



# January 7 & 8, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

### 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

### Monday, January 9:

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, January 10:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, January 11

8:45 AM Chapel

5:00 PM Catechism

**NO WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

### Thursday, January 12:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

### Friday, January 13:

### Saturday, January 14:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Worship Service

### Sunday, January 15:

9:00 AM Worship Service

10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

## ✝ 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:** Diane & Robert Lukasavage, David & Mae Joerndt, Brandon & Angela Hurst.

**Birthdays:** Blaine Henkel, Sara Henson, Austin Seals JR, Finley Brown, Charlotte Elliott, Roger Voigt, Bart Nielsen, Harper Labby, Daniel Schmidt, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony Van Ark, James Wolter

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

## 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.

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### Altar Flowers

In Honor of Char Elliott's 91st birthday from her loving sister and brother-in-law, Rosemarie & Charles Eaton and family.

### This Weekend's Banner "Baptism"

#### Friends of the Pipe Organ & Grand Piano Soup & Bread Sale



JANUARY 22nd  
THRU FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>  
Before & After Services

A variety of Soups and Breads will be available.  
A ready-made meal to warm the day.

Bring in your favorite soup or bread/quick bread to support the maintenance of our Organ & Grand Piano. Jars & instructions will be available in the Narthex in January

Contact Elaine with any questions 470-9090  
(If you have a favorite you'd like us to make - let us know)

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Matthew 3:15 - "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

### Ladies Aid/LWLM

Our January Ladies Aid/LWML meeting is scheduled for 1/17/23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Small Fellowship Hall. Our main meeting agenda item will be the disbursement of the funds that we have been blessed to receive within the past 12 months. All ladies of the congregation and guests are invited to join us.



### Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

## 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 the church office.

## ✠ Serving Our Lord This 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: *Payton Lenth*

### Sunday, January 8:

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

### Wednesday, January 11—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.

**New Scrip!** - Buy your **Grocery Only Kwik Trip Scrip at 15% rebate.** Ask your seller for details.  
**Fleet Farm & Tom's Drive In—10% Rebate**

## ✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, January 14:

Elder on Duty: *Roger Voigt*  
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*  
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*  
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*  
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*  
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

### Sunday, January 15:

Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*  
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*  
Communion Assistant: *Robert Flater*  
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*  
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*  
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

### Wednesday, January 18: 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** **“BAPTISM FOR LIFE”**

### **Matthew 3:13–17**

*“And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’” (MATT. 3:16–17).*

Today’s Lesson takes us to Jesus’ Baptism and teaches us the importance of our Baptism. Jesus was not baptized as a baby, and He was not baptized at a church’s baptismal font. Jesus was not baptized by a pastor. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River when He was 30 years old.

Jesus had been preparing for His saving work since He came to earth as a Baby. It was now time for Jesus to begin His teaching and His journey to the cross. In our Scripture reading Jesus said, “It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness” (**Matt. 3:15**). Jesus’ ministry began with His Baptism. God had chosen John the Baptist to introduce Jesus to the world of His time. God had chosen John to baptize Jesus.

Jesus was baptized as part of God’s plan for us to be baptized. Jesus had no sins that needed to be washed away. Jesus’ Baptism put Him on the way to the cross so that our sins could be taken away. Jesus’ blood shed on the cross would wash away our sins. Every blessing that Jesus would bring through the cross would be ours. Those blessings would be brought to us through Baptism.

God the Father spoke at Jesus’ Baptism, “This is my beloved Son” (**Matt. 3:17**). Jesus, God the Son, was present in His Baptism. God the Spirit descended like a dove at Jesus’ Baptism. We were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Through the water and the Word, the same three persons present at Jesus’ Baptism were present at our Baptism.

We are Jesus’ disciples through Baptism. Our theme verse for the year tells us to “make disciples” through Baptism. Through Baptism, we journey to Jesus’ Baptism, Jesus’ death and Jesus’ resurrection. We want everyone, “all nations,” to go on His journey with us and to be in heaven with us.

*Dear Jesus, thank You for making us Your disciples through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. We give thanks that You bring us the blessings of Your death and resurrection through the water and the Word. Remembering our Baptism, bless us as we become Your messengers so that other disciples might be baptized “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Amen.*

### ***Happenings at Trinity School***

- Mon. Jan. 9 3:45 – 4:45 pm Chess Club  
3:45 – 5:00 pm Instructional  
Basketball  
5:30pm Adult Information Class*
- Tues. Jan. 10 4:45 & 5:45 pm Basketball  
Celebration, Appleton @ Home*
- Wed. Jan. 11 8:45 am Chapel  
3:45 pm Faculty Meeting*
- Thur. Jan. 12 4:45 & 5:45 pm Basketball St.  
John Berlin @ Home*
- Fri. Jan. 13 End 2nd Quarter  
2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives*
- Sun. Jan. 22 9 am School Sings and Chimes*
- National Lutherans Schools Week – Jan. 23–29**