

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Come Worship with Us:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
 Sundays at 9:00 am
 Education Hour-
 Sundays at 10:30 am



Wednesday, December 7th
 10:30am Worship, 5:15pm Dinner, 6:30pm Worship

Wednesday, December 14th
 10:30am Worship, 5:15pm Dinner, 6:30pm Day School Program

Christmas Eve, December 24th
 4:00pm & 6:30pm Worship, 11:00pm Candlelight Service

Christmas Day, December 25th
 9:00am Worship



The Staff and Faculty of Trinity Lutheran Church and School wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a joyous

New Year!

Heather Meyer
Juliet Colby
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Cathy Miller
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WORSHIP ELEMENTS- December 2011

Weekend, December 3 & 4, 2011

Advent 2

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 344
Sermon Hymn: LSB 347
Sermon Text: Isaiah 40:1-11
Sermon Theme: Be of Good Cheer!
Distribution Hymns: LSB 352, 623, 625
Closing Hymn: LSB 344
Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11
2 Peter 3:8-14
Mark 1:1-8

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

Advent 2 Mid-Week

Order of Service: Matins/Vespers
Opening Hymn: LSB 338
Sermon Hymn: LSB 349
Sermon Text: Luke 1:26-38
Sermon Theme: Mary's Angle
Closing Hymn: LSB 919/878
Readings: Isaiah 24:1-13
1 John 1:1-10
Luke 1:26-38

Weekend, December 10 & 11, 2011

Advent 3

Order of Service: Divine Service 4
Opening Hymn: LSB 398
Sermon Hymn: LSB 636
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Sermon Theme: Holy Expectation
Distribution Hymns: LSB 636, 669, 333
Closing Hymn: LSB 398
Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 (AM)

Advent 3 Mid-Week

Order of Service: Matins
Opening Hymn: LSB 849
Sermon Hymn: LSB 334
Sermon Text: Luke 2:8-14
Sermon Theme: Heaven's Angle
Closing Hymn: LSB 334
Readings: Isaiah 30:15-26
Hebrews 1:1-14
Luke 2:8-14

Wednesday, December 14, 2011 (PM)

Day School Christmas Program

Saturday, December 17, 2011

Advent 4

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 357
Sermon Hymn: LSB 332
Sermon Text: Romans 16:25-27
Sermon Theme: No Mystery
Distribution Hymns: LSB 549, 353, 332
Closing Hymn: LSB 357
Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Kids for Christ Christmas Program

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve 4:00/6:30 PM

Order of Service: Vespers
Hymns: LSB 361, 363, 364, 366,
370, 376, 379, 380, 387
Sermon Text: 1 John 4:7-16
Sermon Theme: He Came Unto His Own
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 1:18-25

WORSHIP ELEMENTS- December 2011(cont'd)

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Hymns: LSB 382, 368, 387, 393,
380, 374, 388, 359, 366,
367, 888, 363
Sermon Text: Titus 2:11-14
Sermon Theme: Blood on the Cradle
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas Day

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 379
Sermon Hymn: LSB 383
Sermon Text: John 1:1-14
Sermon Theme: The Light
Distribution Hymns: LSB 361, 364, 368
Closing Hymn: LSB 387
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-14

Saturday, December 31, 2011

New Year's Eve

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 887
Sermon Hymn: LSB 899
Sermon Text: Romans 8:31b-39
Sermon Theme: More Than Conquerors
Distribution Hymns: LSB 900, 623, 625
Closing Hymn: LSB 880
Readings: Isaiah 30:15-17
Romans 8:31b-39
Luke 12:35-40

SCRIP NEWS.....

Kwik Trip - \$20/\$50 gift cards
10% Discount through Mar. 30
Express Convenience Centers/\$50 gift cards
10% Discount
Uno Chicago Grill - \$25 gift cards
13% Discount through Dec. 11
Cabela's - \$25/\$100 gift cards
13% Discount through Dec. 11
Land's End - \$25/\$100 gift cards
18% Discount through Dec. 4
Regis Salon - \$25 gift cards
10% Discount through Dec. 11
AppleBees - \$25/\$50 cards
10% Discount through Dec. 11
Lowe's - \$25/\$100 cards
10% Discount through Dec. 11
Williams Sonoma - \$25/\$100 cards
10% Discount through Dec. 11

New Stores that have joined Scrip are:

Taco Bell - \$10 gift cards
5% Discount
Buffalo Wild Wings - \$25 gift cards
8% Discount
Appleton Toppers Pizza - \$10 gift cards
15% Discount

Angel Wish Tree- located in the Narthex is a tree with wishes on it for families here at Trinity that could use some help this Christmas. Please take an angel & fill the wish that is on it. You may bring your donation to the School Office anytime. God Bless you!

