



November 18 & 19, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, November 18:

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 19:

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

Monday, November 20:

Pastor's Sabbath
Ladies Sewing Group
6:00PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, November 21:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 22:

9:00 AM Chapel
No Catechism Classes
6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday, November 23: THANKSGIVING

NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 24:

NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 25:

5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, November 26:

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

Church Administrative Assistant Part-Time Position Opening

Trinity is accepting applications for a .5 position in the church office. Applications and a copy of the job description are available in the church office. Please return your application to the church office no later than December 1, 2023.

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Dave Bartelme, Mark and Jean Becker, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, Bruce Christoffersen, Matt Daniels, Nancy Davidson, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Sara Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Michael Hastings, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Deb Manteufel, Nancy McMillan, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Dianne Olsen, Betty Paul, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Dan Schael, Marty Schramper, Ray Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, Judy Smith, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud & Joyce Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Jodi Wendler, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, and Tim Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Jackson Cleveland, Carolyn Gutzmann, Janine Heid, Timothy Kamprath,, Lyanna Manteufel, Rebekah Nielsen, Tim Reuning, Caleb & Lauryn Tuyls and Adina Weinig.

Celebrating Anniversaries: David & Karen Edwards

Ladies Aid Annual Christmas Party!

We will meet at George's Restaurant, 2208 S Memorial Dr, Appleton on November 28 at 5:30 pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the spinner in the Narthex. We hope to see you all there for a lovely evening of Christian fellowship and great food. A limited menu will be posted in the near future.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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Altar Flowers

The flowers this weekend are given with love and thankfulness for blessings received in Robert and Karon Flater's 62 years of marriage.

A second bouquet is donated by Norb Pomerence in celebration of Janine Heid's birthday..

This Weekend's Banners

"O Give Thanks Unto The Lord"

✝ Stewardship ✝

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 25:30 - "*And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.*" Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

November Food Drive for Trinity Pantry

This month our Pantry is in special need of Canned Fruit. We also need Instant Oatmeal Packets, Ketchup, Kleenex, Jam, Jelly and Dish Soap. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

You can bring your items in anytime it's convenient for you, but if you're coming to the Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wed. Nov. 22nd, you will have an opportunity to add your donations to many others to fill the front of church with our thank offerings. Thank you for supporting our Food Pantry!

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.



Thanksgiving Meal

Peace Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 23, 2023

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Peace Lutheran invites you to a traditional Thanksgiving meal, with all the trimmings, served on site.

Peace Lutheran Church

1228 South Park Avenue

Neenah, WI 54956

Phone: (920) 725-0510

Ladies Aid Fundraisers

Trinity's Pie and Cake Sale going on through November! Order your pies now for the holidays! There are **order forms on the ledge in the Narthex**. All cakes and pies cost between \$12 and \$15.

Our **Annual Cookie and Candy Sale** begins the weekend of **December 9th & 10th and continues the following weekend of December 16th & 17th, before and after the worship services**. We will also open for the Trinity School Children's programs on **December 13th, 18th, and 20th**.

WE INVITE YOU TO HELP US BAKE COOKIES AND MAKE CANDY; YOU CAN SIMPLY BRING THEM WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP. You need not wrap or bag the items separately as we sell them right out of the container you bring them in. All proceeds go for numerous missions as well as for Trinity Church and School projects. We thank you for serving with us and bringing joy to our customers!

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 18:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Assistant: *Vance Pues*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *Dan & Peg Dahms*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 19:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*
Communion Assistant: *Blaine Henkel*
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Acolyte: *Simon Kroes*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Nov. 22: THANKSGIVING

Elder on Duty: *Michael Bekx* **EVE WORSHIP**
Usher Team: *Steve Reinke*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Acolyte: *Richie Sprouse*

✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 25:

Elder on Duty: *Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Roger Voigt*
Communion Assistant: *Bruce Buksyk*
Altar Guild: *Phil & Mary Conradt*
Greeter: *JoAnn Schultz*
Acolyte: *Mirella Taschner*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 26:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Jim Wittmann*
Communion Assistant: *Dave Collingwood*
Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*
Flower Delivery: *Gail Burrows*
Greeter: *Connie Henkel*
Acolyte: *Maya Torres*

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, November 29:

Elder on Duty: *Dave Little*
Usher Team: *Dave Acker*
Altar Guild: *Carol Evensen*

\$ 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.

Limited time—Kwik Trip Scrip at 10% Rebate!

Fleet Farm @8% Rebate!

