

November 28, & 29 2020 Weekly Bulletin

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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-3:00pm



✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

Sunday, November 29

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Education Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, November 30

Pastor's Day Off

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study Online

Tuesday, December 1

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 2

10:30AM Advent Worship

5:00PM Catechism

6:30PM Advent Worship

Thursday, December 3

6:00AM Men's Bible Study

Friday, December 4

2:45PM School Electives

Saturday, December 5

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, December 6

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Education Hour - Online & In Person

Altar Flowers

Given to the Glory of God by Ladies Aid.

✝ We Pray For... ✝

Mike Godwin, Barbara Thomas, Rick Stanford, Mona Bahrke, Scott Henrickson, Jason Seals, Lee Weinig, Barbara Kester, Merry Voigt, Karen Beard, Rose Kosloski, Alyce and James Thurber, Kari Lindner, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Merle Webber, Joyce Virchow, Wendy Kondzela, Oliver Siegel, Roy Mehl, Jeff Dionne, Laurel Wirth, Donna Mies, Roman Brockman, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Alan Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Don Mader, Ann Keller, Mark Becker, Roman & Flora Turenko, Scott Dontje, Scott Steenepoorte, Tom Howden and family, and Lynn Olson.

✝ Stewardship Lesson ✝

1 Corinthians 1:9 – “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us, and He will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. When it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because our God is faithful.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**

Income as of November 22: \$48,721

This Weekend's Banners- The Pulpit Banner - "Advent Candles & Holly." **The Lectern Banner** - "He Comes." **Banner in Narthex-** "Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone."

Church Office- The church office hours are Monday-Friday 8AM-3PM.

Teaching the Faith Bible Study- with Pastor GeRue. We meet Sundays from 10:30–11:30 AM in the meeting room. Some topics will be Holy Scriptures, God's Law, Creation, Salvation, The Trinity, God, Confession, Sacraments; things you were afraid to ask & more. The study is open to all. It is a review of the Lutheran Christian Faith and serves as an Adult Information / Confirmation Class.

Sunday School- will restart soon.

Advent Worship- Beginning this Wednesday at 10:30am and 6:30pm we will celebrate the season of Advent with special worship services. Please call the Church Office to register. Services will also be live broadcast.

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.

Women's Bible Study- If you wish to join the online Women's Bible Study contact Connie Henkel by email at sonshine_54952@yahoo.com or call (920) 725-0694.

Altar Flowers- If you wish to donate flowers please contact the office. The cost of providing Altar flowers is \$25.00.

Portals of Prayer- Devotional books are \$.75 each. Please let the office know if you wish to purchase one.

Shelter Blanket Sewers Wanted! If you can sew a straight seam, or close to it, we have a need for you. We have a lot of squares and strips ready to be sewn together into quilt tops. This is a project you can do at home. Contact LaVerne Werth @ 740-0381. Machines are also available for your use.

Volunteers- To help with temperature taking on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Howden (920) 730-9521.

From Board of Properties- Hello everyone, Cold and snowy weather is upon us. Which means it's time to dust off the shovels! Please prayerfully consider signing up for one month, multiple months, or the entire season! If you are interested, there are two ways to sign-up: contact Eric Voigt (property@trinitymenasha.com) or contact Beth through the Church Office.

We are also looking for help with shoveling before school starts in the morning and before school is released in the afternoon. Please contact Eric Voigt or Lee Colby with any questions or for more information. Thank you.

Church Mailbox- Please look for your name on your church mailbox.

New 2021 Church Directory- Please look for your new 2021 Church Directory. If you do not get one, please contact Beth in the office and she will give you one.

Christmas Blessings from Your Board of Worship

The year 2020 has put us through a lot of changes since March. Many of the decorating participants from the past have been asking about the plans for this year. Let's just say – it's going to be a different look and feel. We have decided to build the anticipation for Christ's birth in our decorating format this year. No large, massive explosion of decorations all done in one day, but a more subtle increase to point the way to His birth. If you wish to be involved in the plans you can contact Sally Bolan @ 920-422-2054. Sally will be contacting past workers to assist with some aspects of the process that they are familiar with. Our prayer is to have us all return to the true meaning of Christmas and not be fixated on how elaborate our decorations are.

