



# November 19, 20, & 23, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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## Saturday, November 19:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person

## Sunday, November 20:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING & CHIME**

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## Monday, November 21:

**SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE**

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

## Tuesday, November 22:

**SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE**

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

3:45 PM BB Practice

## Wednesday, November 23:

8:45 AM Thanksgiving Service Chapel

**NOON DISMISSAL**

5:00 PM Catechism

6:30 PM Thanksgiving Worship Service

## Thursday, November 24-Thanksgiving:

**NO SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

## Friday, November 25:

**NO SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

## Saturday, November 26:

5:00 PM Worship Service In-Person

## Sunday, November 27-First Sunday in Advent:

9:00 AM Worship Service In-Person & Online

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

**The Sick:** Heather Andreshak, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, David Cotter, Jean Damon, Matt Daniels, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Dennis & Judith Durkey, Tim E., Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Josh Fuchs, Alma Garza, Lana Gast, Michael Hastings, Connie Harbath, Mary Howden, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Warren Lindner, Pr. Ronald Meier, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, George Milosavljevic, Mlodik Family, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Norb Pomeranke, Sandy Rammer, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Jan Schroeder, Ray Schroeder, Sam & Amy Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth.  
**Birthdays:** Janine Heid, Rebekah Nielsen, Laury Tuyls, Adina Weinig, Jackson Cleveland, Timothy Kamprath and Lyanna Manteufel.

**Anniversaries:** David & Karen Edwards.

## 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.

## Church Christmas Caroling - December 11

The group will meet at church at 1:30 PM. A potluck luncheon will follow at church. Contact Nancy Lephart if you would like to participate, or if you have any questions: (920) 277-4388.

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

"Happy Birthday Janine Heid from her loving father, Norbert Pomerence."

### This Weekend's Banners

"Oh Give Thanks Unto the Lord for He is Good, For His Mercy Endureth Forever"  
"Sharing God's Blessings"

## Decorating the Church And Christmas Tree

December 11, 2022, marks another Church and Christmas Tree Decorating! Time to have fun decorating the Church and Tree for Christmas! Volunteers are needed to stay after Sunday Bible Studies to help decorate. Lunch will be served and a fun time decorating!

## Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

## Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans" with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings-Large Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM Sunday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room  
10:30 AM Sunday *The Book of Isaiah* with Blaine Henkel  
5:30 PM Monday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room  
6:30 PM Monday: Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma, Conference Room. Contact: Connie Henkel  
6:30 AM Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, "12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You" with Dottie Kraus  
6:00 AM Thursday: Men's Bible Study, *Book of Romans* with Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room.

For more information, please get in touch with the contact person listed above, or contact the church office.

"But seek first the Kingdom of God..." Matthew 6:33

## † Stewardship Lesson †

**Matthew 25:2** – "Five of them were foolish, and five were wise." A truly wise man, as Jesus once said, builds on the Word of Jesus. There is no other foundation which will stand. Any other path is a foolish one. His Word leads to life and to depart from His Word leads to death. Clinging to His Word, we know we have His blessing.

## New Furniture for the Narthex—Old Furniture, Free to a Good Home!

We have ordered new furniture and an area rug for the narthex with monies from our 2022 brat fries, Oktoberfest and Ladies Aid/LWML bake sales. The present love seat and two chairs need a new home. If anyone can make use of it, you may have it at no charge. Let Jean, Mary, or Nate in the office know if you are interested.



## Thank You!

To the Ladies Aid/LWML—Thank You from the Alliets, Dehnes, Billings and GeRues for the Pastor Appreciation at your Christmas Gathering.



## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, November 19:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*  
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*  
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

### Sunday, November 20:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

### Wednesday, November 23: THANKSGIVING

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*  
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke/Dave Acker*  
Communion Assistant: *Brian Ratzburg*  
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*  
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, November 26:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*  
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*  
Altar Guild: *Phillip & Mary Conradt*  
Greeter: *JoAnn Schultz*  
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

### Sunday, November 27-1st Sunday in Advent

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*  
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Steve Sexmith*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*  
Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

### Wednesday, November 30: Mid-Week Service (No Communion)

10:30 AM Elder on Duty:  
6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*  
10:30 AM Usher Team:  
6:30 PM Usher Team: *Roger Voigt & Jim Wittmann*  
6:30 PM Acolyte: *Melani Gast*

## Trinity's Food Pantry Highlights

- Over 100 individuals aided by each pantry
- Families come from entire Fox Valley, mainly Neenah & Menasha
- Around 2400 lbs. of food is distributed monthly
- 100% of Food Pantry offering \$ and food is used to support families in need
- Currently have at least 20 active Food Pantry Volunteers

For all of this we say THANK YOU! This ministry would not be possible without your financial, physical, and prayer support. This month, our Pantry needs are—Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cream of Chicken & Mushroom Soups, Mac & Cheese and Canned Fruit. If you, or a family you know, would benefit from our Food Pantry, please text or call Steve Reinke (920) 540-5090.

## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a special time to share our blessings from God with others. Prayerfully consider bringing non-perishable items to Trinity's Thanksgiving Eve service—November 23rd at 6:30 PM.

### Prayer Chain

Barbara Kester is head of the Prayer Chain. If you desire prayers for yourself or some-

### Portals of Prayer

Portals of Prayer, a devotional book, is available in the narthex, or stop by the office for a copy to pick up your free Portals of Prayer,

## \$ 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. How to order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

### **Tom's Drive In — 10% rebate!**

New Scrip! - Buy your Grocery Only Kwik Trip Scrip at **15% rebate**. Ask your seller for details.

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
**“THANKFUL DISCIPLES”**

**Acts 2:42-47**

“Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him’” (JOHN 14:22–23).

What did the Thanksgiving celebration look like to the Pilgrims and the Native American people of Plymouth in 1621? When did our country officially designate a day of National Thanksgiving?

What do Thanksgiving celebrations look like today? It may depend on your family traditions and circumstances. Perhaps it is a special family gathering and meal. Perhaps it’s some other tradition: traveling, watching football games, shopping and so on.

Lets visit a thanksgiving celebration for the first disciples. Obviously the disciples did not have a national Thanksgiving holiday. However, they gathered as thankful disciples.

Our Bible reading takes place following the disciples’ Pentecost Day experience. The disciples had seen Jesus alive for 40 days. They had seen Jesus ascend into heaven and leave them with His blessing. Now, 10 days after the ascension, they gathered and received the power of the Holy Spirit. (We will learn more about that later in the year.) The disciples were sent to be witnesses to “all nations” of everything that they had heard and seen about Jesus. Jesus’ disciples would tell the world that He had died and rose again.

When Peter shared this message with the group gathered in Jerusalem, the Church baptized and welcomed 3,000 people! The Great Commission was already happening.

The Book of Acts (2:42–47) describes a church of thankful disciples. They worshiped together; they celebrated the Lord’s Supper together; they sang hymns and prayed; they helped those who were in need. They were a church of “glad and generous hearts.”

We gather for Thanksgiving as thankful disciples. We are thankful for all the earthly blessings that God has given us: food, family, friends, country, school and so on. We are most thankful

that the Holy Spirit has worked through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, made us disciples of Jesus and given us thankful hearts

No matter how we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we do so not only as students of our school and members of a family, but also we do so as members of Jesus’ Church. May we, like the first disciples, live with thankful hearts, gathering to praise and thank God.

*Dear Jesus, we count our blessings every day, but especially at this time of Thanksgiving. Most of all, we are thankful for the blessings of life, of forgiveness of sins and of salvation. Bless our family celebrations. Bless the celebration of the family of the Church as they gather in Your name. Amen.*



**Thanksgiving Eve**

*Wednesday, November 23rd • 6:30 pm*

**Advent Worship**

*Wednesdays, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm Worship*

*November 30th, “No Christmas”*

*December 7th, “The Prescription for the Perfect Christmas”*

*December 14th, 1st—4th Grade Christmas Service; “Mary had a Little Lamb”*

*December 21st, 5th—8th Grade Christmas Service; “From the Cradle to the Cross”*

**Christmas Eve**

*Saturday, December 24th. 4:00 pm & 6:30 pm Worship, “What’s in a Name”*

*11:00 pm Candlelight Worship w/communion, “Promise Kept”*

**Christmas Day**

*Sunday, December 25th*

*9:00 am Worship w/communion, “Mary’s Little Lamb”*

**New Years Eve**

*Saturday, December 31st, 5:00 pm Worship w/communion, “Everlasting to Everlasting”*

**New Years Day**

*Sunday, January 1st, 9:00 am Worship w/communion*