



# January 7, 2024 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, January 6:

#### Installation of Officers

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, January 7:

#### Installation of Officers

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

### Monday, January 8:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

Ladies Sewing Group

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, January 9:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:30 PM BB vs Trinity Oshkosh @ Home

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, January 10:

5:00 PM Catechism Classes

6:30 PM 4th-8th Grade Epiphany Service

### Thursday, January 11:

6:30 PM Men's Bible Study

4:30 PM BB vs Celebration @ Home

6:30 PM Choir Practice

### Friday, January 12:

### Saturday, January 13:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

Soup and Bread Sale—Before & After Service

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, January 14:

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE SUNDAY

9:00 AM Worship Service

Soup and Bread Sale—Before & After Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Rod Bathke, Mark & 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, Lorna Forbes, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Deb Mantefel, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Wesley Marr, 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, Merry Voigt, Betty Wachholz, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Jodi Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth and Dorothy Wirth.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Joseph Groshek Blaine Henkel, Austin Seals Jr, Finley Brown, Charlotte Elliott, Roger Voigt, Bart Nielsen.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** Brandon & Angela Hurst, David & Mae Joerndt, Diane & Robert Lukasavage.



THE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MISSOURI SYNOD

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com\\_or](http://www.trinitymenasha.com_or)  
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### Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are donated by Char Elliott's family in celebration of her birthday.

### This Weekend's Banners

"The Lord Has Come" & "Holy Baptism"

## ✠ Stewardship ✠

### EPIPHANY

**Isaiah 60:6** – *"They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD."* Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving, which moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It's simply what Christians do: Our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: we give with a thankful heart.

## Non Sewing Help Needed

Non-sewing help needed for the Shelter Sewing group. We have been continually blessed with donations from Fair Market of sheets, fillers and much more, to the point that we need help sorting and cutting apart items that have come in. Working at home is an option or come make warm coverings for the needy. We meet Mondays at 9-ish. Contact Elaine for more information at (920) 470-9090. More sewers are always welcome too!



## 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.

## 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.

## Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the "Altar Flowers" envelopes are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.*

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 6:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*  
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*  
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*  
Greeter: *Barbara Kester*  
Acolyte: *Richie Sprouse*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 7:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*  
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Flower Delivery: *Volunteer Needed*  
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM, January 10:

#### **4th—8th Grade Epiphany Service**

Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith Teams*

## **Food Pantry**

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This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Hamburger Helper, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Instant Oatmeal 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 8:00 AM-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 13:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*  
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*  
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 14:

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Flower Delivery: *Volunteer Needed*  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

## **January Ladies Aid Meeting**

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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.

## **Altar Guild Help Needed**

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We are still in need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild Team. Tasks are: Saturdays: set-up, reset. Sunday duties are: clean up and deliver altar flowers to members of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Mary or Jean in the church office if you are interested in becoming a member of our Altar Guild Team.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Family Connection

Mark 1:4-11

“And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased’” (Mark 1:11).

What do these connections have in common: father and son, mother and daughter, brother and sister, grandparent and grandchild? Many times, our family connections are those most precious to us.

Today’s Bible reading is an important event in Jesus’ life. After growing up in Nazareth, Jesus is now ready to begin His earthly ministry. (Note: Jesus is 30 years old when He begins His earthly ministry.) Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. In that setting, we learn about an important connection. The voice from heaven announces, “This is my beloved Son.”

The voice is God the Father’s. (Remember that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are present at Jesus’ Baptism.) God the Father chose to send His “beloved” Son, Jesus, into the world to save us from our sins.

While we celebrate family connections, we also know that our family connections are often strained or broken; parents get divorced, brothers and sisters disagree. There are many examples in the Bible of disconnections in families: Cain killed his brother Abel; Joseph’s brothers sold him to the Egyptians; Absalom tried to steal the kingdom from his father, David. We are all members of sinful families.

God chose to send His only Son to pay for the sins of family conflicts and divisions. Only the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross could pay for our sins. The Father was “pleased” to send His

Son so that we might be His children again (Mark 1:11).

Jesus’ Baptism also reminds us of the importance of our Baptism. In our sin, we were separated from God’s family. Through Baptism, God connects us into His family again. Through the blessings of Jesus’ suffering and death, God now sees us as His child and says, “This is my beloved son, daughter, parent, grandparent. ...”

We are blessed with loving connections in our families and in our church families. We are connected to the perfect love of our Heavenly Father.

### 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 connecting us to You and to our Heavenly Father through Baptism. We ask that You strengthen our connection to You and the family of the church. Amen.

## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- January 8 9:00 am School Opening
- January 9 9:00 am School Opening  
Basketball Oshkosh @ Home
- January 10 9:00 am School Chapel  
6:30 pm 4th-8th Grade  
Christmas/Epiphany Service
- January 11 9:00 am School Opening  
Bball Celebration @ Home
- January 12 9:00 am School Opening  
End of 2nd Quarter
- January 21—28 Lutheran Schools Week

More information to follow

**Friends of the Pipe Organ &  
Grand Piano**



# **Soup & Bread Sale**

**JANUARY 13th  
THRU  
FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**



**Before & After Services**

A variety of Soups and Breads  
will be available.

**New this year - Sauerkraut by order**

A ready-made meal to warm the day.

**Bring in your favorite soup or bread/quick  
bread to support the maintenance of our  
Organ & Grand Piano. Jars & instructions  
will be available in the Narthex in January.**

**Contact Elaine with any questions 920-470-9090**

*(If you have a favorite you'd like us to make - let us know)*