

December 17 & 18, 2022 Weekly Bulletin



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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Saturday, December 17:

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

Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday in Advent

Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Worship Service
9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

Monday, December 19:

Rev. Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
Cookie/Candy Sale Before &
After Worship Service
6:00 PM 3PS-K5 Christmas
Service
6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:30 PM Women's Bible
Study

**PLEASE NOTE
SCHOOL OFFICE
IS CLOSED
DEC. 23, 2022
THROUGH
JAN. 3, 2023.**

Tuesday, December 20:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
3:45 PM BB Practice

Wednesday, December 21: Advent 4 Mid-Week

Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Service
10:30 AM Advent Worship Service
Grades 5-8 Christmas Service
5:00 PM Catechism & Adult Information Class
5:15 PM Advent Meal
Cookie/Candy Sale Before & After Service
6:30 PM Advent Worship Service
Grades 5-8 Christmas Service

Thursday, December 22:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Student Caroling
12:00 PM School Dismissal/School Office Closed
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 23:

NO SCHOOL, 12:00 PM Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00, 6:30 & 11:00 PM Worship Services

Communion at 11:00 PM Service Only

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

9:00 AM Worship Service

✝ 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 Steenpoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth. Carol Evensen, Terry Wray, Mark & Jean Becker

Anniversaries: Scott & Amy Siegel, Darrell & Vera Krause

Birthdays: Matthew Emery, Ella Pues, Donna Mies, Scott Siegel, Carrie Heyn, Rebeka Manteufel, Henry

Our Angel Tree...

is up 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 pacing the angel.



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

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com_or
"Like" Us on Facebook

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers have been given in memory of Sandy Rammer, friend and member of Tuesday Morning Bible Study

This Weekend's Banners

"Advent Candle—Love"

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 Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter

We need your articles for the **December 25 & January 1 bulletins and January Newsletter by Tuesday December 20**. This will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time. Thank you for your help.

Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Baked Beans, Jello, Pudding, Tomato Soup and Canned Fruit. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

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.

Ladies Aid Cookie & Candy Sale

It is that time of year when we think of yummy cookies and candy. Again this week, the ladies of the congregation help you out by offering their best creations at their Annual Cookie and Candy Sale. The dates of the sale are: December 17th, 18th, 19th and 21st. The sale will be open before and after the services.

We continue to 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.

Christmas Church Office Hours:

December 23: Church Offices closed at Noon
December 26—30: Church Offices closed all day

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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



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

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, December 17:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*

Usher Team: *Lee Colby*

Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*

Altar Guild: **Volunteer Needed**

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: *Volunteer Needed*

10:30 AM Usher: *Colby/Collingwood*

6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Volunteer Needed*

6:30 PM Usher: *Colby/Collingwood*

6:30 PM Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms/*

Rosemary Collingwood

6:30 PM Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Altar Guild: **No 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.

§ 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.

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.

Please plan ahead for your needs for Scrip or anything else you need during the Christmas break. SCRIP will not be available from Noon on December 23 through the service on New Years' Eve.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*

4:00 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*

4:00 PM Communion Assistant: **No Communion**

4:00 PM Altar Guild: **No Communion**

4:00 PM Greeter: *Volunteer*

4:00 PM Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

6:30 PM Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*

6:30 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*

6:30 PM Communion Assistant: **No Communion**

6:30 PM Altar Guild: **No Communion**

6:30 PM Greeter: *Volunteer*

6:30 PM Acolyte: *Melani Gast*

11:00 PM Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*

11:00 PM Usher Team: *Volunteers*

11:00 PM Communion Assistant: *Ian Thomas*

11:00 PM Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

11:00 PM Greeter: *Volunteer Needed*

11:00 PM Acolyte: *Dylan Kobs*

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

Elder on Duty: *Volunteer*

Usher Team: *Volunteers*

Communion Assistant: *Volunteer*

Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*

Greeter: *Volunteer*

Acolyte: *Levi Kroes*

2023 Offering Envelopes

Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are in your mailbox, unless you give electronically. Do not begin using them until January 1, 2023. This year we will alternate a Communion Envelope with the Building Fund Envelope..

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God's Law could not do – truly motivate us to truly good works – Jesus' love has done!

Trinity Lutheran School “DIRECTED DISCIPLES”

Matthew 1:18-25

“But as he [Joseph] considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins’” (MATT. 1:20–21).

There are several Bible stories about angels. Angels are God’s messengers. Jacob, Moses, Gideon, Isaiah, Daniel and other Old Testament believers received messages from angels. Angels are also Advent messengers. Zachariah and Mary received special messages from angels. Angels are part of the Christmas story. Angels appeared to shepherds with the good news of Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

In today’s Bible reading, an angel appeared to Joseph. Joseph was certainly disappointed that Mary, to whom he was engaged to be married, was expecting a Baby. Because Joseph knew he wasn’t the father of this Baby, he was going to cancel the marriage.

Joseph received a special message from an angel. The angel shared God’s plan for the sinful world. Mary’s child would be called “Jesus” because He would “save his people from their sins.” Mary’s conception was the work of the Holy Spirit. Mary’s Child was the perfect Son of God. Mary’s Child would be “Immanuel” because He would be with Joseph, Mary and everyone who would come to believe in Him as their Savior.

The angel had other directions for Joseph. As we review the Christmas story, we will find Joseph going with Mary to Bethlehem. We will find Joseph with Mary at the manger where the Baby Jesus was resting. We will find Joseph helping to keep Jesus safe when others tried to hurt Him. We will find Joseph taking care of Mary and Jesus in Nazareth. Joseph followed the angel’s directions.

As disciples of Jesus we, too, follow directions. While God could also give us directions through angels, He gives us directions in His Word. In God’s Word, we find directions again this Christmas to Bethlehem where we see the Savior born for us. Through God’s Word, we find directions to the cross of Jesus where He died for us. Through God’s Word, we find directions to heaven as we believe in and follow Jesus as His disciples.



Advent Worship

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

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.



Congregational Voter's Meeting

Your Attendance is Strongly Encouraged

Our next Congregational Voter's Meeting will be held January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Voting will take place in person only.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers and directors of our congregation. This will include voting for the positions of President and Vice President.

We are also seeking approval of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's nominations for President of the Synod and Regional Vice President.

Thank you.

Blaine Henkel, President



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) 🎵