School Wish Tree- located in the school hallway is a tree with Day School wishes on it. Pick an ornament & fill the wishes made by our teachers, PTLs & school office personnel this season. Merry Christmas!

Angel Memory Tree- reflects the love that we hold in our hearts for those who are no longer with us. If you have an angel that you would like to add this year please place it in the box next to the tree with your name & the individual you are remembering-after Dec 4th. Questions, call Kathy Rigotti (284-5678).

Serving our LORD in December 2011

Elder of the Month: 5:00pm Alan Manteufel 9:00am Lee Weinig

Altar Guild: Jeri Pack, Judy Stolzman



Date/Time	Acolytes	Communion	Greeters	Lectors	Ushers
Dec 3 5pm 4 9am	Walker White	Manteufel/Schaefer Weinig/Flater	Liz Chick Cheryl Wendler	Karen Zachek Connie Henkel	Buisky Pomerence
Dec 7 10:30am 6:30pm	Alexandra Woodburn	None None		None Betsy Meverden	Buisky Pomerence
Dec 10 5pm 11 9am	Bradley Wendler	Manteufel/Buisky Weinig/Reinke	Betty Paul JoAnn Schultz	Karen Riske Elaine Trimberger	Voigt Diesch/Maynard
Dec 14 10:30am 6:30pm	Justin Bursack	None DAY SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS	None PROGRAM	Voigt Diesch/Maynard
Dec 17 5pm 18 9am	Carley Wilharm	Manteufel/Camann Weinig/Zirpel	Sharon Raleigh Jan Bathke	Duane Matz Deb Bartelme	Harrmann Reinke/Weinig
Dec 24 4pm 6:30pm 11pm	Cody Hanby Jayci Mansfield Alex Schramper	None None Manteufel/Henkel	None None None	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers
Dec 25 9am	Brice Sokel	Weinig/Borchardt	None	Volunteer	Volunteers
Dec 31 5pm	Walker White	Manteufel/Kopitske	Liz Chick	Roger Voigt	Buisky

Applying Biblical Teachings

“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).

By our attitudes and conduct, those around us should regard us as servants of Christ. As Christ’s servants, we show great integrity and honesty in our dealings with others. When we incur a debt, whatever that debt may be, we repay it according to the instruction given in Psalm 37:21 - “The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.” We have been brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word, and from this faith, our attitudes and conduct proceed. These attitudes and conduct directly reflect Christ’s love. In this love, we take care of all our obligations owed to others.

In his commentary, Matthew Henry wrote, “Render to God His due in the first place, to yourselves, to your families, to your relations, to the commonwealth, to the church, to the poor, to those that you have dealings with in buying, selling, exchanging, etc. Render to all their dues and that readily and cheerfully, not tarrying till you are by law compelled to it.”

Motivated by the Holy Spirit, our attitudes and conduct go beyond any sense of duty that may be derived by individuals. This motivation arises from the debt that can never be marked as “paid in full,” the debt of love. God so loved us that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who in love met our deepest needs. We, in turn, as servants of Christ, show this same love toward others. We show great integrity and are truly honest in all of our dealings. We gladly repay the debts we owe. In Christ’s love, we serve and do not sin against our neighbor, which may harm him and bring the condemnation of the Law. Rather, in the role of servant, Christ’s love lives and works through us, thus fulfilling the Law and doing the will of God.

- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Weekly Bulletin**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than 10am on Wednesdays.
- ❖ If you would like something printed in the **Monthly Newsletter**, please send it to the Church Office **NO LATER** than the 15th of the month.
- ❖ If you would like to purchase Altar Flowers, please place your envelope marked ‘ALTAR FLOWERS’ in the offering along with the reason for the flowers. **Flowers must be paid for prior to or at the time of the request. Flowers are \$20.00 unless a specific request is made.**



ECCLESIASTICAL ETIQUETTE

(Or: How to Behave in Church)

Part 1 of a Series

From time to time I am asked regarding the propriety of certain behaviors in church: Is this or that appropriate? How should we respond if ... ? So, I shall attempt to answer some of the concerns in a series of articles. Mind you, these will not be - cannot possibly be - a comprehensive list, but I hope they will serve as a general guide to godly comportment in His house.

Entering the Sacred Space

Yes, the nave - commonly referred to as the “sanctuary” - *is* sacred space. Let’s begin with that, for I believe a proper attitude toward the setting in which worship takes place will go a long way toward shaping the behavior of those attending.

Why is the sanctuary sacred? Because it is the repository of the presence of God in our midst. The very body and blood of Jesus reside on the altar during the divine service, thereby sanctifying the space. How would you behave if Jesus Himself were standing in the sanctuary when you enter? Guess what ... He *is!*

So, entering God’s space should be done reverently. Voices should be kept low when conversing. A solemn recognition of the altar is also appropriate, especially when the sacred elements are in use. A simple pause before entering the pew helps to attune one’s mind and heart that he is in the presence of God. A slight bow toward the altar during that pause would be most appropriate.

Once seated, it is also recommended to spend a few minutes in silent prayer in preparation for worship. Obviously, to do this, you must arrive in plenty of time. It is not godly behavior to come rushing in at the last minute, disturbing those who have spent time and effort achieving a prayerful state of being. It is a good and salutary practice to arrive at least 15 prior to the start of worship. This gives you at least a minimal amount of time to get settled, find your place in the hymnal and begin to set your mind and heart for the service, possibly even reading through the words of the first hymn to familiarize yourself with it. It is also recommended that you look over the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal. These are wonderful resources for preparing oneself for worship.

Should a situation arise that forces you to arrive after the ringing of the bell, you will be permitted to enter the sanctuary during the first hymn, but once the Confession has begun, you should remain in the narthex until the Introit. The confession of sins is a crucial time in which worshipers are asked to contemplate those things for which they need the forgiveness of their loving Savior. This is not easily done if people are still shuffling into the pews.

In any case, whenever you arrive, please be mindful of other worshipers and try not to disturb their preparation for worship. Doing so is likely to enhance your own worship experience as well.

Humbly in His service,
Rev. Steven S. Billings
Pastor



December School News

December issue 14 2011

Caroline Bedroske

Christmas Program

The school Christmas Program is Wednesday December 14th at 6:30 pm. The kids are working really hard on the program and we look forward to seeing you all there!

His Name is Jesus!

Mid-Terms

The mid-quarter is December 16th. Grades 1-8 will be sending mid-terms home with students that day.

Christmas Break

Remembering always the reason for the season! The school will have early dismissal on Thursday December 22nd at 12:00. The school and school office will be closed from December 23-January 2nd. Students return to class on January 3rd.

Scrip for Christmas Shopping

Avoid the Holiday rush and order your gift cards for Holiday giving through our Scrip program. Orders are being placed weekly through

December 12th. Orders are due after the Sunday worship service by the scrip table in the narthex. Any orders received in the school office on Monday will go on the next week's order.

Several gas, grocery, restaurants and other stores are available in a variety of denominations. For example, Red Lobster gives a 9% discount, that discount is split 50% to the building fund and 50% towards your tuition. In the past, some families have been able to pay for their tuition simply using scrip. Have family members order scrip through Trinity and watch your tuition decrease. There are several stores that are kept in stock and can be picked up during office hours. Please call ahead for availability.

PARENT TIPS

Shared Reading Time Do's and Don'ts

DO:

- encourage your child to select his or her own books, but offer guidance toward appropriate choices.
- show interest and enthusiasm for Shared Reading Time.
- help your child if he or she has trouble with a word. Shared reading is for enjoyment, not skills instruction.

- encourage your child to stop and ask questions, make predictions and express opinions while reading.
- praise your child for showing an interest in reading.
- have fun!

DON'T:

- allow outside interruptions.
- rush through Shared Reading Time.
- let other activities take the place of reading together.
- become frustrated with your child's reading skills.
- use Shared Reading Time as a reward—or punishment. Make it an enjoyable daily activity.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Vacation family-fun ideas.

