

December 18 & 19, 2021 Weekly Bulletin



Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings
Principal/Associate Pastor: Rev. Keith E. GeRue
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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am to 3:00pm



✠ We Pray For...✠

Robert Flater, Gabriel Mlodik, Peter Keller, Mary Howden, Lorna Forbes, Ken Schwerbel, Ralph Lohr, Rosie Michel, Scott Schara, Dorothy Wirth, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Jim Perry, Mona Bahrke, Ronald Virchow Sr., Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Caleb Manteufel, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gradin Taschner, Gloria Williamson, Peter Jochman, Chelsie Wray, Lydia King

**CHURCH OFFICE OPEN FROM 8:00 AM—NOON, DECEMBER 20-23
CLOSED DECEMBER 24**

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Friday, December 24:

Elder on Duty:

4:00 PM Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*

6:30 PM Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*

11:00 PM Usher Team: *Lee Colby*

Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

Saturday, December 25:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann (5 pm)*

Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*

Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

Sunday, December 26:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*

Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*

Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*

Friday, December 31:

Elder on Duty:

Communion Assistant:

6:30 PM Usher Team:

Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday School - Pre K-6th Grade begins in the Second Floor Choir Room.

10:30AM Sunday - "Community: We are not alone." with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online) - Large Fellowship Hall

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue - Small Fellowship Hall

10:45AM Sunday - Book of Isaiah with Blaine Henkel—Narthex Conf. Room

6:30PM Monday - Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday - Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday - Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, December 18

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, December 19

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Monday, December 20

SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 20-JAN 2

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 8AM-NOON

Pastor's Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 21

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 8AM-NOON

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 22

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 8AM-NOON

Thursday, December 23

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN 8AM-NOON

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 24

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

4:00 PM Worship Service (no communion)

6:30 PM Worship Service (no communion)

11:00 PM Candlelight Service with Communion

Saturday, December 25

10:00 AM Christmas Day Service with Communion

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

Sunday, December 26

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

Friday, December 31

6:30 PM New Years Eve Service with Communion

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.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Given in honor of Nicole Ross' College Graduation. We are so proud of you.
Jim & Debbie Wittmann,

This Weekend's Banners

"Hope Peace Joy Love"

"King of Kings, Lord of Lords"

\$ Current Finances \$

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

Income as of December 12: **\$22,882**

Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is \$.75 each. These are available in the narthex or let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

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.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Philippians 4:5-6 – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

New Daily Prayers for 2021-2022 Available in the Narthex

The 2021-2022 Daily Prayers, Psalms, Readings, Hymns & Prayers for Individuals and Families have been printed. You will find them in the narthex, on the ledge, near the tables. May they be a blessing to you and your family.

Deadline for the Weekly Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter

Please help us achieve our deadlines. We need your weekly Bulletin articles by Wednesday of each week.

The newsletter articles are due five business days prior to the end of the month.

Thank you for your help with this. It will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time.

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.*

Large Cans Needed!

Trinity Altar Guild needs large cans. We use them as flower vases when sending altar bouquets to our parishioners. We are looking for



Thank you to all the people involved in decorating, singing, playing and all the behind the scenes activities that help to enhance the Christmas Worship experience.

From: Trinity's Board of Worship

Trinity's Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity's Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Salad Dressing, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Canned Tomatoes & Jello/Pudding. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

As we Prepare for our Newborn King, Help is needed to Decorate the Church Christmas Trees, Hang Garland, Wreaths & Pew Bows. Sunday, December 19, 2021. Lunch @ 11:45 AM, decorating @ 12:00. Any questions call: Sally Bolen at 920-422-2054

Lost & Found

Our lost and found basket is in the narthex by the coat racks. Please check here if you left something at church.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Fleet Farm Scrip—get yours now at a special 10 percent discount!

✝ SCHOOL NEWS ✝

“In All Things”

LOVE in All Things

Scripture: Micah 5:2–5a

Text: “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel” (MICAH 5:2).

First Things

The final candle in the Advent wreath brings the message of “love.” What do you picture as “lovely” about Christmas? Perhaps we see a neatly decorated tree and comment, “That’s lovely.” The “lovely” Christmas dessert is placed on the table. We visit a “lovely” home or museum. Christmas is a “lovely” time. The greatest love is the love of Jesus.

The Main Thing

This week we meet another Advent prophet — Micah. The prophet again is God’s voice of justice and judgment. The prophet announces, “All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel” (MICAH 1:5). God’s people had chosen to serve other gods. It is not a “lovely” time in Israel. Advent is a time of repentance where we, too, confess that we are not faithful to the one true God. We do not faithfully love God or others. We often have our own gods.

God chose to love the unlovable. God would keep His promise to send the Savior. Six hundred years before the Savior was born, Micah announces that the Savior would be born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem was not a “lovely” place. It was a small, insignificant town. Micah calls Bethlehem “too little to be among the clans of Judah.”

The Christmas story of Luke 2 tells us that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem to be taxed and that Jesus was born in the little town of Bethlehem. It was not a “lovely” scene. Jesus did not have “lovely” clothing; He was wrapped in rags. Jesus did not have a “lovely” bed; He was placed in a manger.

God chose this unlovely setting to share the greatest gift of love the world had ever received. A simple Christmas song reminds us that God chose to share His message with Micah; God chose Mary and Joseph; God chose a small town called Bethlehem. God chose to send His Son because He loved us dearly. “God loves me dearly. Loves even me.”

Not everything about our Christmas scenes will always be “lovely.” But God’s love will always be true and present in Jesus. Celebrating Jesus’ birth will be a “lovely” Christmas.

In All Things

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us enough to send Your Son to Bethlehem to be our Savior. When we think we are too little to share Your love or tell Your story, remind us that You chose little Bethlehem to welcome Jesus. Grant us a “lovely” Christmas. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Christmas Vacation December 18 – January 2
Classes resume Monday, January 3