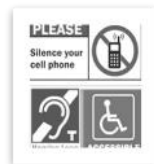


# November 26, 27, & 30, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, November 26:

5:00 PM Worship Service

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

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

### Monday, November 28:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

9:30 AM "All is Calm" PAC 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, November 29:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:30 PM BB Practice

6:30 PM Seder Meeting—Narthex Conf. Room

### Wednesday, November 30: Advent 1 Mid-Week

10:30 AM Advent Worship Service

12:30-2:15 PM Fox Trek – 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades

5:00 PM Catechism

5:00 PM Advent Meal

6:30 PM Advent Worship Service

### Thursday, December 1:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

4:30 PM BB Practice

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 2:

### Saturday, December 3:

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Matthew 21:3** – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget. The blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

## ✠ We Pray For...✠

**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:** Samuel Lawrence, Michael Bursack, Donna Kohler, April Schmidt, Caden Sommerfeld, Jacinda Vanden Heuvel, Thomas Stolzman, Jim Dehne, Madeleine Nolan, Joel Collingwood, Samuel Mlodik.

**Anniversaries:** LeRoy & Mercedes Schaefer.

## 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.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
"Like" Us on Facebook

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
by the Altar Guild.

### This Weekend's Banners

"King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Alleluia, Alleluia"  
"Jesus the Bread of Life"  
"Hope" (First Week of Advent)

### 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.

## 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!

### Free Passes to The Ark Encounter (and the Creation Museum)

We currently have 5 free passes to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky that are valid until the end of December this year. If you are planning a trip down there....or would like to go and experience the Christmas celebrations at both the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum and could use these passes please contact us. We also have lifetime passes to the Creation Museum that we are happy to loan to you. (Children 10 and under are free at both locations) Bart and Jane Nielsen (920) 734-8843 or email us at [nielsen8843@gmail.com](mailto:nielsen8843@gmail.com).

## Mark the Date: 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.

### 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

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, November 26:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*  
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*  
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*  
Altar Guild: *Philip & 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

10:30 AM Elder on Duty:  
6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*  
10:30 AM Usher: *Voigt/Wittmann*  
6:30 PM Usher: *Voigt/Wittmann*  
6:30 PM Acolyte: *Melani Gast*  
Altar Guild: **NO COMMUNION**

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, December 3:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*  
Altar Guild: *Philip & Mary Conradt*  
Greeter: *Betty Allen*  
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

### Sunday, December 4: 2nd Sunday in Advent

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*  
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*  
Communion Assistant: *Paul Collingwood*  
Altar Guild: *Volunteer Needed*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

### Wednesday, December 7: Advent 2, Mid-Week

10:30 AM Elder on Duty:  
6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Bruce Gast*  
10:30 AM Usher: *Harrmann/Weinig*  
6:30 PM Usher: *Harrmann/Weinig*  
6:30 PM Greeter: *Betty Allen*  
6:30 PM Acolyte: *Ava Schmidt*  
Altar Guild: **NO COMMUNION**

## Ladies Aid Cookie & Candy Sale

It is soon to be that time of year when we think of baking yummy cookies and making candy to share with family and friends. It is again time for the ladies of the congregation to help you out by offering their best creations at their Annual Cookie and Candy Sale. The dates of the sale are the services the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, & December 21<sup>st</sup>. The sale will be open before and after the services.

We also accept and greatly appreciate any donations of cookies or candies from those of you who love to bake and share your talents. Just bring them directly to the narthex and we will sell them out of the container you bring them in. All proceeds go for mission projects and Trinity Church and School projects.

For questions call one of the officers of the Ladies Aid/LWML: Carol Evensen (920-851-8239), Jane Stier (920-284-2937), Barbara Kester 920-722-3228), or Dottie Kraus (920-991-2705).

May God bless you and your family as we begin to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

## Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are—Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cream of Chicken & Mushroom Soups, Mac & Cheese and Canned Fruit. If a family you know would benefit from our Food Pantry, please text or call Steve Reinke (920) 540-5090.

## § 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.

### **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** **“OBEDIENT DISCIPLES”**

### **Matthew 21:1-11**

**“The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them” (MATT. 21:6–7).**

“You better be good or you won’t get anything for Christmas.” While parents, teachers and others always encourage obedience, there is an added emphasis this season. A familiar secular Christmas song advises, “You better watch out, you better not cry.”

We are beginning the Advent season of the church year. All the promises of the Old Testament lead to the coming of Jesus. Jesus is perfectly obedient and our response to His coming is to be believing and obedient disciples.

*Advent* means “coming.” The church celebrates Jesus’ coming as the Baby in Bethlehem, His coming to be the Savior of all nations and His coming on the Last Day. In today’s Bible reading, Jesus was near the end of His earthly ministry. Jesus was coming into Jerusalem.

Jesus asked two of His disciples to help prepare for His entry into Jerusalem. The disciples obeyed their Master. They carefully followed His instructions. Jesus rode on the donkey into Jerusalem and was welcomed as the “Son of David” (**Matt. 21:15**). Jesus was welcomed as the One promised to the people of Israel.

Jesus perfectly obeyed His heavenly Father’s plan. Jesus followed every detail of the prophecy of Zechariah (**Matt. 21:4**). A king would come, and the King was Jesus. During this season, most Christians are thinking mainly of Jesus’ coming as the Baby in the manger in Bethlehem. While it’s important to review and remember Jesus’ birth, we are blessed to know and believe the rest of the story. The Baby in Bethlehem was the Son of David who went on to be designated the King of the Jews as He hung on the cross to suffer and die for us.

Jesus came and obeyed all the Old Testament prophecies so that the plan of salvation would be perfectly fulfilled. We are blessed to be baptized into Jesus’ life, death and resurrection. We are blessed to see Jesus coming again on the Last Day.

Even as Jesus’ disciples obeyed His directions, we are blessed to obey His commands. We obey our parents, teachers and others whom God has placed over us. We obey not in order to get presents, but because Jesus is the Present as our Savior and King. He is always present with us. The best present we can give is the Good News of Jesus as Savior. He has bought the present of salvation for us to share.

*Dear Jesus, we are blessed through our Baptism to be part of Your kingdom. We confess that there are many times when we are disobedient subjects in the kingdom. We celebrate Your perfect obedience and rejoice this Advent season and always that we can come to Your throne because You have come to us. Amen.*

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### ***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 19th, 6:00 PM, PS3-K5 Christmas Service “Gift that Keeps Giving”*  
*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*