- Bake something delicious.
- Look through family photo albums.
- Play a favorite game.
- Read holiday cards.
- Sing seasonal songs.
- Watch holiday videos.
- Take a winter walk.

Happy December Birthday!



12/1 Roxanne ARFT
12/2 Sarah BARTELME
 JoAnn MEIER
12/3 Beth GODWIN
12/4 Ila BOYSON
12/6 Alexis SCHWAB
 Bernard II ZIMMERMANN
12/7 Tyler MODERSON
12/8 Alexis DAVILA
12/9 Sue FROST
12/10 John HAY
 Kevin MIES
 Karen RISKE
 Kelly SMITH
12/11 Jacqueline STEUERWALD
12/12 Steve REINKE
12/13 Brenda HIBBARD
 Thomas C. KESTER
 Scott MEYER
 Mackenzie ULLRICH
12/14 Jonathon HEID

12/15 Gina BORGEN
 Breanna BORGEN
 Chuck PETERSON
 Barbara VITEK
 Lauren WILHARM
12/16 Jean BECKER
 Carrie KAMPRATH
 Noelle WEBER
 Nancy WILLIAMS
12/18 Dorothy THOMAS
12/19 Donna MIES
 Gerda SCHMIDT
 Scott SIEGEL
12/20 Rebekah MANTEUFEL
 Brian PAUL
12/22 Joshua KISLEWSKI
12/24 Keith STOLZMAN
12/25 Mary K. DITTMANN
12/26 Jill MANSFIELD
 Jacob MIES
 Walker WHITE
12/27 Marian E. KOHLER
12/28 Justin BOUCHARD
12/29 John HENRICKSON
 Darlene RASMUSSEN
12/31 Karen CAMANN
 Joshua HEID
 Florence HINKENS
 Lauren NELSON
 Emily NICKOLAI



ATTENTION MEMBERS:

Beginning Tuesday, December 27th Trinity will be implementing a new phone system in the offices to replace our current problematic phones. If you call the Church or School during that time you may experience phone outings and/or interruptions until the installation is complete.

Ladies Aid Cookie Sales

Being held in the Narthex on December 3rd, 4th, 10th & 11th. Please consider donating some home baked goodies to our cause! All proceeds to benefit our ongoing missions of Ladies Aid.



CPR Training & CPR re-certification here at church on Thurs, Dec 8th from 6-9pm. Cost is \$35. Any questions, please call Kathy Rigotti at 284-



Offering Envelopes for 2012 will be placed in your mailboxes. Please do not use them until January 2012. If you do not receive envelopes, contact the Church Office.

Accessing Your Mailbox- if you need help getting your mail from your Church mailbox due to the stairs, etc. please ask an Usher or a Greeter for assistance.

"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

Help bring the glad tidings of Christ's birth to local, assisted living homes & elderly. Join our merry carolers as we spread good cheer through song. We will meet **Friday, December 16th at 5:30 pm at Trinity**. Carpooling is available. A potluck gathering will take place after caroling at the home of Ken & Liz Kamprath located at 1431 Linda Avenue, Menasha.

Contact Mike Peitsch 733-2118 or Connie Henkel 725-0694



Notes from the Board of Outreach and Social Ministry

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17), and it is at Christmas time that we proclaim that heavenly birth. Help us share that wonderful message through cards and song. BOSM has planned the following activities:

- Christmas card making will be Monday, Dec. 5th @ 6:30pm in the small fellowship hall.
- Christmas caroling is scheduled for Dec. 16th under the direction of Mike Peitsch. A time of fellowship will be held after the activity at the Kamprath's in Menasha.

Here are some fun events planned for 2012:



- January activity...movie night scheduled for Jan 21st
 - Feb. activity....chili fest
- BOSM would like to implement a **monthly game night beginning February 25th at 6:30pm** and then taking place on the last Saturday of each month. Families can bring snacks to share and a favorite game or two.



Young Women's Retreat- February 3 & 4, 2012

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Professor of Education & Ambassador for the Women's Leadership at Concordia. Our mission is to inform, encourage & inspire women to be actively involved in supporting Mission Outreach. Registration deadline is January 14, 2012. Call Betsy Meverden (725-8014) for more information.



