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## Our Sunday School

Today's lesson is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:5-25). God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. God in His Word calls us (sinful people) to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus.

**Our Mission Project This Quarter-** for Sunday school is for the Children's Orphanage in Haiti. Please have your child bring his/her offerings each week to give to those less fortunate. We have collected **\$98.69** to date.

**Traveling Trophy-** for the highest class attendance last Sunday was the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders with 91%. To God be praised, keep up the great attendance!

**"The Real Story of the Twelve Days of Christmas"-** will be held Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. Children have begun to practice the songs. Practices: Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> (9-10am for all grades then 11-Noon for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), Dec 19<sup>th</sup> (9-10:30am) dress rehearsal for all grades.

**Attendance Awards-** the following children had perfect & commendable attendance for the fall quarter; Perfect Attendance: James, Jonathan, Jonah & Jillian Turrell, Rebekah, Ethan, Josiah Nielsen, Drew & John Franklin, Alexis Hofmann, Amanda & Emily Nicholai. Commendable Attendance: Jacob Boettcher, Nathan Boss & Riley Zirpel.

## Our Youth Group

**Youth Information/Upcoming Events-** Our Centershot Program will run every Sunday at 10:30am in the gym for 7<sup>th</sup> graders up to adult thru Dec 13<sup>th</sup> ♦On Sat, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm is the Youth Christmas Party at the Stapleton's ♦On Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> our Youth will be serving breakfast for the families at the Appleton Emergency Shelter from 7-9 am.

**National Youth Gathering 2010-** Fundraisers are in full swing! Please check out the Youth table in the Narthex to see how you can help our Youth program.

## Our Day School

**Market Day Pick Up-** Thurs, Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. Get your order in today!

**Christmas Program-** Wed, Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Come celebrate "My Dear Lord Gave to Me" with all the school children performing.

**Our School Website-** Go ahead & log on to [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) to register & see what's new. Read about the faculty & staff & get the latest forms for Scrip as well as view calendars of upcoming events for the school & church.

**Members & Guests.....please don't forget to sign the pew pads!**



## December 5 & 6, 2009-Weekly Bulletin

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Rev. Steven S. Billings, Pastor  
Michael Stapleton, DCE

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Menasha in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A special invitation is extended to all who are visiting to return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, please inquire about the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church & School by calling the Church office.

Weekly Bulletin and Order of Worship can be viewed online at [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)

### † Serving Our Lord This Weekend †

**Acolyte-** Carrington White

**Ushers-** 5:00 Buksyk  
9:00 Pomeranke

**Lector-** 5:00 Karen Riske  
9:00 Barb Sexmith

**Communion Assistants-**  
5:00 Borgen/Drum  
9:00 Nielsen/Reinke

**Greeters-** 5:00 James Wolter  
9:00 Rebekah Dorn

### † Serving Our Lord Next Weekend †

**Acolyte-** Jake Fulcer

**Ushers-** 5:00 Voigt  
9:00 Diesch/Maynard

**Lector-** 5:00 Karen Zachek  
9:00 Elaine Trimmerger

**Communion Assistants-**  
5:00 Zirpel/Harrmann  
9:00 Nielsen/Kislewski

**Greeters-** 5:00 Rudy & Barb Vitek  
9:00 Barb Sexmith

**Elders of the Month-** 5:00 To Be Announced 9:00 Bart Nielsen

**Organist-** Nancy Lephart

**Choir Director-** Michael Peitsch

**Altar Flowers Have Been Given-** to the Glory of God by the Ladies Aid.

**Prayer Chain Coordinator-** Barbara Kester 722-3228 or [barbarakester@att.net](mailto:barbarakester@att.net)

**Parish Nurse-** Mary Howden 730-9521 or [mchowden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mchowden@sbcglobal.net)

**Attendance Last Weekend-** 165 (Thur) + 113 (Sat) + 222 (Sun) = 500  
Corinthians Class: No Report Pastor's Class: 30 Sunday school/Youth: 33  
Centershot Program: No Report

