



# December 3 & 4, 2022 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, December 3:

5:00 PM Worship Service

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

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

### Monday, December 5:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

4-8 PM Dine Out at Tom's Drive In, Menasha

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Adult Information Class

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 6:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

4:45 PM BB @ Celebration

6:30 PM Board Meetings

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

10:30 AM Advent Worship Service

5:00 PM Catechism

5:15 PM Advent Meal

6:30 PM Advent Worship Service

### Thursday, December 8:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

4:45 PM BB @ St John's in Berlin

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, December 9:

### Saturday, December 10:

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

## 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.

## ✠ 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, 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 Pomerence, 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, Carol Evensen, Terry Wray.

**Anniversaries:** Rev. Steven & Liz Billings.

**Dearlly Departed:** Sandy Rammer

**Birthdays:** Rev. Jim Dehne, Joel Collingwood, Sarah Mlodik, Abigail Reuning, Brandon Hurst, Alexis Davila, Sydney Gast, Sue Frost.

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Matthew 3:1-2** – "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers have been donated by Norb Pomeranke to honor the passing of his wife, Ruth Pomeranke.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Advent Candle—Peace"  
"Prepare the Way"

### 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.

## 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 & 11, December 14, December 19 & December 21. 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.

### 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 - Pastor's Office  
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, *Paul's Letter to the Corinthians* 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, December 3:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*  
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*  
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*  
Altar Guild: *Philip & Mary Conrard*  
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: *Kari Lindner*  
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

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

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

## Help Decorate the Church & 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!

## Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are: Pancake Syrup, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Beans, Jello, Pudding, Tomato Soup and Canned Fruit.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

## 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.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, December 10:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*  
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*  
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*  
Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*  
Greeter: *Barb Kester*  
Acolyte: *Payton Lenth*

### Sunday, December 11: 3rd Sunday in Advent

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*  
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*  
Communion Assistant: *Lee Weinig*  
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*  
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*  
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

### Wednesday, December 14: Advent 3, Mid-Week

10:30 AM Elder on Duty:  
10:30 AM Usher: *Maynard/Sexmith*  
6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Robert Allen*  
6:30 PM Usher: *Maynard/Sexmith*  
6:30 PM Greeter: *Barb Kester/*  
*Jane Nielsen*  
6:30 PM Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*  
Altar Guild: **NO COMMUNION**

## \$ 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](mailto:ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com). They will put it together.

**Fleet Farm & Tom's Drive In – 10% rebate!**

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

## December Dining Out!

Our December Dining Out event will be at the **Menasha Tom's Drive In** location. We have scheduled **December 5th** for this event.

You will need to let them know you are there for the Trinity event when placing your order. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.

We do have plenty of Tom's SCRIP on-hand for this event, available in \$10 cards.

**Trinity Lutheran School**  
**“REPENTANT DISCIPLES”**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire” (MATT. 3:11).

“I’m sorry.”

Have you ever said those words? To whom did you say them? When did you (or were you asked to) share them?

One of the important Advent voices is that of John the Baptist. John the Baptist came to prepare for and announce the coming of Jesus. In today’s Bible reading, we read of John’s message, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 3).

John the Baptist was telling the people to say “I’m sorry.” They were to be sorry for more than not getting homework done, saying a bad or hurtful word or some other failures. They were to say “I’m sorry for all my sins.” “I’m sorry for not believing God’s Words of promise.” “I’m sorry for not obeying the commandments.” John’s audiences had often said the right words, but they did not do what God had told them to do.

John’s message was that Jesus was coming as their Savior. Jesus was coming to suffer and die for every sinful thought, word and action for which we could ever be sorry. Jesus would come to be baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus would come as the beloved Son sent from the Father. In Jesus’ Baptism He would prepare the way for our Baptism.

Our theme verse (Matt. 28:19) shares that we are made Jesus’ disciples through our Baptism “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In his Small Catechism, Martin Luther shared, “It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die” (Small Catechism, Baptism, Fourth Part). Baptism drowns all of our “I’m sorry, God” sins and brings us new life.

Advent is the new season of the church year. It’s a time to again say “I’m sorry,” believe in Jesus’ coming, rejoice in being Jesus’ disciples and live in the new life we have because of Jesus’ coming.

*Dear Jesus, thank You for the Advent prophet, John the Baptist. May we, too, hear his call to repent from our sins. Because You have come, we hear Your voice assuring us of Your forgiveness. Bless us as we tell others about Your coming as the Savior to bring life to all. Amen.*



**Advent Worship**

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

*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*