SCRIP NEWS.....

Scrip is available before & after services every weekend in the Narthex or daily in the School Office. Please call ahead with your order. Contact Cindy Diesch, Scrip coordinator, with any questions 205-1197. Credit cards are no longer accepted due to high fees. Cash or Check only.

Kwik Trip -10% thru Dec 30th Express-15% thru Dec 30th
Uno Chicago Grill -13% thru Dec 11th Cabela's -13% thru Dec 11th

New Stores added-Taco Bell -5% Buffalo Wild Wings -8%

HELPING HANDS



Jane Stier & Elaine Weinig went shopping for items with funds that came from Thrivent Financial to aid in the purchase of items for the Fox Valley Emergency Shelter. Jane found a great deal at Kohl's and purchased 36 pillows for those in need.



Seniors and Falls: Myth or Fact? From your Parish Nurse, Mary Howden

If you or a loved one has taken a fall - or if the possibility of falling is something that worries you - you are not alone. Older adults put falls near the top of the list of things to worry about. But there are steps you can take to reduce the risk, and the first step is to know the basics!

Myth #1: The topic of falls isn't an important issue for me. If I fall, I just get up.

Fact: Each year, one in three seniors experiences a fall serious enough to require medical attention. Falls lead to hip fractures and other serious injuries, and are the leading cause of death due to injury.

Myth #2: Falls are just a part of growing older, and I can't do anything about that.

Fact: Some of the changes of aging do increase the risk of falling. Most older adults will experience problems with their eyesight, sense of balance, mobility, bone structure and reflexes. Medical conditions such as stroke, diabetes and Parkinson's disease also increase the risk. But there is much you can do to protect against falling.

Myth #3: So long as I stick close to home, I can avoid falling.

Fact: Over half of all falls take place right in the person's home! One of the most important steps you can take to cut your fall risk is to do a regular home safety inspection. Look for hazards, such as rough floor surfaces, clutter, throw rugs, and poor lighting. Make simple home modifications, such as grab bars in the bathroom, a second handrail on stairs, and non-slip paint on outdoor steps

Myth #4: If I have experienced a fall, the best way to prevent falling again is to sit down most of the time and avoid physical activity.

Fact: This may be the biggest myth of all when it comes to protecting against falls! The truth is, inactivity results in decreased energy, muscle tone and alertness, which actually increases the risk.

Myth #5: Muscle strength and flexibility, once lost, can never be regained.

Fact: Even if you've been a "couch potato" your whole life, beginning an exercise program now will benefit you in many ways-not the least of which is protecting against falls. Ask your healthcare provider about a fall prevention exercise plan that's right for you.

Myth #7: Medications can't increase the risk of falling.

Fact: Many medications help reduce falls by treating conditions that increase a person's risk of falling (such as arthritis, osteoporosis and low blood pressure). But side effects of some drugs can also put us at greater risk of falling. Discuss any dizziness, fatigue, confusion or weakness with your healthcare provider.

Myth #8: If I am worried about the fall risk of a parent, spouse or other older adult, I shouldn't bring it up because it might hurt their feelings. And it's none of my business!

Fact: The reality is, helping your loved one or friend reduce the risk of falling is a caring act that can help him or her maintain the highest degree of independence possible. Let the person know that you fully support this important goal.

The good news is, plenty of research has been done on the subject of falls, and there is much we can learn from the studies. Being informed is the first step? Because when it comes to falls, knowing myths from facts can help you lower the risk.

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Do you know someone who needs to hear the message the angels sang? Trinity's Board of Outreach and Social Ministry is once again planning a Christmas greetings card event.

Join us on **December 5th at 6:30pm** in the small fellowship hall. We will make Christmas cards for friends and neighbors as an invitation to come and worship the newborn king.





PLEASE SILENCE all cell phones, pagers & video games during worship!

Help Still Needed for Packer Games- Please check the schedule in the Narthex to see if any dates work for you. The next home games are Sun, Dec 11th and Sun, Dec 25th. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Lee Colby (729-0927) or Cathy Miller (725-1715).



Thank You!

