



December 6 & 7, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Saturday, December 6:

ADVENT 2, COOKIE/CANDY SALE

9:00 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, December 7:

ADVENT 2, COOKIE/CANDY SALE

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

1:30 PM CHRISTMAS CAROLING (Meet at Church) Luncheon to Follow

Monday, December 8:

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

11:00 AM-7:00 PM PANDA EXPRESS DINE OUT

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

Tuesday, December 9:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 10:

ADVENT 2 MID-WEEK, COOKIE/CANDY SALE

9:00 AM & 6:30 PM 1ST-4TH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:15 PM Advent Meal

Thursday, December 11:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, December 12:

Saturday, December 13:

ADVENT 3, COOKIE/CANDY SALE

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, December 14:

ADVENT 3, COOKIE/CANDY SALE

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

11:30 AM Christmas Decorating with Lunch

✝ We Pray For... ✝

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, George Ohlrogge, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, Lori Wendricks, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Joel Collingwood, Jim Dehne, Brandon Hurst, Sarah Mlodik, Abigail Reuning, Thomas Stolzman.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Rev. Steven & Liz Billings.

MUSICAL OFFERING - Sunday

**Handbell Choir ~ "On Jordan's Bank"
By Gertrude Shickele**

Our non-alcohol option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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This Weekend’s Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by the Ladies Aid to the glory of God.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Hope, Peace, Joy & Love”

✠ Stewardship ✠

Matthew 3:1-2 – *“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”*

John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Canned Cranberries, Boxed Stuffing, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, and Dish Soap. If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

**Advent Mid-Week Divine Services &
Grade School Christmas Services
9:00 AM and 6:30 PM (no Communion)**

December 10—Advent 2 • 1st—4th Grade
Monday, December 15 - 6:00 PM • PS3—K5
December 17: Advent 3 • 5th-8th Grade

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY: “Ezra” and “Nehemiah”
10:30 AM with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH

SUNDAY: “What They Didn’t Teach You in
10:30 AM *Sunday School*” With
Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room

MONDAY: Women’s Bible Study
6:30 PM “Leaning on Jesus” A Study of
God’s Strength by Deb Burma,
Contact: Connie Henkel,
Menasha Pub. Lib.

TUESDAY: Ladies Bible Study
6:30 AM 200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus/All
are welcome!

THURSDAY: Men’s Bible Study
6:00 AM “1st and 2nd Timothy”
Contact: Steve Reinke,
Conference Room

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

DEC. 10TH ADVENT MEAL MENU

The December 10th Advent meal will be hosted by our Board of Outreach and Social Ministry and Board of Stewardship. The menu will be: Chili/soup, garlic bread, desserts, sausage, cheese and crackers, toppings and dressings for salad, and milk.

**Final Advent meal will be hosted by:
Dec 17 – Boards of Worship & Elders**

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

December 7, 2025 • 1:30 PM

Meet at church & travel to our “shut-ins”. After we will enjoy a potluck at the home of Dottie & Ron Kraus. Please sign-up on the spinner in the Narthex indicating if you will be bringing a salad or dessert this will help with planning for the numbers attending.

“LET’S MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE”

Psalm 98.4

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 6:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 7:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, December 10:

ADV. 2 MID-WEEK • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: Maynard/Wittmann
Teams
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 13:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Dan and Peg Dahms
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 14:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood
Altar Guild: Craig & Jill Thomas
Flower Delivery: Craig & Jill Thomas
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, December 17:

ADV. 3 MID-WEEK • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Elder on Duty: *To Be Determined*
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente
Collingwood Teams
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler



7th and 8th Grade Fundraiser

UNCLE MIKE'S KRINGLE COUPON SALE

Are you tired of the same old fundraiser year after year? Why not try Uncle Mike's Kringle! Uncle Mike's Kringle is a butter-layered pastry, with homemade fillings of superior quality.

7th–8th Graders are selling "coupons" and you come into one of their stores to pick up a kringle. It does not expire. Kringle coupons sell for \$23.00.