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

9 am Worship-Ladies Aid Cookie Sale  
Scrip Order Date  
10:30 am Education Hour  
3:30 pm Men's BB

### Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

*Pastor's Day Off*  
No Scouts

### Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Voters Meeting

### Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

6 am Women's Bible Study  
8:45 am Chapel  
10:30 am Worship  
4:30 pm Confirmation  
5:15 pm Advent Dinner  
6:30 pm Worship  
7:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

6 am Men's Bible Study  
Market Day Pick Up  
4:30 pm Day School BB practice

### Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

6 am Men's Bible Study

### Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9 am Food Pantry  
5 pm Worship-Ladies Aid Cookie Sale  
4 pm Youth Christmas Party

### Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

9 am Worship-Ladies Aid Cookie Sale  
Scrip Order Date  
10:30 am Education Hour  
3:30 pm Men's BB

## Pastor's Notes †

Pastor Billings is on campus 6 days a week, maintaining the hours Tues-Thurs from 8:00am-4:00pm. He is also available Fridays & Saturdays by appointment. If you would like to contact him, please call the church office. In an emergency he can be reached at (920) 385-8170.

**Attention-** due to concerns over the Swine Flu (H1N1 virus) the sharing of peace has been omitted from the services until further notice.

## Weekly Bulletins, Orders of

### Worship & Monthly Newsletters

Can be viewed on our website [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or pick up your copy of each at church. A recorded copy on CD of worship can also be checked out through the office. See what is new & improved on the website & please don't forget to register! **Registering will give you access to church & school calendars as well as updates to the church directory. Check it out today!!!**

## Year to Date Finances \$\$

### General Fund as of 11/29/09-

Offerings: \$503,684

Expenses: \$562,047

### Building Fund as of 11/29/09-

Offerings: \$99,249

Expenses: \$126,961

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

**Mail Box Tags-** Please DO NOT remove or switch around the name tags. This is making it difficult for people to find their mail! If you have concerns about your mailbox, please contact the church office.

**Scrip Order Dates-** Dec 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

**Please Turn Off and Silence-** ALL cell phones and pagers during worship!

**We Are Blessed-** to have such a generous & caring congregation. Donations received from the Thanksgiving service Food Drive were greater than expected. These donations will enable us to continue serving those in need in our neighborhood community. We thank you & wish you a very happy Holiday Season. God's Blessings to you all. -The Guileys & Boettchers

**Food Pantry-** Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 9am. Any donations are greatly appreciated; please place in the donation barrel. Thank you for your continued support of our food pantry ministry. -The Guileys & Boettchers.

**Workers Needed-** for the final Packer game of the season. We are in need of at least 4 volunteers for the Sun, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> game. Sign up in Narthex.

**Young Adult Ministry-** What is Young Adult ministry? Young Adult ministry may include social outings, Bible studies, servant events, or any other activity the group determines. Who can be a part of the group? Anyone who is a young adult! This will be further defined by the founding members of the group, but could include people who are high school graduates through - hmmm - age 50? (Sounds young to me!) We'll leave it to the group to decide. Anyone interested in helping is asked to speak with Ann Reinke & Lilli Kroes.

**Keep Saving-** your box tops, milk caps & soup labels! Stop out in the Narthex to pick up your baggie to help keep saving these money-making items for the school. Monies raised last year totaled \$2300.00. May God Bless your help!

**Come Hear Us Sing-** Mike Stapleton, Mike Peitsch & Ken Kamprath will be singing with the Women's choir Sun, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Trinity, Appleton.

**O Come All Ye Faithful!**- Join us for Christmas Caroling, Fri, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. As we take time at Christmas to go share the great news of our Savior's birth with members who are not able to make it to worship regularly & others who live in nursing homes. All are welcome-including children! We will meet at church. After caroling party at The Camann's, 716 Reed Street, Neenah. Please bring a dish to pass & your own beverages.

**Ladies Aid Cookie Sale-** in the Narthex this weekend & next weekend. Come check out all the goodies for sale.