✚ To all the wonderful people that maintained the Church & School grounds this summer. Praise God for giving Trinity such loyal servants. We received many comments from visitors on how beautiful our facility is.

- ✚ To all the volunteers that assisted in putting Trinity in the Appleton Downtown Christmas Parade. It was an uplifting experience for everyone involved. The children and adults had a great time representing our Church & School.
- ✚ To our congregation members that took the time to adopt-a-bill and help pay off outstanding bills. Your gratitude is immense. Praise the Lord for your generosity!
- ✚ To all those that continue to buy Scrip to support the Church & School. You truly are making a difference!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO.....

Trinity Lutheran School's Soup & Bread Fundraiser
300 Broad Street, Menasha

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

5-7PM

SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Come and enjoy fresh homemade soups, fresh bread, bakery items and beverages.



Awards given to all soup participants & for various soup categories.

All proceeds to benefit our playground maintenance/upgrade project.

DECEMBER 2011

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

300 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 6am Men's Bible 3:45pm Staff/Faculty Mtg	2 6am Men's Bible	3 LA Cookie Sale 5pm Worship
4-2 nd Sunday in Advent 9am Worship LA Cookie Sale 10:30am Ed Hour 4:30pm Bowling	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 9am Men's Mtc Mtg 5pm PTLs Mtg 6:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Card Making	6 6:30am Women's Bible 9:30am Admin Mtg 6:30pm Board Mtgs	7 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Worship 5pm Conf 5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Choir	8 6am Men's Bible <i>Market Day</i> <i>Pick Up</i>	9 6am Men's Bible	10 9am Food Pantry LA Cookie Sale 5pm Worship
11-3 rd Sunday in Advent 9am Worship LA Cookie Sale Scrip Order Date 10:30am Ed Hour	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Stevie B's Pizza Day  6:30pm Scouts 6:30pm Ladies Bible	13 6:30am Women's Bible 6:30pm Brd of Dir	14 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Worship 5pm Conf 5:15pm Dinner 6:30PM DAY SCHOOL PROGRAM 7:30pm Choir	15 6am Men's Bible	16 6am Men's Bible Christmas Caroling 	17 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship
18-4 th Sunday in Advent 9am Worship-KFC Program 10:30am Ed Hour 4:30pm Bowling	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 6:30pm Scouts	20 6:30am Women's Bible Sewing Day	21 8:45am Chapel No Confirmation 7pm Choir	22 6am Men's Bible Noon Dismissal	23 6am Men's Bible No School-Offices Closed	24-Christmas Eve 4pm, 6:30pm Worship  11pm Candlelight Service
25-Christmas Day 9am Worship No Education Hr 	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> No School-Offices Closed	27 6:30am Women's Bible 8-Noon Office Hours TDS Phone Installation No School	28 8-Noon Office Hours No School No Confirmation 7pm Choir	29 6am Men's Bible 8-Noon Office Hours No School	30 6am Men's Bible No School-Offices Closed	31-New Year's Eve 5pm Worship

Weekly Income

Date	Gen. Fund Offerings	Matching Funds	School Transfers	BOTR	Other Income	Total Income
10/3/11	\$14,113.74			\$1,277.00		\$15,390.74
10/10/11	\$10,017.21	\$1,259.00	\$1,465.00	\$655.00		\$13,396.21
10/17/11	\$11,180.23		\$974.56	\$700.00	\$1,187.87	\$14,042.66
10/24/11	\$7,537.51			\$605.00		\$8,142.51
10/31/11	\$10,323.91		\$1,040.77	\$1,450.00	\$3,076.36	\$15,891.04
Total	\$53,172.60	\$1,259.00	\$3,480.33	\$4,687.00	\$4,264.23	\$66,863.16

Weekly Expenses

Date	Regular Bills	Thrivant Match	Memorial Fund	BOTR	Other Accts/Misc Expenses	Total Income
10/3/11	\$260.26			\$7,031.91		\$7,292.17
10/10/11	\$19,224.61					\$19,224.61
10/17/11	\$10,165.21					\$10,165.21
10/24/11	\$15,986.30					\$15,986.30
10/31/11	\$7,648.37			\$6,799.50		\$14,447.87
Total	\$53,284.75			\$13,831.41		\$67,116.16

