

# December 4 & 5, 2021 Weekly Bulletin

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



## ✝ We Pray For...✝

Gabriel Mlodik, Peter Keller, Mary Howden, Lorna Forbes, Ken Schwerbel, Ralph Lohr, Rosie Michel, Scott Schara, Dorothy Wirth, Karen Lambert, Liz Swaney, Shannon Braun, Jim Perry, Mona Bahrke, Ronald Virchow Sr., Rose Kosloski, Pr. Ronald Meier, Joan Reinke, Tom Drum, Michael Hastings, Merle Webber, Dennis Durkey, Joyce Virchow, Pastor Timothy Kinne, Michelle Mahoney, Jeff Dionne, Sue Maynard, Donna Mies, Sally Bolen, Kathy Rigotti, Dianne Olsen, Frank Erdmann, Alan Manteufel, Debbie Manteufel, Shirley Fleischer, Dan Schael, Ann Keller, Jerry Peotter, Lana Gast, Scott Dontje, Sandy Rammer, Scott Steenepoorte, Norb Pomerence, Brooke Schroeder, Judy Krause, Lynn Olson, Caleb Manteufel, Rev. Jerry Stecker, Dominic Hall, Sam Koch, Gradin Taschner, Gloria Williamson, Joyce & Paul Faga, Peter Jochman, JoAnn Schultz, Chelsie Wray, Lydia King, Marie Maynard Guy

## ✝ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✝

### Saturday, December 11:

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel*

Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*

Altar Guild: *Paula Reichert*

### Sunday, December 12:

Elder on Duty: *Bart Nielsen*

Usher Team: *Dave Collingwood*

Altar Guild: *Gail Burrows*

### Wednesday, December 15:

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*

Usher Team:

Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*

## ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

### Saturday, December 4

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

### Sunday, December 5

9:00AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30 -11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

### Monday, December 6

Pastor's Sabbath

9:00 AM Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 7

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

3:45 PM Basketball Practice

6:30 PM Board Meetings

### Wednesday, December 8

10:30 AM Grades 1-4 Christmas Service

5:00 PM Catechism

5:15 PM Advent Meal

**Menu:** Beef Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches, Salad, Crackers & Dessert

6:30 PM Grades 1-4 Christmas Service

### Thursday, December 9

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

3:45 PM Basketball Practice

7:00 PM Choir Practice

### Friday, December 10

### Saturday, December 11

5:00 PM Worship In-Person Church & Online

### Sunday, December 12

9:00 AM Worship In-Person Church & Online

10:30-11:30 AM Ed Hour Online & In-Person

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

Advent decorative altar flowers are given to the glory of God by the Board of Worship.

### This Weekend's Banners

"Hope Peace Joy Love"

"Prepare the Way"

### \$ Current Finances \$

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

Income as of November 28: **\$42,912**

### Bible Study Opportunities:

10:30AM Sunday School

Pre K-6th Grade begins in the Second Floor Choir Room.

10:30AM Sunday - "Community. We are not alone." with Rev. Alliet & Rev. Billings (In Person & Online) - Large Fellowship Hall

10:30AM Sunday—Young Adult Bible Study (7-8th Grades, High School & College Students) "Daniel a Man of God" with Rev. GeRue - Small Fellowship Hall

10:45AM Sunday - Book of Isaiah with Blaine Henkel—Narthex Conf. Room

6:30PM Monday - Women's Bible Study, "Joy: A Study of Philippians" by Deb Burma (Connie Henkel) Large Conference Room

6:30AM Tuesday - Ladies Bible Study, Ten Minute Bible Journey (Dottie Kraus).

6:00AM Thursday - Men's Bible Study, Book of Acts (Steve Reinke).

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

## ✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

**Luke 3:4 – "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' "** God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

### Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

### 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.

### Would you like to help in this fundraising effort?

Did you know Trinity will take your aluminum cans for our recycling effort? The price Trinity is getting, per pound for aluminum, is the highest we have gotten in the past few years.

With the holidays coming, please save your aluminum cans. You can deposit your bags of cans in the blue recycling bin, inside Door 7. We appreciate your efforts.



*I appreciate all the personal communications and prayers for strength and peace for myself and the members of Rev. Dale Trimberger's family as we all look forward to being united on the great day of resurrection.*

*Elaine Trimberger*

## ADVENT MEAL MENU

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:15 PM  
Hosted by Board of Christian Education  
and Worship.

Beef Soup, Peanut Butter and  
Jelly Sandwiches, salad, chips and dessert.

All are invited for good food and fellowship!

