

December 26 & 27, 2020 Weekly Bulletin

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



✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Sunday, December 27

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Monday, December 28

Pastor's Day Off

No School

6:00PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30PM Women's Bible Study Online

Tuesday, December 29

No School

6:30AM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, December 30

No School

No Catechism

No Worship Service

Thursday, December 31

No School - Offices will be Closed

6:30PM Worship in Church & Online

Friday, January 1

No School - Offices will be Closed

Saturday, January 2

5:00PM Worship in Church & Online

Sunday, January 3

9:00AM Worship in Church & Online

10:30AM Ed. Hour - Online & In Person

Altar Flowers

To the Glory of God in Celebration on the
Wedding of Jeremy Bouchard & Dana Akers.

✠ We Pray For... ✠

Family of Sharon Erdmann, Paul Bruner, Randy Ross, Sandy Rammer, 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, Jeff Dionne, Donna Mies, Roman Brockman, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Norb Pomerence, 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 ✠

Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord...” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
"Like" Us on Facebook.

This Weekend's Banners- The Lectern Banner – "Rejoice! Glory to God in the Highest." **Banner Stand** - Shepherds and Star.

\$ Current Finances \$

Monthly Income Needed: **\$75,637**
Income as of December 20: \$36,577

Church Office- The Church Office hours are Monday-Wednesday 8AM-3PM. Thursday & Friday the Office will be closed.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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.

Volunteers- to help with temperature taking on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. 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.

✝ Thank You to....

All Trinity congregation members for your gifts, beautiful cards, prayers & kind thoughts during this Christmas season. We are blessed to serve you.

Happy New Year!

-Rev. Steven S. Billings

-Rev. Keith E. GeRue

-And the entire Faculty and Staff of Trinity

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. We are in need of the following non-perishables: Cereal, Canned Pasta, Mac & Cheese, and Pudding/Jello. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke at 920-540-5090.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church Office Mon-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 -- bwohrlabe@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!

2021 Offering Envelopes-Your new envelopes are in your church mailbox. Please do not use them until 2021. Call Beth in the office if you did not receive yours.

Congregational Voter's Meeting- Tues, January 5th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary and online, for election of Officers and Board Members for 2021. Please call the church office by Noon on Tuesday January 5th to reserve a spot or to sign up for Zoom attendance.

Luther and the Christmas Tree- According to tradition, Luther may have popularized the tradition of the Christmas tree to express and teach theology to his family. On his way home one evening, he became overwhelmed by the incredible beauty of a fir tree positioned against the backdrop of the brilliant starlit sky. He so desperately wanted to describe what he had seen to his family, that he brought home a fir tree and even decorated the tree with candle tapers, mimicking the stars that hung over the manger where the newborn Messiah lay.

Be an ESL Conversation Partner- How would you like to work with missionaries without ever leaving your home? For the first time, you can volunteer as an online conversation partner with English language learners around the world! Give your partner the chance to practice their English skills with a native speaker. You also get to support the work our missionaries are doing! Classes are one hour a week, for six weeks. All you need is a webcam on your computer and a good internet connection. To sign up, go to servenow.lcms.org.

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

✠ School News ✠ “Sent to Serve”



Christmas Break- Runs through Sunday, January 3rd. Classes resume Monday, January 4th at 8:15am. Have a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

National Lutheran Schools Week- is coming Sun, Jan 24th– Sun, Jan 31st. Lots of fun & exciting things will be happening around our school. “Sent to Serve” is our theme this year.

This week’s theme: “Significant Titles”

Isaiah 9:2–7

“And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (**Is. 9:6b**).

Titles may describe what a person does or who a person is. A doctor, the principal, a king, the pastor...

The Bible gives many names and titles for Jesus. We hear some Christmas message titles today.

About 700 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah shares the Christmas Good News, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.” The Child and Son is Jesus. Isaiah shares the Good News that Jesus is born for us. Jesus was born for all the people of the Old Testament who had believed that God would keep His promise. Jesus was born for Mary and Joseph and the shepherds who greeted Him in Bethlehem. Jesus was born for us. The Gift wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger is God’s gift to us.

God’s Word names the Gift to us. Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor. Our parents, teachers, pastor, principal and professionals that God uses are our counselors. They give us good advice. Jesus is the most Wonderful Counselor who always listens to us. His Word gives perfect direction for our lives.

Jesus is also named Mighty God. The Baby in the manger looks lovingly and helplessly human. He is also the God who made everything. He is the God who rules the universe. He is the God who alone has the might to save us from our sins.

Jesus is the Everlasting Father. Coming to earth from His heavenly Father, He brings the Father’s care and compassion into our world. Unlike other humans whose lives are always limited to days or decades, Jesus is from everlasting to everlasting. Because of His birth, death and resurrection, He promises us everlasting life.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. We are often saddened because there may not be peace in our homes or peace in our communities or peace in our world. Jesus brings us the peace of knowing that our sins are forgiven. He brings us the peace of knowing that He will be with us in times that are not peaceful.

Which title is most meaningful to you? The Good News is that Jesus is all the titles all the time.

PRAYER: Jesus, You are the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace for us. Bless us and our families as we gather to celebrate Your birth with the family of the church. Amen.