Beginning Balance - General Fund	\$1,109.82
Income for Oct-2011	\$66,863.16
Expenses for Oct-2011	\$67,116.16
Ending Balance - General Fund	\$856.82

Offering/Matching Funds YTD	\$242,204.92
Expenses YTD	\$259,078.28

BOTR Income YTD	\$14,959.00
BOTR Expenses YTD	\$40,089.57
Mortgage Balance	\$1,696,969.19

LCEF Steward Acct - Endowment Holding	\$2,143.58
Endowment Funds Account	\$14,272.30
Memorial Fund Account	\$6,294.99
RBC Account	\$15,891.17

Beginning Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$6,595.00
Income for August 2011	\$3,206.09
Expenses for August 2011	\$4,257.87
Ending Balance - Restricted Accounts	\$5,543.22
Designated Restricted Funds Balance	\$49,968.48

Monies owed to Restricted Funds	\$44,425.26
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If you would like to send our Shut-ins a card for Christmas. Please send them to the addresses listed below.

Margie	Mach	c/o St. Paul Villa 312 East 14th Street #203	Kaukauna
Charles & Marion	Peterson	1685 Drum Corps Drive #3	Menasha
Alice	Patterson	606 Richard Drive	Menasha
Janet	Gennigen	657 Appleton Road	Menasha
Lois	Baldauf	847 DePere Street	Menasha
Joyce	Taggart	910 Meadowview Drive	Menasha
David	Sommers	c/o Oakridge Gardens, 1700 Midway Road	Menasha
Art	Schmitting	952 Grove Street	Menasha
Marion	Ashenbrenner	c/o Oakridge Gardens, 1700 Midway Road	Menasha
Harriette	Martens	c/o The Gardens of Fountain Way 1050 Fountain Way	Menasha
Gerda	Schmidt	c/o Island Shores 131 E. North Water Street Apt. #3	Neenah
Margrit	Sphatt	210 Haylett Street #225	Neenah
Florence	Hinkens	1014 Claude Street	Menasha
Perry	Thiessen	c/o Sterling House 2330 Bruce Street	Neenah
Sylvia	Gibson	c/o Valley VNA 1537 Lyon Drive #S13	Neenah
Lilah	Borchardt	c/o Villa St. Clare 130 Byrd Avenue #208	Neenah
Sadie	Borchardt	c/o Villa St. Clare 130 Byrd Avenue	Neenah



Trinity's Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who contributed food & monetary gifts to our Food Pantry over the past year & especially during the holidays. The number of families we have served far exceeds the numbers from past years. It is through the generosity of our friends at Peace Lutheran-Neenah, the Neenah-Menasha Lions, our Day School, Kids for Christ, Ladies Aid & many other individual organizations that we are able to continue to help these families. If you or anyone you know could benefit from our Food Pantry, please contact the Church Office, Marc & Sandy Guiley or Lynn & Bonnie Olson. God's blessings to you this holiday season & may 2012 bring you peace, joy & happiness. Merry Christmas! Marc, Sandy, Lynn, Bonnie

† Trinity Congregation Statistics †

New Members- New member class start date to be determined.
Baptisms- None
Transfer Out/Release- Laura Filen (by request)
Weddings- None
Funerals- Russell Pingel (Nov 26th)

If you would like to receive the Monthly Newsletter and/or your Offering Statements by email, please send your request to me in the office.

rzirpel@trinitymenasha.com
 Or call (920) 722-2662

TIME & TALENT FORMS

EVERYONE in our congregation is asked to take and fill out a Time & Talent form. Church members would love to know what they have in common with fellow members. Please fill out and return to the Church Office, place it in the offering or give to an Usher.

Mother's Room Survey Results

13 surveys were received; 4 have children and use the room; 3 were willing to staff it during the service. The current plan of the Board of Worship is to staff it when the children sing. This means it will be staffed on December 14th.

We would like to set up a schedule so that no one has to be in the Mother's Room more than once a month. If anyone is willing to help with this please contact Elaine Weinig, Board of Worship Director, at 470-9090 or lweinig@new.rr.com Our goal is to have a set schedule in place by January 2012.

Kids for Christ (KFC) Christmas Program

"The Secret of Christmas"

Sunday, December 18th during the 9am Worship Service.

Please come and join us!