### Deadline for the Weekly Bulletin and the Monthly Newsletter

Please help us achieve our deadlines. We need your weekly Bulletin articles by Wednesday of each week.

The newsletter articles are due five business days prior to the end of the month.

Thank you for your help with this. It will enable us to have the Bulletin and Newsletter done on time.

### Altar Flower Donations

If you wish to donate flowers, the "Altar Flowers" envelopes are again available in the Narthex. You may also contact the office. The cost of providing altar flowers is \$25.00. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Specific flower requests are dependent upon availability. If you want a specific arrangement, the Board of Worship is asking that you work directly with a florist.*

### Large Cans Needed!

Trinity Altar Guild needs large cans. We use them as flower vases when sending altar bouquets to our parishioners. We are looking for the large soup or tomato juice type cans.

Please wash them out and bring them to the church office. Thank you so much!



### New Daily Prayers for 2021-2022 Available in the Narthex

The 2021-2022 Daily Prayers, Psalms, Readings, Hymns & Prayers for Individuals and Families have been printed. You will find them in the narthex, on the ledge, near the tables. May they be a blessing to you and your family.

### Trinity's Food Pantry

On any given month, we provide up to 100 orders of both perishable and non-perishable foods and household items to families that are in need through our Food Pantry. Your continued support of Trinity's Food Pantry, through food and monetary donations, is a blessing to so many. We thank you!

Our needs change throughout the year. Currently we are in need of the following non-perishables: Salad Dressing, Tuna, Mac & Cheese, Tomato Soup, Canned Tomatoes & Jello/Pudding. If you or someone you know would benefit from the pantry, call Steve Reinke

### Lost & Found

Our lost and found items are on display in the narthex. Please check if you left something at church.

### \$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church/School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:00PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

How to Order Scrip? Call the office Mon.- Fri., 8:00AM-3:00PM, or email your order to: ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com. They will put it together.

Fleet Farm Scrip—get yours now at a special 10 percent discount!

# ✠ SCHOOL NEWS ✠

## “In All Things”

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec. 6	Saint Nicholas Day
Dec. 7	3:45 pm Basketball Practice
Dec. 8	10:30 am 1st – 4th Grades Christmas Service 6:30pm 1st – 4th Grades Christmas Service
Dec. 9	3:45 pm Basketball Practice
Dec. 10	2:45 – 3:15 pm Electives 2
Dec. 13	6:00 pm PS3 –K5 Christmas Service
Dec. 14	4:14 & 5:15 pm Basketball Valley Home School @ Home
Dec. 15	10:30 am 5th– 8th Grades Christmas Service 6:30pm 5th– 8th Grades Christmas Service

## Peace in All Things

**Scripture:** Malachi 3:1–7b

**Text:** “For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Israel, are not consumed” (MAL. 3:6).

### First Things

This week, we light the second candle on the wreath. We are getting closer to the celebration of Jesus’ birth. The second candle is traditionally called the “peace” candle.

While songs of the season and bright decorations give a peaceful feeling, many people don’t have peace this time of the year. The prophet Malachi brings a message of peace.

### The Main Thing

Malachi was the last of the prophets God sent to His people before He fulfilled the promise to send Jesus. Malachi is the last of the books of the Old Testament.

Even though God’s people of promise were back from captivity and back worshipping in the temple

things were not peaceful. The priests who led the worship were not always faithful in following God’s direction for worship. God’s people didn’t always remember His promise and worship Him faithfully. The people could not bring about the changes that would bring peace with God and with each other.

Sometimes our lives are robbed of peace because we put other things ahead of God and our worship of Him. We forget that peace doesn’t come in a certain present or a certain pre-Christmas activity. Peace doesn’t always come in our family’s activity or friendships. There are times when things are not peaceful in our homes or schools. We cannot bring about the changes that assure peace on our own.

Malachi reminded God’s people that God has never — and will never — change His promise or love for them. In Jesus, God’s response to us is not one of anger and judgment. God’s response is to bring His forgiveness to us and the peace of knowing that we are God’s children. God brought about the peace-giving change in sending Jesus.

The glimmer of an Advent candle looks peaceful. The candle reminds us that the glimmer of God’s promise to Malachi and to God’s people has been fulfilled. When Jesus is born, the angels announce, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” (LUKE 2:14). May it be a peaceful season for each of us as we hear about the peace of Jesus and worship Him.

### In All Things

Heavenly Father, we live in a world where there is not peace between countries and between different groups of people. Sometimes even in our own communities and families, we wish for peace. We rejoice that Jesus came to fulfill the promise to Malachi. Jesus came as the Prince of Peace. Thank You for bringing His peace to us and through us. In Jesus’ name, Amen.