



January 1, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, December 31: New Years Eve

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, January 1: New Years Day

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

Monday, January 2:

SCHOOL & CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

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Rev. Billings' Sabbath

5:30 PM Adult Information Class

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 3:

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN

SCHOOL & SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Voter's Meeting Followed by Board Mtgs

Wednesday, January 4:

SCHOOL RESUMES

8:45 AM Chapel

5:00 PM Catechism

Thursday, January 5:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, January 6:

Saturday, January 7:

5:00 PM Worship Service-Installation of Officers

Sunday, January 8:

9:00 AM Worship Service -Installation of Officers

10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

**Wednesday Mid-Week Services Will Resume
on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023.**



✠ We Pray For... ✠

The Sick: Heather Andreshak, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Mark and Jean Becker, 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 Steene-poorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth. Carol Evensen, Terry Wray,

Anniversaries: Nicolette and Tyler Lentz.

Birthdays: Duane Baehman, Brandon Looker, Matthew Looker, Nick Kroes, Myles Voigt, Georgia Peotter and Joseph Groshek.

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Luke 2:21 – “And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.” There it is: the shortest Gospel lesson of the whole Church Year. It is for the festival of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus. What more do you need to know than the name of Jesus – “the Lord saves.” That’s who Jesus is: the Lord who saves us sinners. That simple Gospel message is the foundation of our faith and the strength to live out our faith.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by Norb Pomerence in memory of Ruth’s passing.

This Weekend’s Banner

“The Lord Has Come”

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.

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.

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

MANY THANKS!

We want to thank our many Trinity family customers for supporting our very successful cookie/candy sale. We also thank those of you so kind to have donated items or assisted at the sale. Our disbursement of funds will take place at our January Ladies Aid/LWML meeting (1/17/23) when we will make decisions on mission projects as well as Trinity Church and school projects. All ladies are invited to attend. We wish you all joy as we together worship the Christ Child.

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN YOUR MAILBOXES!

Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

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| 10:30 AM | Sunday: “ <i>The Letter to the Romans</i> ” with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings-Large Fellowship Hall |
| 10:30 AM | Sunday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Conference Room |
| 10:30 AM | Sunday <i>The Book of Isaiah</i> with Blaine Henkel |
| 5:30 PM | Monday: Adult Information Class with Rev. GeRue - Pastor’s Office |
| 6:30 PM | Monday: Women’s Bible Study, “ <i>Joy: A Study of Philipians</i> ” by Deb Burma, Conference Room. Contact: Connie Henkel |
| 6:30 AM | Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, “ <i>12 Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You</i> ” with Dottie Kraus |
| 6:00 AM | Thursday: Men’s Bible Study, <i>Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians</i> with Steve Reinke, Large Conference 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 31: New Years Eve

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*
Usher Team: *Tom Harrmann*
Communion Assistant: *Dan Siebert*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Greeter: *Betty Allen*
Acolyte: *Sydney Gast*

Sunday, January 1: New Years Day

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Lee Weinig*
Communion Assistant:
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*
Acolyte: *Ava Schmidt*

Wednesday, January 4—No Mid-Week Service

2023 Offering Envelopes

Your 2023 Offering Envelopes are in your mailbox, unless you give electronically. This year we will alternate a Communion Envelope with the Building Fund Envelope each month.

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.

\$ 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.

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, January 7:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Barb Kester*
Acolyte: *Peyton Lenth*

Sunday, January 8:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Ron Kraus*
Altar Guild: *Kari Lindner*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Wednesday, January 11: No Mid-Week Service

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.

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, courtesy of the Board of Elders.

Altar Guild Help Needed

We are still in need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild Team. Tasks are: Saturdays: set-up, reset. Sunday duties are: clean up and deliver altar flowers to members of Trinity.

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Contact Mary or Jean in the church office if you are interested in becoming a member of our Altar Guild Team.

We encourage everyone to use the hymnal to help cut our paper costs.

Trinity Lutheran School
“FLIGHT FOR LIFE”

Matthew 2:13–23

“An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.’ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt” (MATT. 2:13–14).

Perhaps we have seen (in person or on television) a medical helicopter come to an accident scene and fly away, taking a patient to a hospital. Those services are sometimes called a “Life Flight.” We thank God for this special equipment and the doctors, nurses and pilots who are used to help save lives.

Obviously there were no helicopters or ambulances available in the times when Jesus was a young child. Jesus was not an accident victim. However, His young life was in danger because the wicked king, Herod, wanted to kill Jesus. Herod thought Jesus had been sent to be an earthly king who would take away Herod’s throne and power. The jealous Herod made a decree to kill the little boys of Bethlehem hoping to kill his competition for the throne.

God had means to keep Jesus safe. God sent an angel to share the danger with Joseph. Joseph took Jesus and His mother, Mary, away to the country of Egypt where He would be safe. Their escape is sometimes called a “flight.” It was an emergency trip to save the life of the little Child Jesus.

It was important for the little Child Jesus to be protected so that God’s plan to save us from sin could be completed. Jesus would perfectly and safely grow up to call His disciples, perform His miracles, share His teachings and eventually go to the cross. Through Jesus’ life and death He would bring eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Sometimes accidents happen in our lives. We may even need ambulances and life-saving measures. Sometimes we or our loved ones face diseases and need the care of hospitals, doctors and nurses. We rejoice that God provides caregivers to help us and keep us safe.

God’s greater plan was to give us life eternal. Jesus came as the perfect Rescuer through whom we will be taken safely to heaven. That is a rescue that only Jesus could provide for His disciples and for us. We give thanks that we will always be safely in His care.

Dear Jesus, we give thanks for Joseph, who, as Your earthly father, provided protection for You. We give thanks for our Heavenly Father, who, through our Baptism, provides us protection from the temptations of the devil and the world. Protect us as Your children. Protect children everywhere from those who would hurt them in body, mind or spirit. Amen.

Mon. Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL

5:30pm Adult Information Class

Tue. Jan. 3 NO SCHOOL

Wed. Jan. 4 School Resumes

8:45 am Chapel

Thur. Jan. 5 3:45 pm Basketball Practice



Thank You to....

All Trinity congregation members for your gifts, beautiful cards, prayers & kind thoughts during this Christmas season. We are blessed to serve you.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

Rev. Steven S. Billings

Rev. Keith E. GeRue

And the entire Faculty and Staff of Trinity

