

December 30 & 31, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, December 30:

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

Sunday, December 31:

9:00 AM Worship Service/NO ED HOUR
6:30 PM New Years Eve Service

Monday, January 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY **CHURCH & SCHOOL OFFICES ARE CLOSED**

Tuesday, January 2:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-11:00 AM
NO SCHOOL

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
6:30 PM Voters' Meeting (Board Meetings Follow)

Wednesday, January 3:

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-11:00 AM
NO SCHOOL

Thursday, January 4:

SCHOOL RESUMES ALL OFFICES OPEN
6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
3:45 pm Basketball Practice

Friday, January 5:

Saturday, January 6:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 7:

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

Many Thanks!

I am so blessed to be working for you. Your generosity and love is overwhelming. Thank you for the Christmas gifts and cards, it is such a pleasure to serve God, and you, in this way. Jean Zeinert

✠ 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, Rev. Jim Dehne, 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, Wesley Marr, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Norb Pomerenske, 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, Merry Voigt, Betty Wachholz, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Jodi Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Duane Baehman, Sally Bolen, Joseph Groshek, Joshua Heid, Nick Kroes, Brandon Looker, Matthew Looker, Georgina Potter, Jonah Turrell, Myles Voigt.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Tammy & Jeffrey Collier, Nicolette & Tyler Lentz, Chris & Cindy Williams.

**Church Office Hours Tuesday, January 2 & 3:
8:00— 11:00 AM**
**Thursday, January 4—SCHOOL RESUMES &
ALL OFFICES ARE OPEN**

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given by Jean Zeinert in loving memory of her parents and siblings that have passed.

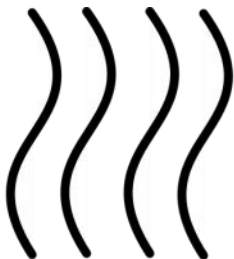
This Weekend's Banners

"The Lord Has Come"

† Stewardship †

The Circumcision of Jesus

Luke 2:21 – "And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb." The name of Jesus means "the Lord saves." There is no better way to end or begin a year than with the sweet comfort of the name of Jesus. He saves us. He loves us. He desires to bless us. That assurance is the basis for all we do in our Christian lives, including our stewardship of His financial blessings.



Soup & Bread Sale
January 13 - February 4
Before & After Services

Bring your favorite soup or bread to help support the maintenance of our organ & piano.



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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>.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

Voters' Meeting—January 2, 6:30 PM

There will be a Voters' Meeting to elect new officers and board members for 2024. An agenda is available in the Narthex.

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.

Offering Envelopes for 2024

If you use offering envelopes, the 2024 envelopes are in your mailbox.

Also, please note that in order for your 2023 contributions to be included on your 2023 Contribution Statement, offerings need to be received by this Sunday, December 31st.

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 30:

Circumcision of Jesus

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*
Greeter: *Betty Allen*
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 31:

Circumcision of Jesus

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Flower Delivery: *Jean Zeinert*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Sunday, 6:30 PM, December 31: New Year's Eve

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Harrmann/Weinig Teams*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

No Wednesday Service

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, January 6:

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *To Be Determined*
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 7:

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *To Be Determined*
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*
Flower Delivery: *Volunteer Needed*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, January 10:

4th—8th Grade Epiphany Service

Ladies Aid/LWML Cookie and Candy Sale Update

We thank you Trinity Congregation for supporting our recent cookie and candy sale. We pray you enjoyed what you purchased. We also thank you to all who baked cookies or made candy or helped us in the stand; your service was greatly appreciated. Our proceeds were \$1415.83.

January Ladies Aid Meeting

At our January 16th Ladies Aid/LWML meeting we will be deciding on our disbursement of funds to various missions and for Trinity Church/School projects. Ladies, please join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall to be part of this important meeting. May God continue to bless our dear Pastors, our Staff, and our Congregation as together we serve, thank, and praise God for His never ending love and caring for us.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connected Through Traditions

Luke 2:22-40

“And there was a prophetess, Anna ... She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem” (Luke 2:36–38).

Traditions are important. Traditions connect us to the blessings of the past and make connections for the future. Some traditions that may be part of your family or school life— “Every year we ...” “Every summer we ...”

This week’s Bible lesson includes several “traditions.” The religious laws of Jesus’ time required parents to bring their baby to the temple for special blessings. Mary and Joseph were faithful in keeping all that God commanded of His chosen people. They brought their infant Son, Jesus, to the temple.

Anna was a member of God’s family. Her “traditions” included regularly worshipping, fasting and praying at the temple. God blessed Anna’s faithfulness. Like another faithful worshipper, Simeon, Anna got to see Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the temple. Anna got to see her Savior. Anna gave thanks to God for the gift that He had given to her and to the world.

Our Christmas worship once again shared the Good News of Jesus’ birth. The Savior that Anna saw in the temple is the Savior whom we see in God’s Word. Like Anna, we praise God for His gift of salvation.

There are many traditions that go with our Christmas celebrations. We may have certain foods that we eat, family gatherings that we enjoy or decorations that we display. Those traditions are enjoyable and important.

The traditions that are most important are those that help us remember the birth of Jesus and lead us to worship Him. Christmas traditions in the church, such as the lighting of candles on Christmas Eve, putting white cloths on the altar on Christmas Day, lighting

the Christ candle and reading Luke 2, point us again and again to Jesus, the reason for our 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, thank You for Your appearance to prophetess Anna. Thank You for the Word that brings Your appearance to us. We ask that You would bless us with traditions that bring to our mind Your birth and our salvation. Amen.

School News

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.
- ◆ Classes Resume Thursday, Jan 4th at 8:15am.
- ◆ On behalf of Pastor Billings, Pastor Gerue and the staff of Trinity Lutheran Church & School, we wish you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

