



December 16 & 17, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

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

Monday, December 18:

Pastor's Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00 PM PS-3—K-4 Christmas Service

"Shapes of Christmas"

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 19:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20: ADVENT 3

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

4th-8th Grade Christmas Service—*"Sound the Bells!"*

Ladies Aid Cookie and Candy Sale

5:00 PM Catechism Classes

5:15 PM Advent Meal

Thursday, December 21: SCHOOL NOON DISMISSAL

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 22:

Saturday, December 23: ADVENT 4

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 24: ADVENT 4

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour/Sunday School

4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship (no communion)

6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship (no communion)

11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight (communion)

Monday, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 AM Christmas Day Worship

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 Christofersen, 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 Schramper, 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 and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Matthew Emery, Carrie Heyn, Vern Jahsman, Rebekah Manteufel, Donna Mies, Ella Pues, Scott Siegel and Henry Voigt.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Scott & Amy Siegel and Darrell & Vera Krause.

Those Grieving: The Family of Roger Leichtfuss

December 24

Praise Choir

Offering:

"O Holy Child,

We Welcome

Thee" and

"Jesus, Jesus,

Rest Your Head"

The Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree is up! If you would like to add an angel in memory of a loved one, please place your ornament, with the name of your loved one and your name, on an attached piece of paper. Place the ornament in the box below the tree.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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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

Advent Banner

✠ Stewardship ✠

Third Sunday in Advent

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.

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.

Advent Meal Menu—Dec. 20, 5:15 PM

Board of Elders & Christian Education

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole,
Garlic Bread, Salads, Desserts
and Drinks



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>.

Ladies Aid Annual Cookie & Candy Sale

Our Annual Cookie and Candy Sale continues the this weekend, December 16th & 17th, before and after the worship services. We will also open for the Trinity School Children's Christmas Services on December 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!

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

Voter's Meeting—January 2, 6:30 PM

There will be a Voter's Meeting to elect new officers and board members for 2024. An agenda will be available this week. A copy of the agenda and list of nominees will be emailed to the congregation, and copies will also be in the Narthex.

✠ Serving Our Lord This 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*

Food Pantry

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Jello, 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.

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 @ 10% Rebate!

Kwik Trip @ 9% Rebate!

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 23: ADVENT 4

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Richie Sprouse*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 24: ADVENT 4

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*
Communion Assistant: *Josiah Nielsen*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas/Jean Zeinert*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Sunday, 4:00 PM, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Voigt/Wittmann Teams*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas/Jean Zeinert*
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

Sunday, 6:30 PM, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Voigt/Wittmann Teams*
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

Sunday, 11:00 PM, December 24: CANDLELIGHT

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: *Voigt/Wittmann Teams*
Communion Assistant: *To Be Determined*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas/Jean Zeinert*
Acolyte: *Axle Hurst*

Monday, 9:00 AM, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: *Voigt/Wittmann Teams*
Communion Assistant: *To Be Determined*
Altar Guild: *Craig & Jill Thomas*
Acolyte: *Robbie Kohler*

Church and School Office Hours

School will be dismissed at noon on December 21 and return January 4. School offices will be closed and reopen January 4.

Church offices are closed Monday, December 25 and January 1. Office Hours will be 7:00-11:00 AM December 26-29 and January 2-3.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Marriage Connections Isaiah 61:1-11

“I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with beautiful head-dress, and a bride adorns herself with jewels” (Isaiah 61:10).

“The marriage connection is special to God. In the Garden of Eden, God united man and woman and called them “one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). God continues to bless the connection of marriage.

All human connections are affected by sin. Marriage is also affected by sin. In some of our own families, the marriage connection breaks and families are separated or divorced.

Jesus’ coming brings forgiveness and help to all relationships. The prophet Isaiah tells of a relationship between a bride and bridegroom that will bring joy to all people. Jesus is pictured as the perfect Bridegroom who comes to meet His bride, the church.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, suffered and died, and rose again. Through His saving work, Jesus, the Bridegroom, took the church as His bride. We are dressed to meet our Bridegroom in the white robe of righteousness we received in our Baptism. As members of the church, we are in a “marriage” with Jesus, our Bridegroom. We look forward to the final and perfect celebration of this marriage on the Last Day. The Apostle John describes that day of the final Advent (Rev. 21:1-4).

Advent is a time when we remember Jesus’ coming in Bethlehem. It is also a time when we celebrate that Jesus will come again. It will be like a perfect wedding day where there will be joy eternally. We will all be at that wedding celebration!

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, You are the perfect Bridegroom. Thank You for choosing us to be Your bride, the church. Bless the marriages and families that are part of our church and school. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

Dec. 18 9:00 am School Devotion
6:00 pm PS3-P4 Christmas Service

Dec. 19 9:00 am School Devotion

Dec. 20 9:00 am & 6:30 pm

4th—8th Christmas Service

Dec. 21 9:00 am School Devotion

9:30 am Christmas Caroling

12:00 Noon Dismissal

School Christmas Service

- ♦ 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.

Angel Tree

- ♦ We have our annual Angel Tree in the hallway by door #2 at the entrance to the church. For our new families this year, this tree has angels on it with items listed that teachers can use in the classroom or other staff members could use throughout the school year. All you have to do is pick an angel, purchase the item listed, and return it to the respective teacher or staff member. This is a great way to help out your teacher's classroom or the school through your donation.

Thank You, and Merry Christmas,
Pastor GeRue