A blessed Christmas to All,
Elaine, Sally, Beth, Chantay, Val & Kari

✠ Tastes of Trinity ✠

Place your orders for immediate pick-up of:

- Our Fish Fry Coleslaw - \$1 pint, or \$5 ice cream pail.
- Rose's Jams - 8 oz. are \$1 or freewill offering. The flavors are Strawberry/Raspberry/Blackberry, Blueberry, Raspberry, Strawberry, and several other combinations. Call Elaine for full list - 920-470-9090.

Ushers- We are looking for more ushers to help on Wednesday night, Saturday, and Sunday. If you would like to help, please contact Beth at the office and she can get you on the schedule.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church Office Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-3:00PM.

How to Order Scrip? You can call the office Monday-Friday 8:00AM-3:00PM, Or email Beth with your order -- bwohlrabe@trinitymenasha.com. She will put it together and you can receive your order at door #7 when the office is open.

Kwik Trip Scrip is back to a 10% rebate, limited time only. Get yours today!

Pick up your Tom's Drive In Scrip - at a 10% rebate now through the end of the year. Get yours today!

Trinity's Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support Trinity's Food Pantry through food & monetary donations. We have truly been blessed by your generosity! You are providing for many who are in need at this time. As we look toward the end of the year, we are in need of the following non-perishables: Cereal, Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, and Pudding/Jello. If you or someone you know would benefit from the food pantry, please call Steve Reinke at 920-540-5090.

† School News † “Sent to Serve”



Upcoming Events

Wed. Dec. 2: School Advent Chapel 10:30AM
Thur. Dec. 3: Basketball Practice 3:45–4:45PM
Friday, Dec. 4: Midterms
Fri. Dec. 4: Electives 2:45PM

School Christmas Services

Sign up with Mr. Dahms for any of these services. They will fill up quickly because of limited seating. All of them will be live streamed on the Trinity Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-Lutheran-Church-and-School-137682064805>.

Thursday, Dec. 10 6:30PM 3rd and 4th Graders
Monday, Dec. 14 5:30PM K5, 1st–2nd Graders
Tuesday, Dec. 15 5:30PM 3–4 year olds
Wednesday, Dec. 16 10:30AM & 6:30PM 5th–8th Graders

This week's theme: Shaped to Be Servants

Isaiah 64:1–9

“But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand” (**Is. 64:8**).

Do you know the process for taking potting clay and developing it into a piece of pottery?

Throughout the Old Testament, God called prophets who spoke His Word to His people. One of God's spokesmen was the prophet Isaiah. In Isaiah 20:3, Isaiah is called “my servant.” Isaiah served God and served the people of Israel by speaking God's Word of judgment and also sharing the Good News that the Messiah would come into the world to save God's people. We will hear from the Advent prophet Isaiah in the next few weeks.

Isaiah's word picture of God shaping His people like a piece of pottery reminds us of God's creation of Adam. God took dust

from the ground and molded the first man, Adam. God took a rib from Adam and shaped the first woman, Eve. God had made a perfect creation.

God's beautiful creation was cracked and broken in the fall. The effects of the fall and the reality of our sin is mentioned in today's reading, “Behold, you were angry, and we sinned” (**Is. 64:5**). God could have taken His creation and thrown it away. He could have treated us as a broken piece of pottery that is thrown into the garbage.

Through Isaiah and the prophets, God shared His plan of salvation. This Advent season, we review God's promise for a Savior and look forward to again celebrating the birth of Jesus. We celebrate Jesus as the saving work of His Father's hands. Jesus came as a baby with tiny hands. The hands of Jesus played with Joseph's carpenter tools. The hands of Jesus touched children and healed the paralyzed limbs and broken hearts of those who followed Him. The hands of Jesus were wounded by the nails that held Him on the cross.

We receive the grace of God. The Pastor's hands splashed water on our heads in Baptism, God was reshaping us to be His re-creation.

As His redeemed and forgiven children, God sees us as the “work of His hands.” God created you to be His special creation. He has fixed our sinful nature that was broken. He continues to mold you to be His servants.

PRAYER: Jesus, thank You for the prophet Isaiah and Your message that He shared long ago. Help us to hear Isaiah's message for us. As Isaiah prepared Your people for the coming of the Savior, prepare us to receive Him in our hearts this Advent season. Amen.