Christoffersen, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, 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, Norb Pomerrenke, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Jodi Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, and Tim Wirth.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Linda Bartelme, Vivian Bouchard, Mackenzie Brown, Nathan Emery, Archer Hurst, Jamie Mies, Ailene Moderson, Brian Ratzburg, Hailey Schaefer, and Beverly Voster.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Duane & Kathryn Baehman, David & Karen Edwards, Robert & Karon Flater, Gary & Teresa Kaye, and Justin & Rachel Kobs

## 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.



I would like to Thank everyone for the privilege of serving in the Trinity office for the last couple years. It is time for the next chapter of life. God has truly Blessed me over the years! Thank you and God's Blessings. *Mary Conradi*

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com\\_or](http://www.trinitymenasha.com_or)  
"Like" Us on Facebook

### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given with love by Jerry & Ellie Maynard's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

A second bouquet was donated by the Gehrt Family in memory of Don Gehrt's birthday.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Be Ready In Season and Out of Season" & "Do Not Fear, Your God Will Come to Save You"

### ✝ Stewardship ✝

#### 24th Sunday after Pentecost

**Matthew 25:4** - "But the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the Bridegroom's words and believed what He said. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of stewardship say about what you believe?

### Ladies Aid Fundraisers

Trinity's Pie and Cake Sale going on through November! Order your pies now for the holidays! There are [order forms on the ledge in the Narthex](#). All cakes and pies cost between \$12 and \$15.

Our **Annual Cookie and Candy Sale** begins the weekend of **December 9th & 10th** and continues the following weekend of **December 16th & 17th**, before and after the worship services. We will also open for the Trinity School Children's programs on **December 13th, 18th, and 20th**.

**WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US BAKE COOKIES AND MAKE CANDY; YOU CAN SIMPLY BRING THEM WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP.** You need not wrap or bag the items separately as we sell them right out of the container you bring them in. All proceeds go for numerous missions as well as for Trinity Church and School projects. We thank you for serving with us and bringing joy to our customers!

## From Your Board of Stewardship

A reminder from the Board of Stewardship—please return your completed Time & Talent and Financial pledge forms by this Monday, November 13th. Thanks!



- A Life of Being a Disciple
- A Life Lived for Others
- A Life of Hospitality
- A Life Lived Shrewdly



## Thanksgiving Meal

Peace Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 23, 2023

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Peace Lutheran invites you to a traditional Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, served on site.

Peace Lutheran Church

1228 South Park Avenue

Neenah, WI 54956

Phone: (920) 725-0510



### 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>.

### 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 This 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: *Carol Evensen*

## Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

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

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 18:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*  
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*  
Greeter: *Dan & Peg Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 19:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Nov. 22: THANKSGIVING

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekk*  
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*  
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*  
Acolyte: *Richie Sprouse*

## 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

A Connection of Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

**“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:23).**

Have you ever played Connect 4? What’s the goal of the game? What connections do you make to win the game?

The Bible stories last week and today teach about Jesus’ return on the Last Day. It is an important lesson because Jesus will come again, and we should be ready and waiting in faith.

Today’s Bible reading tells us what to do while we wait for Jesus’ return. We don’t just play games while we wait. The Good News is that we wait confidently connected to Jesus. Jesus connects us in Baptism to Himself through His death and resurrection (Rom. 6). Jesus keeps us connected through His Word.

We wait connected by the Spirit to the church. In the church, God gives talents to connect us to Him and one another and to bless His church. Jesus’ parable teaches that each of us receives talents to use.

Sometimes we may think, “I am not good at anything!” We may compare ourselves to others and think, “I wish I had some of the abilities that my friends or classmates have.” Every child of God has received talents from Him. Our talents may be different from others, but they are still God-given and important. Perhaps our teachers, our parents or others can help us see the gifts that God has given to us.

Sometimes we may also get selfish or lazy and not use the talents God has given us. We pray that God would have us see the opportunities we have to serve

Him and others.

When all the pieces in Connect 4 line up, there is a winner. When all the talents of God’s people line up, people are blessed, and our God is glorified.

### 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 the gift of the Spirit and the talents that we have been given. We ask that You open our hearts, eyes and ears to the opportunities You give to serve others. Amen.

### ✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

Nov. 12	9:00 am School Sings
Nov. 13	9:00 am School Devotion 3:00 –10:00 pm Texas Roadhouse
Nov. 14	9:00 am School Devotion 1:00 pm Water Safety Neenah Y 3:45-5:00 pm BB Practice
Nov. 15	9:00 am Chapel
Nov. 16	9:00 am School Devotion 9:30 am PAC Mermaid Theater
Nov. 17	9:00 am School Opening
Nov. 20	9:00 am School Devotion
Nov. 21	9:00 am School Devotion School Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive Count 3:45-5:00 pm BB Practice
Nov. 22	9:00 am School Chapel Noon Dismissal
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day No School
Nov. 24	No School

### ✧ Thank You ✧

Each and Everyone of you for your many kindnesses during Pastor Appreciation Month with your cards, gifts, treats, prayers & support. We are grateful for all of you!

Pastor Billings & Pastor GeRue

# TRAINING



## **ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS PRESENTATION**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2023 • 5:00 PM  
LARGE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE @ 4:30PM.**

**ANYONE INTERESTED IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**

**PLEASE RSVP TO:**

**Elaine – Director, Board of Worship**

**Phone: 920-470-9090**

**Email: [lweinig@outlook.com](mailto:lweinig@outlook.com)**



# FUNDRAISING

DINE-IN OR TO-GO

»» *Support* ««

**Trinity Lutheran**

November 13<sup>th</sup>

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!



## 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 approximately 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. 22nd, 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](mailto: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

# Thanksgiving Meal Reservation Form

## Tuesday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.



### Menu

**Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Bread and Dessert.**

**Please return one reservation form Per Family (student meals are considered part of their hot lunch meal)**

**Please return this form to the school office by Friday November 17th, you can send payment or along with the form, pay the day of lunch, or we can charge your hot lunch account on that day.**

### **Family**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of additional adults and siblings eating Thanksgiving Meal @ \$7.00 each

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Milk is limited to one each per person, additional milk(s) can be purchased at \$.40 each. \*\***

**Lunch Time for students in PS3-Grade 2 is 11:15am**  
**Lunch Time for students in Grades 3-8 is 12:00pm**