



## November 25 & 26, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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### ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

#### Saturday, November 25:

5:00 PM Worship Service

#### Sunday, November 26:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

#### Monday, November 27:

Pastor's Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study

#### Tuesday, November 28:

5:30 PM Ladies Aid Christmas Party at George's

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday, November 29:

9:00 AM Chapel

5:30 PM Catechism Classes

6:30 PM Worship Service

#### Thursday, November 30:

6:00 AM Mens Bible Study

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, December 1:

7:00 PM Hymn Sing (Christmas Hymns!)

#### Saturday, December 2:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

#### Sunday, December 3: ADVENT 1

9:00 AM Worship Service

### Church Administrative Assistant Part-Time Position Opening

Trinity is accepting applications for a .5 position in the church office. Applications and a copy of the job description are available in the church office. Please return your application to the church office—**deadline December 1, 2023.**

### ✠ 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, Sara Flater, 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 Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Liz Swaney, Elaine Trimberger, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Jodi Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, and Tim Wirth.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Michael Bursack, Joel Collingwood, Rev. Jim Dehne, Donna Kohler, Samuel Lawrence, Sarah Mlodik, April Schmidt, Thomas Stolzman, Caden Sommerfeld and Jacinda Vanden Heuvel.

### 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.

## 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 donated by Brenda Kempf in memory of her loving husband, Roger.

### This Weekend's Banners

"One Flock, One Shepherd" &  
"Crown Him the Lord of Life"

### ✠ Stewardship ✠

#### Last Sunday of the Church Year

**Matthew 25:44** – *"Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'"* With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So first things first: if we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts and ask Him to increase our faith!

#### Hymn Sing—December 1 • 7:00 PM

What's your favorite Christmas hymn? Join us on Friday, December 1st for a special hymn sing. There will be a reception to follow.

#### Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in special need of Canned Fruit. We also need Instant Oatmeal Packets, Ketchup, Kleenex, Jam, Jelly and Dish Soap. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

#### Trinity Oshkosh Craft Fair

December 8: 3:00-6:00 PM  
December 9: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Location: Trinity Lutheran School  
819 School Ave.  
Oshkosh, WI



## 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.

## 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 Annual Cookie & Candy Sale

Trinity's Pie and Cake Sale is 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!

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 25:

Elder on Duty: Tom Harrmann  
Usher Team: Roger Voigt  
Communion Assistant: Bruce Buksyk  
Altar Guild: Phil & Mary Conradt  
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz  
Acolyte: Mirella Taschner

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 26:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann  
Communion Assistant: Dave Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows  
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows  
Greeter: Connie Henkel  
Acolyte: Maya Torres

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, November 29:

Elder on Duty: Dave Little  
Usher Team: Dave Acker

## Everyone is Invited to Help Decorate Trinity for Christmas

Sunday, December 10th • 11:30 AM, following Bible Study. Meet at 11:30 AM in the Large Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be provided, and of course, it includes Christmas Cookies for dessert.



## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 2: ADVENT 1

Elder on Duty: Alan Manteufel  
Usher Team: Tom Harrmann  
Communion Assistant: Vance Pues  
Altar Guild: Phil & Mary Conradt  
Greeter: Betty Allen  
Acolyte: Sydney Gast

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 3: ADVENT 1

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Lee Weinig  
Communion Assistant: Dave Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Liz Kamprath  
Acolyte: Axle Hurst

### Wednesday, December 6: ADVENT 1 MID-WEEK 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM—Mid Week Worship Service

Elder on Duty: Dave Little  
Altar Guild: No Communion  
Usher Team: Harrmann & Weinig Teams

## \$ 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.  
**Fleet Farm @8% Rebate!**

## 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 Others

### Matthew 25:31–46

“And the King will answer them. ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me’” (Matt. 25:40).

Jesus, who suffered, died and rose again, ascended into heaven. Jesus, the King, sits on His heavenly throne of glory. From that throne, Jesus will come again to earth on the Last Day. Jesus will come to judge the world. The last Sunday in the Church Year typically celebrates Christ as our King.

The King is also the Judge. Jesus will separate the believers from the unbelievers. Those who have rejected Jesus will be separated from Him forever in hell. It is important that everyone hears about Jesus, their Savior from sin, and believes in Him.

Jesus’ return does not need to frighten us. We are blessed to be baptized children of God. We are blessed to have heard God’s Word and believe in our Savior. Jesus does not come to condemn us but to welcome us to be with Him.

While faith in Jesus saves us, our faith is shown by the actions of love and care that we do in His name. When we help others in Jesus’ name, we show His love. The Bible’s description of Jesus’ return tells us that God’s faithful people wait for His return by feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and helping others.

God uses us to share His love. As students in a Lutheran school, God can use us. Every day, we have the opportunity to be kind to one another, especially to someone who may be sad or hurting. Perhaps we can reach out to others in church who are sick and lonely. Beyond the school, we can reach out in our community by offering food and clothing.

As we help others in Jesus’ name, we too are privileged to hear Jesus say, “As you did

it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it for me” (Matt. 25:40).

### 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, we wait patiently and confidently for Your return. We ask that You would direct us to see those in need and give us hearts to share joyfully and generously. Amen.

### ✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

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| Nov. 27 | 9:00 am School Devotion<br>Picture Retake Day       |
| Nov. 28 | 9:00 am School Devotion<br>3:45-5:00 pm BB Practice |
| Nov. 29 | 9:00 am School Chapel                               |
| Nov. 30 | 9:00 am School Devotion<br>3:45-5:00 pm BB Practice |
| Dec. 1  | 9:00 am School Devotion<br>Midterms                 |



#GIVINGTUESDAY

### NOVEMBER 28

For more than 100 years Trinity Lutheran Church and School have been training up the children of the future. We have certainly experienced the joys of growth, both Spiritually and in number. We ask you to prayerfully consider participating in Giving Tuesday on (or before) November 28 to help us raise \$100,000 to continue the work which Christ has begun and will bring to a completion.

It is our prayer that these efforts will allow us to shine the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Valley as we continue to confess Christ for the Next Generation.



## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, DEC. 3

AT 2PM

POTLUCK AFTER PARTY AT

RON AND DOTTIE KRAUS

BRING A SALAD, VEGGIE, OR DESSERT

WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU!