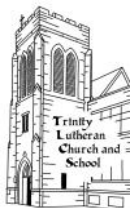
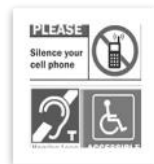


December 10 & 11, 2022 Weekly Bulletin



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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Saturday, December 10:

Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Worship Service
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday in Advent

Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Worship Service
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School
11:30 AM Decorate Church & Christmas Tree
1:30 PM Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 12:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
5:30 PM Adult Information Class
6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 13:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
4:15 & 5:15 PM Trinity vs Trinity Oshkosh @ Home
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 14: Advent 3 Mid-Week

Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Service
10:30 AM Advent Worship Service
Grades 1-4 Christmas Service
5:00 PM Catechism
5:15 PM Advent Meal
Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Service
6:30 PM Advent Worship Service
Grades 1-4 Christmas Service

Thursday, December 15:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
4:45 PM BB Practice
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16:

Saturday, December 17:

9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

✝ 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., George Engele, 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, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, 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, Tony Wray

Anniversaries: Nicolette & Tyer Lentz, Diane & Robert Lukasavage, David & Mae Joerndt, Brandon & Angela Hurst

Dearly Departed: Marion May Burrows

Birthdays: Kevin Mies, Karen Riske, David Pomerence Jr., Dane Pues, Steve Reinke, Brenda Hibbard, Thomas Kester, Scott Meyer, Noah Eide, Jonathon Heid, Breanna Borgen, Gina Borgen, Jean Becker, Carrie Haanen, Noelle Webber, Nancy Williams, Matthew Emery, Ella Pues

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ARE IN YOUR MAILBOXES!
DO NOT USE UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2023**

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by our Ladies Aid.

This Weekend's Banners

"Advent Candle—Joy"

Our Angel Tree

is up in the Narthex and is a reminder of all the wonderful people that have gone before us. If you would like to add an angel in memory of a loved one, you may place it in the box under the tree with the information of who the angel is in memory of and who is placing the angel.



Church Christmas Caroling December 11 @ 1:30 PM

We will meet at church at 1:15 pm. A potluck luncheon will follow at Kraus's - 3485 N. Thornberry Dr, Appleton. Contact Nancy Lephart if you would like to participate. If you have any questions: (920) 277-4388.

Ladies Aid Cookie & Candy Sale

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 prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

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>.

Deadline for the Weekly Bulletins and the January Newsletter

Please plan ahead for your needs for Scrip or anything else you need during the Christmas break, from the office, so we are able to help you.

Our deadlines for the **December 25 and January 1 bulletins is Tuesday, December 20; January Newsletter Articles are needed by Tuesday December 20.** This will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time. Thank you for your help.

Office Hours: December 23—Church Office Closed at Noon; December 26-30—Church Office is Closed.

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

✠ Serving Our Lord This 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: <i>Maynard/Sexmith</i>
6:30 PM	Elder on Duty: <i>Robert Allen</i>
6:30 PM	Usher: <i>Maynard/Sexmith</i>
6:30 PM	Greeter: <i>Barb Kester/Jane Nielsen</i>
6:30 PM	Acolyte: <i>Mirella Taschner</i>

\$ 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 weekend worship services.

How to order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., or email your order to: 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.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, December 17:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Dan and Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday in Advent

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Donavan Rausch*

Wednesday, December 21: Advent 4, Mid-Week

10:30 AM	Elder on Duty:
10:30 AM	Usher: <i>Colby/Collingwood</i>
6:30 PM	Elder on Duty: <i>Craig Thomas</i>
6:30 PM	Usher: <i>Colby/Collingwood</i>
6:30 PM	Greeter: <i>Dan & Peggy Dahms/Rosemary Collingwood</i>
6:30 PM	Acolyte: <i>Cecelia Street</i>
	Altar Guild: NO COMMUNION

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.

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!

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.

Trinity Lutheran School
“SEEING & LISTENING DISCIPLES”
Matthew 11:2-15

And Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them’ (Matthew 11:4-5).

Advent also brings us some special sights and sounds in our school and church. There is the sight of the Advent wreath and blue altar hangings; there is the sound of Advent hymns; there are the sights and sounds of rehearsals for Christmas services.

The Advent sights and sounds of our church and school always lead us to the sounds of God’s Word and the faith sight to see Jesus.

In our Scripture reading, John the Baptist (whom we met last week) was confined to the sights and sounds of prison. King Herod did not want to hear the sound of “repent,” so he tried to keep the sight of John the Baptist away from himself and others. While John had preached about the coming of the Promised Messiah, from his prison cell he wondered if Jesus was really the One God had promised to send.

Jesus answered John the Baptist’s question by telling him to see the sights and hear the sounds. Jesus had shown by His miracles that He was the Son of God. Jesus had taught about the coming of the Kingdom of God with His words. People had seen and heard what Jesus had done.

Because he was killed for being a faithful witness to the coming of Jesus, John would not see Jesus hanging on the cross nor would he hear the sound of “He has risen” from the Easter angel (Matt. 28:6). Because he had believed in the coming of Jesus, John would see Jesus on His throne of glory and hear the eternal praises of the saints and angels.

There are wonderful sights and sounds of the Advent and Christmas seasons on the television, in the malls, in the city streets and in the hallways of our school and rooms of our homes. While we enjoy many of these sounds, the most important sounds are the sounds of the Bible readings which tell of Jesus’ coming at Christmas and His coming again and the sounds of Advent and Christmas hymns which give praise to God for His coming to be our Savior.

May we be faithful and attentive to the sights and sounds of God’s Word and Jesus’ second coming.

SCHOOL ANGEL TREE

You will notice a Christmas tree in the hallway between the 3rd-4th grade classroom and the 5th-6th grade classroom decorated with angels. Each teacher and office person has a different colored angel, so look for your child’s class and pick one or more of the angels; each of them has an item listed that can be purchased for the classroom. Most of them are common items that are needed here at school. So, if you have time, grab an angel or two, and add the item to your Christmas shopping list. This is a great opportunity to help the school during the holidays.



Advent Worship

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

December 19th, 6pm PS3—K5 Christmas Service; “The Present”

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



Christmas Shopping?

How 'bout making a donation to
the **Handbell Fund?! 🎵**

+ in Honor of ...

+ in Celebration of ...

+ in Memory of ...

In **ANY AMOUNT** of **💰**

You could specify a:

Handbell(s)! or Folder(s)!

Table! Set of Gloves! or Mallets!

Any questions, call Rose!

(608.213.2644) 🎵

SEDER/PASSOVER NEWS!



We have scheduled the Seder for March 12, 2023, with Pastor Parviz leading us.

Please consider helping and being a part of this very interesting look into the church's past.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 24TH @ 6:30 PM in the Small Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome to attend. Help will be needed in many areas including funds to put on the Seder event with Pastor Parviz.

Besides physical help we would appreciate people with Thrivent funds to help by applying for a card to help with the cost of the Seder event. Contact Elaine for more information about this.

Sign up sheets will be posted in January on the spinner. Contact: lweinig@outlook.com or 920-470-9090