From Your Board of Stewardship

Thank you to ALL who have returned your completed Time & Talent and Financial Giving pledge forms! These forms will be blessed at worship services the weekend of Nov. 26th. Forms may still be returned to the box located in the Narthex.



Join Us for Bible Study at Trinity Lutheran Church

- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "The Letter to the Romans"** with Pastors Alliet & Billings, Small Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 AM **Sunday: "What They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School"** Contact : Pastor GeRue- Conference Room
- 6:30 PM **Monday: Women's Bible Study, "Chosen: A Study of Esther"** by Donna (Pyle) Snow - Conference Room, Contact: Connie Henkel
- 6:30 AM **Tuesday: Ladies Bible Study, "PRAYER: We Speak to God"** Appleton Retirement Community, 200 W Packard, Appleton, Contact Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!
- 7:30 PM **Tuesday: The Study of Psalms**, Contact: Blaine Henkel via Zoom invitation
- 6:00 AM **Thursday: Men's Bible Study, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians** Contact Steve Reinke, Large Conference Room

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

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Connected To the Giver

Psalm 67

“The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!” (Psalm 67:6–7).

Why do magnets connect to some surfaces, like metal, but not to others?

God has connected Himself to us in an even more magnificent way than a magnet connects to a surface. In our Baptism, God has connected Himself to us. By our own choices, we would push away from Him, but He brings us in and holds us firm.

Like a magnet that pulls in other objects, God in His grace has brought many blessings to us. The most important blessing is our salvation through Jesus. God has pulled us to Himself so that we are connected to Him every day and in every way. We know that by faith we will be connected to Him forever.

If we look around, we see that God has also surrounded us with many other blessings. Again, we don't deserve those blessings, but God gives us much more than what we deserve or earn (First Article of Apostles' Creed). Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks to God for all that He has given us.

Thanksgiving is also a good time to be a “magnet” for food, clothing or other items that we collect for charity.

It is God's will that everyone knows Him as Creator and Redeemer and praise Him. Our Psalm verse says, “Let all the ends of the earth praise him” (Psalm 67:7). Let's come together to worship as a school, as families and as a community. We look forward to gathering together around God's throne to give Him thanks eternally.

PRAYER

“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (John 15:7).

Jesus, thank You for all that You have given us. We are especially thankful for the gift of faith. We ask that You give us generous hearts to share with others. Amen.

✠ This Week at Trinity School ✠

Nov. 20	9:00 am School Devotion
Nov. 21	9:00 am School Devotion School Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive Count 3:45-5:00 pm BB Practice
Nov. 22	9:00 am School Chapel Noon Dismissal
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Day No School
Nov. 24	No School

Thanksgiving Meal Tuesday November 21

Menu

Sliced Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Bread and Dessert.

Lunch Time for students in PS3-Grade 2 is 11:15am

Lunch Time for students in Grades 3-8 is 12:00pm



SERMON NOTES

Pentecost 25

1. Are each of the servants in today's parable given the same quantity of talents?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Kinda, but not exactly
 - d. Not sure
2. What sort of return did each servant make on the property he was given?
 - a. The one with 5 made 5 more
 - b. The one with 2 made 2 more
 - c. The one given 1 simply buried it in the ground
 - d. All of the above
3. What does the parable reveal about the third servant's understanding of his master?
 - a. He knew him pretty well
 - b. He didn't know his master at all
 - c. He knew him a little bit
 - d. They were old fishing buddies from back in the day
4. Does God expect us to live up to His standards?
 - a. Yes, but not very well
 - b. Yes, absolutely
 - c. He expects us *not* to live up to His standards, which is why He sent Jesus.
 - d. I love the old standards, like "A Foggy Day in London Town . . ."
5. Fill in the blanks of this statement from the sermon:

When God through His church calls us to follow His ways and to live according to His Commandments, it's not so that we may _____; it's so that we may live _____.

Love to Sing?

Aren't Hymns a Delight to Sing?

Come join us on (1 December Friday night) 🎵 🎵

at 7pm to experience 🎵

Trinity's Monthly Friday Hymn-Sing!!

Pastor B begins the Hymn-Sing with a brief devotion

Followed by Call-Outs from YOU! 🎵 🎵 🎵

🎵 What's YOUR favorite Christmas hymn?? 🎵

Let's sing 'em!!

Reception follows

in the Narthex!! 🎵

1 December
7 - 8:30pm

Any questions, call

Bart, 920-734-8843

or Rose, 608-213-2644