HOLY COMMUNION

Out of faithfulness to our Lord's Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

Advent 2 Psalm 72

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! ²May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! ³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! ⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

⁵May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! ⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! ⁷In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

Have you ever watched the snow fall onto the ground? It's one of the most peaceful things you can do. There's no noise when the snowflake touches down on the earth!

Now, not everyone receives snow; some parts of the world only receive rain because it's too warm. But what is the purpose of rain or snow? They water the earth to give the soil and vegetation moisture to drink, live and have life.

How silent is the rain or snowfall that nourishes the earth.

How silently did Jesus enter this world? He was born of the Virgin Mary in a cattle stall in the little town of Bethlehem. There was no fanfare or celebration for His arrival, just animals milling about. In fact, no one knew of His arrival that first Christmas until His Father revealed it to the world — to shepherds in their fields and wise men from afar.

But why does Jesus come to us in the poor and lowly manger? Why does He come as a baby silently sleeping to His mother's lullabies?

As the psalmist wrote in today's psalm, He came so "[that] he [may] defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!" (**Psalm 72:4**).

Jesus comes for you — He came to give up His breath and life on the cross for you. This is how He defends you who are poor, how He delivers you His child and how He crushes the

oppressor — the ancient serpent, the devil — for you.

Jesus does all of this for you because you cannot defend or save yourself from your sins or from the devil, just like the earth cannot water or feed itself. It, too, needs God to care for it to send rain and snow from above.

So, Jesus becomes like the rain for you, as the psalmist wrote, "May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!" (**Psalm 72:6**).

Jesus' words now gently fall upon your heart like rain and snow on the earth, announcing His forgiveness and giving you His life.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, like rain and snow falling silently, You came humbly to Bethlehem and come humbly to us now in Your Word and Your Sacraments. Nourish our hearts with Your Word, forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Help us rejoice that You have defended us, rescued us and defeated our enemy, the devil. In Your holy name. Amen.

Events around School

- ⇒ Dec 8: School Opening 9am
Dining Out Panda Express
- ⇒ Dec. 9: School Opening 9 am
4:30pm Basketball vs VHS @ Home
- ⇒ Dec. 10: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm 1st - 4th
Grade Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec. 11: 9 am School Opening
3:45 am Basketball Practice
- ⇒ Dec. 15: 9 am School Opening
6:00 pm PS3 - K5 Grade
Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec. 16: 9 am School Opening
4:30 pm Basketball Game vs
Celebration @ Home
- ⇒ Dec. 17: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm 5th-8th
Grade Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec. 18: 9:00 am School Opening
Community Caroling
NOON DISMISSAL



Annual Trinity Ladies Cookie and Candy Sale



It is that time again when we think about all the joys of Advent and Christmas. On top of that list is the birth of Baby Jesus; our Savior, who then died to deliver us from the punishment of our sins. There never has been or never will be a larger gift. We ask you to take every opportunity to share His love with the people you meet and tell them about Him. You can never give a better gift than to share this Good News! That is the prayer the Trinity Ladies have for each one of you this blessed season.

**Our annual cookie and candy sale runs the weekends of
December 6th & 7th, and 13th & 14th,
before and after the divine services.**

**Also, for the Trinity School Children's Christmas Services on
December 10th & 17th (9:00 AM & 6:30 PM).
and December 15th @ 6:00 PM.**

The price for cookies or candies will be \$9 per pound.

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!

HELP DECORATE OUR LORD'S HOUSE

Christmas decorating will take place December 14th after Bible study. A lunch will be provided in the narthex conference room. Any questions can be directed to Elaine Weinig @ 920-470-9090. Come for the of fellowship and joy of preparing for our Lord's Birth. Supervisors welcome.

Thank you,
Elaine Weinig





Fundraiser for
Trinity Lutheran School and Church
20% of event sales will be donated
Preschool - 8th grade school and church We raise
money for scholarships

When: Monday, December 08, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Where: Panda Express

3641 W College Ave, Appleton, WI 54914

(920) 830 – 6386

How to Order

Online

Panda Express.com or the App.

Enter 3852270 in the fundraiser code box



OR

In-Person

Bring paper flyer or show it on your smartphone

Order ahead or on the event day Monday, December 08,
2025

