

January 9 & 10, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Sunday, January 10

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, January 11

Pastor's Day Off

3:45PM Instructional Basketball

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study Online

Tuesday, January 12

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

3:45PM Basketball Practice

6:30PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

8:45AM Chapel

5:00PM Catechism

6:30PM Worship Service (Mask Required)

Thursday, January 14

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

3:45PM Basketball Practice

Friday, January 15

2:45PM School Electives

Saturday, January 16

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, January 17

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Family of Dorothy Watson, Kayla Jochman, Lana Gast, family of Lynnwood (Butch) Cobler, Paul Bruner, Sandy Rammer, Mike Godwin, Barbara Thomas, Rick Stanford, Mona Barhrke, Scott Henrickson, Jason Seals, Lee Weinig, Barbara Kester, Merry Voigt, Karen Beard, Rose Kosloski, Alyce and James Thurber, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Merle Webber, Joyce Virchow, Wendy Kondzela, Jeff Dionne, Donna Mies, Roman Brockman, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Norb Pomerence, Alan Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Don Mader, Ann Keller, Roman & Flora Turenko, Scott Dontje, Scott Steenepoorte, Tom Howden and family, and Lynn Olson.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Mark 1:7 – “And (John) preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.’ ” John is right. Jesus is immensely greater than any of us yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God. The innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know. The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

In Honor of Char Elliott's 90th birthday from her loving sister and brother-in-law Rosemarie & Charles Eaton and family.

This Weekend's Banners- The Lectern Banner – Holy Baptism

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**

Income as of January 3: \$16,512

A Memorial Gift –was given to Trinity's Roof Renovation Fund in memory of Roger Kempf.

Church Office- The Church Office hours are Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM.

Church Mailbox- Please look for your name on your church mailbox.

Teaching the Faith Bible Study- with Pastor GeRue. We meet Sundays from 10:30–11:30 AM in the Small Fellowship Hall. Some topics will be Holy Scriptures, God's Law, Creation, Salvation, The Trinity, God, Confession, Sacraments; things you were afraid to ask & more. The study is open to all. It is a review of the Lutheran Christian Faith and serves as an Adult Information / Confirmation Class.

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.

Altar Flowers- If you wish to donate flowers please contact the office. The cost of providing Altar flowers is \$25.00.

Portals of Prayer- Devotional books are \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

Shelter Blanket Sewers Wanted! If you can sew a straight seam, or close to it, we have a need for you. We have a lot of squares and strips ready to be sewn together into quilt tops. This is a project you can do at home. Contact LaVerne Werth @ 740-0381. Machines are also available for your use.

Ushers- We are looking for more ushers to help on Wednesday nights, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you would like to help, please contact Beth at the office and she can get you on the schedule.

Women's Bible Study- If you wish to join the online Women's Bible Study contact Connie Henkel by email at sonshine.54952@yahoo.com or call (920) 725-0694.

Volunteers- to help with temperature taking on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Howden (920) 730-9521.

Removal of the Christmas Decorations- will be following the same precautions as we did when putting them up. If you wish to be of service, please contact Sally Bolen (920) 422-2054.

Poinsettias- If you wish to have a poinsettia you may take one after Sunday service the 10th.

Trinity's Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support Trinity's Food Pantry through food & monetary donations. We have truly been blessed by your generosity! You are providing for many who are currently in need. We are in need of the following non-perishables: Cream Soups, Cereal, Canned Pasta, Spaghetti, and Small Dish Soap Bottles. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at 920-540-5090.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church Office Mon-Friday from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

How to Order Scrip? You can call the office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM, Or email Beth with your order –

bwohlrabe@trinitymenasha.com. She will put it together and you can receive your order at door #7 when the office is open.

Kwik Trip Scrip is back to a 10% rebate, limited time only. Get yours today!

Pick up your Tom's Drive In Scrip - at a 10% rebate now. Get yours today!

THANK YOU! - to everyone that continually purchases SCRIP. We are so grateful for you! Your purchases in 2020 helped raise over **\$18,000** for Trinity's Ministry work as well as for tuition support.

To God Be the Glory!

2021 Offering Envelopes- Your new envelopes are in your church mailbox. Call Beth in the office if you did not receive yours.

Be an ESL Conversation Partner- How would you like to work with missionaries without ever leaving your home? For the first time, you can volunteer as an online conversation partner with English language learners around the world! Give your partner the chance to practice their English skills with a native speaker. You also get to support the work our missionaries are doing! Classes are one hour a week, for six weeks. All you need is a webcam on your computer and a good internet connection. To sign up, go to servenow.lcms.org.

From Board of Properties- Hello everyone, Cold and snowy weather is upon us. Which means it's time to dust off the shovels! Please prayerfully consider signing up for one-month, multiple months, or the entire season! If you are interested, there are two ways to sign-up: contact Eric Voigt (property@trinitymenasha.com) or contact Beth through the Church Office.

We are also looking for help with shoveling before school starts in the morning and before school is released in the afternoon. Please contact Eric Voigt or Lee Colby with any questions or for more information. Thank you.

✠ School News ✠ “Sent to Serve”



National Lutheran Schools Week- is coming Sun, Jan 24th – Sun, Jan 31st. Lots of fun & exciting things will be happening around our school. “Sent to Serve” is our theme this year.

This week’s theme: **“God’s Servant John the Baptist”**

Mark 1:4–11

“And he preached, saying, ‘After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie’” **(Mark 1:7)**.

In today’s Bible lesson, Jesus is beginning His earthly ministry.

John the Baptist is chosen to welcome and introduce Jesus. John wore interesting clothes — a camel hair cloak held around him with a leather belt and most likely sandals. More important than John’s clothes was his message. He was asking people to repent because the promised Messiah was coming.

John’s description of Jesus included, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.” Servants took care of tying and untying sandals. John knew that Jesus was the One sent from God, and he knew he was a humble servant of Jesus.

Like John, we are not worthy to be in the presence of Jesus. The Epiphany season of the Church Year continues to reveal Jesus as the Son of God. The miracles and words of Jesus are those that could only be done by God. In the presence of our Epiphany Lord, we are reminded of our sinfulness. Nothing we wear or do makes us welcome in God’s presence.

The One mightier than John asks to be baptized by John. At the Baptism of Jesus, the revelations continue. God, the Father, appears - to celebrate the person and work of His Son. God, the Holy Spirit, is present - to complete the picture of the Trinity and to fill Jesus with His presence.

Even though we are not worthy to be in the presence of Jesus, He comes to us in our Baptism. He clothes us with more than sandals or any other human clothing. As the water is splashed on us “in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,” we are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus.

Whether wearing sandals, gym shoes, or other kinds of shoes on our feet, we walk in His ways, serving Him.

PRAYER Jesus, we thank You for the blessings of our Baptism. Through the water and the Word, You have forgiven our sins and welcomed us as Your children. Help us to live in the blessings of our Baptism every day. Amen.