



December 9 & 10, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

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

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale Begins!

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

11:30 AM Christmas Decorating

Monday, December 11:

Pastor's Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 12:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 13: ADVENT 2

9:00 AM & 6:30 PM Mid-Week Worship Services

K5-3rd Grade Christmas Service

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale

5:00 PM Catechism Classes

5:15 PM Advent Meal

Thursday, December 14:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 15:

Saturday, December 16: ADVENT 3

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale

Sunday, December 17: ADVENT 3

9:00 AM Worship Service

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

NOTE:
Christmas Day
Service will be
at 9:00 AM.

✠ 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, Karen Edwards, 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 Schrampfer, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Bruce Smith, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, 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: Jean Becker, Breanna Borgen, Gina Borgen, Noah Eide, Hannah Fuchs, Carrie Haanen, Jonathon Heid, Brenda Hibbard, Thomas Kester, Scott Meyer, Kevin Mies, David Pomerence Jr, Dane Pues, Steve Reinke, Karen Riske, Barbara Vitek, Noelle Webber.

Everyone is Invited to Help Decorate Trinity for Christmas

Help decorate Trinity for Christmas! Sunday, December 10, at 11:30 AM, we will meet in the Large Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be provided, and of course, it includes Christmas Cookies for dessert.

Advent Meal Menu—Dec. 13, 5:15 PM
Boards of Worship & Properties
Menu: Chili and Chicken Soup

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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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

"Prepare the Way" & Advent Banner

✠ Stewardship ✠

Second Sunday in Advent

Romans 15:4 – *"For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction."* God's Word was given to us to bless us. The Bible warns us of our sin and points us to Christ for our salvation. The Bible also instructs us how to live out our Christian lives (this is the "third use of the Law"). As Christians, we should welcome this instruction in humble faith. We know that Christ has saved us; now, we want to know how to live lives of faith that are pleasing to Him.

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.

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.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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



December Newsletter Correction

The December newsletter is missing Vern Jahsman's birthday—December 20. My apologies for leaving this information out.

Ice Melt Needed

Please help Trinity by donating bags of salt for the winter months. Save your receipts for credit to your offerings. Monetary donations can be marked "Bags of Salt" and dropped in the office.

Daily Prayer

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

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>.

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 continues the next weekend, December 16th & 17th, before and after the worship services. We will also open for the Trinity School Children's Christmas Services 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 mis-

sions 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, 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!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 16: ADVENT 3

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Brian & Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 17: ADVENT 3

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Flower Delivery: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, December 20: ADVENT 3 Mid-Week

9:00 AM Adv. 3—Mid Week Worship
6:30 PM Adv. 3—Mid Week Worship
Elder on Duty: *To Be Announced*
Usher Team: *Colby/Collingwood 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 @ 10% Rebate!

Kwik Trip @ 9% 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

Connecting Bridges Isaiah 40:1–11

“A voice cries, ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God’” (Isaiah 40:3).

“Why are bridges important? What do bridges connect?”

The Old Testament prophets were like bridges. Prophets like Isaiah connected God and His will with the people. Often, God’s people became disconnected from God. They forgot God and worshipped idols instead. Prophets were sent to tell God’s people, “You are disconnected from God, and you will be lost forever.”

Prophets also reconnected God’s people with His promise to save them. Since our fall into sin, God had promised to send His Son to be our Savior. We are about to celebrate Jesus’ birth again.

Isaiah had made a prophecy about a voice crying in the wilderness. This voice is that of John the Baptist, another prophet. John the Baptist introduced Jesus to the people who came out to hear him (Mark 1:1–8). John was a bridge to Jesus. John emphasized that his role was to let the people in his day know that the Messiah was finally here.

We are blessed to know and believe that Jesus came to be our Savior. Because of Jesus’ birth, the bridge to heaven has been built. When Jesus comes again on the Last Day, we will be blessed to be with Him forever.

Just as Isaiah and John were bridges to Jesus, we can become a “bridge” connecting other people to Jesus. It is a great time to tell others that Jesus was born for them and invite them to come to church to learn more about Him this Christmas season.

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 prophets who were the bridge from the Old Testament to the New Testament. Help me to be Your bridge connecting my family and friends to You. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

Dec. 11 9:00 am School Devotion

Dec. 12 9:00 am School Devotion
3:45 pm Basket Ball Practice

Dec. 13 9:00 am & 6:30 pm
K5—3rd Christmas Service; “God Had A Plan

Dec. 14 9:00 am School Devotion
3:45 pm Basket Ball Practice

Dec. 15 9:00 am School Devotion

School Christmas Service

- ◆ Wednesday, December 13th, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM K5—3rd Christmas Service; “God Had A Plan”
- ◆ Monday, December 18th, 6:00 PM PS3—K4 Christmas Service; “Shapes of Christmas”
- ◆ Wednesday, December 20th, Wednesdays, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM 4th—8th Grade Christmas Service; “Sound the Bells”

Christmas Eve

- ◆ Sunday, December 24th. 4:00 PM & 6:30 PM Worship, “No Room For God”
- ◆ 11:00 pm Candlelight Worship w/ communion, “The Glory of God”

Christmas Day

- ◆ Monday, December 25th 9:00 AM Worship w/communion, “Taken Out of Man”

New Years Eve

- ◆ Sunday, December 31st, 6:30 PM Worship w/communion, “Everlasting to Everlasting”

School Christmas Caroling

- ◆ On the morning of Dec. 21st school children will be caroling throughout the Menasha neighborhood.

