



December 2 & 3, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, December 2: ADVENT 1

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

Sunday, December 3: ADVENT 1

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School
2:00 PM Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 4:

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

Tuesday, December 5:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6: ADVENT 1

9:00 AM & 6:30 PM Mid-Week Worship Services
5:00 PM Catechism Classes
5:15 PM Advent Meal

Thursday, December 7

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 8:

Saturday, December 9: ADVENT 2

5:00 PM Worship Service
Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale Begins!

Sunday, December 10: ADVENT 2

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School
11:30 AM Christmas Decorating
Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale Begins!

ADVENT MEAL MENU—DEC. 6:, 5:15 PM

Pulled Pork & Hot Beef Sandwiches, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Baked Beans, Desserts, Coffee, Milk & Water

✠ 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, Bruce Smith, 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: Alexis Davila, Sue Frost, Sydney Gast, Brandon Hurst and Abigail Reuning.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Rev. Steven & Elisabeth Billings

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.



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 Ladies Aid.

This Weekend's Banners

"Let The Son Shine Through" & Advent Banner

✠ Stewardship ✠

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:6 – "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

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 service.

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>.

Daily Prayer

The booklet of Daily Prayer is now available in the Narthex for 2023-2024.

Free Electric Upright Piano

Tim Reuning has an electronic upright player piano with over 100 piano rolls he is giving away. For more details please contact Tim at (920) 507-0062.

Ladies Aid Annual Cookie & Candy Sale

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 Christmas Services on December 13th 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!

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



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, December 2: ADVENT 1

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

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

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant: *Steve Sexmith*
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 Adv. 1—Mid Week Worship
6:30 PM Adv. 1—Mid Week Worship
Elder on Duty: *Dave Little*
Usher Team: *Harrmann/Weinig Teams*

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 9: ADVENT 2

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 10: ADVENT 2

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Scott Gutzmann*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Flower Delivery: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Robbie Kohler*

Wednesday, December 13: ADVENT 2 Mid-Week

9:00 AM Adv. 2—Mid Week Worship
6:30 PM Adv. 2—Mid Week Worship
Elder on Duty: *Dave Little*
Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith Teams*

Food Pantry

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

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

\$ 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, get in touch with the contact person listed above, or the church office.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Creatively Connected

Isaiah 64:1–9

“But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are the work of your hands” (Isaiah 64:9).

Art is important in our school. Different types of art connect different types of materials. A painting connects colors to a canvas or page. Metal, clay, paper or other materials are connected to form a sculpture.

Isaiah was a prophet, not an artist. Isaiah was one of the many prophets God sent to His people to call them to repent of their sins. Isaiah was also God’s messenger to share the Good News that God would send His Son to save them from their sins.

Isaiah describes God as an artist. “You are our potter; we are the work of your hands” (Isaiah 64:9). At the beginning of time, God artistically created everything as He spoke the words, “Let there be ...” Everything was perfect, including God’s creation of human beings. Like someone smashing a sculpture or ruining a painting, the devil’s temptation ruined everything God had made.

God would not leave His creation ruined. God the artist formed a “new creation” through Christ (2 Cor. 5:17). God was building the cross on which His Son would die since His first promise to Adam and Eve. Isaiah was blessed to share the promise of what God was going to do. We are blessed to see the completion of what God has done.

In Christ, God now sees us as His beautiful creation. In our Baptism, we are His new creation. We are created to praise and serve Him.

Advent is a special time in the Church Year. We see the beauty and art of the season in Christmas decorations and bright lights. In the church, we see something even more beautiful than the Advent wreath or other special seasonal decorations. We see the beauty of God’s plan of salvation. All the promises

of a Savior come together to give us a beautiful sculpture of God’s eternal plan for us.

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 rejoice in Your coming to earth. Thank You for Your work in us. We ask Your blessing on our Advent gatherings in our church, school and home. Prepare us for Your coming! Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

- Dec. 4 9:00 am School Devotion
- Dec. 5 9:00 am School Devotion
9:30 am Oshkosh Grand PS3-1
4:30 pm BB @ Trinity Oshkosh
- Dec. 6 9:00 am Advent Matins
- Dec. 7 9:00 am School Devotion
4:30 pm BB Celebration
5:45 pm Gather Round Singing
@ Curtis Reed Square
- Dec. 8 9:00 am School Devotion

YOU'RE INVITED

Our Students have been hard at work to bring their creativity to the celebration of Gather Round the Christmas Trees. We are thrilled to be 1 of 15 groups from our community decorating trees, as well as musically performing! We hope that you'll be able to join us to see their work on display.

We are in need of student, parent and friends voices, Thursday evening, Dec. 7 at 5:45 pm to Gather Round the Christmas Trees Caroling at Curtis Reed Plaza/Main Street in Downtown Menasha. We will be singing for about 15 minutes.