



November 15 & 16, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, November 15:

9:00 AM—3:00 PM TRINITY BAZAAR/BAKE SALE
5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, November 16:

9:00 AM Divine Service
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

Monday, November 17:

4:30 PM -7:00 PM Chick-fil-A Dine Out
Pastor Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing
6:00 PM At Home Prayer Time
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study— Menasha Pub. Lib.

Tuesday, November 18:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
5:30 PM Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party

Wednesday, November 19:

9:00 AM Chapel
5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

Thursday, November 20:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:15 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, November 21:

Saturday, November 22:

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, November 23:

9:00 AM Divine Service
10:30 AM Education Hour/Sunday School

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Richard Evensen, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, Mary Howden, William Jahsman, Geri Johnston, Paula Jordan, Carla Kobs, Sandra (Sam) Kollman, Randy LaBelle, Genevieve Larsen, Fritz Larson, Jackie Lenox, Bob Lephart, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy & Donald Meverden, Phyllis Moran, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Mike Stier, Liz Swaney, Artem Tabakaev, Brian Tobin, Elaine Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, Lori Wendricks, LaVerne Werth, Martin Wiese, and Dorothy Wirth.

Celebrating Birthdays: Mackenzie Brown, Steven Fahrenkrug Drew, Carolyn Gutzmann, Janine Heid, Archer Hurst, Jamie Mies, Ailene Moderson, Tim Reuning, Hailey Schaefer, Rebekah Seals, Caleb Tuyls, Lauryn Tuyls.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Robert & Karon Flater and Jerry & Ellie Maynard.

For Those Grieving: The Family of Marvin Peterson.

Our non-alcoholic option for Holy Communion is an alcohol removed wine containing less than 0.5% alcohol by volume.

MUSICAL OFFERINGS—Sunday

Handbell Choir—"The Gift of Love"
Tchaikovsky/Herbek

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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

This Weekend’s Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by Robert and Karon Flater for blessings received in our 64 years of marriage.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Let the Son Shine Through” & “Don’t Worry! Consider...”

✝ Stewardship ✝

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 21:6 – *“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”* Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection – as we look back on our earthly life – what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

HOLY COMMUNION

Out of faithfulness to our Lord’s Word and in love for all those who desire to commune, we practice closed communion. Our altar is open to those baptized Christians who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are communicant members of our congregation or a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, please speak to one of the pastors before approaching the altar.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you prefer a gluten-free host for communion, please talk with one of the pastors before the service.

DAILY DEVOTIONS DIRECT LINK!

There is a link on our website that will give you direct access to Pastor Billings’ Daily Devotion and his Daily Prayer videos: www.trinitymenasha.com/daily-devotions.

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM
“Ruth” with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM
“*What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School*” with Pastor GeRue
Conference Room
- MONDAY:** 6:30 PM
Women’s Bible Study
“*Leaning on Jesus*” A Study of
God’s Strength by Deb Burma
Contact: Connie Henkel
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** 6:30 AM
Ladies Bible Study
200 W Packard, Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus/All are
welcome!
- THURSDAY:** 6:00 AM
Men’s Bible Study
“1st and 2nd Timothy”
Contact: Steve Reinke, Conf. Room

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

LADIES AID CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 • 5:30 PM
Stone Toad Bar & Grill (with limited menu)
All ladies are welcome!
Watch spinner in Narthex for Sign-Up

ADOPT A BILL HAS A NEW LOOK!

The bills on the paper strips are taking a rest (let us know if you want them back).

You still choose how much you wish to pay by writing on the envelopes provided. Drop them in an offering plate, the office or the mailbox outside the office door. We have a second Thanksgiving envelope in appreciation of the work our Food Pantry does for our community.

In thanksgiving for the services our Food Pantry offers our community, we are asking you to consider helping them behind the scenes by adopting utilities, and other expenses, to keep the freezers running, the elevator working and all the other expenses that keep this outreach available.

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 15:

Elder on Duty: Bruce Gast
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 16:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood
Communion Asst: Dave Collingwood
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Mark your calendar! Sunday, December 7th at 1:30 pm we will be meeting to go caroling. A pot-luck will be enjoyed after caroling at Ron and Dottie Kraus' home! Bring a salad or dessert to share. See you there!

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 AM-3:30 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

Kwik Trip, gas and groceries has doubled their rebate. Also, increased rebate on Fleet Farm. Limited time only!

EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 17: 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Dine-Out at Chick-fil-A

Tue., Nov. 18: Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas Party

Wed., Nov 26: 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Divine
Svc/With Pastor Ensemble

Give Thanks
Because He's
Given Jesus
Christ, His Son



✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, November 22:

Elder on Duty: Bruce Gast
Usher Team: Roger Voigt
Communion Asst.: Vance Pues
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, November 23:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith
Communion Asst.: Ron Kraus
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows
Greeter: Jane Nielsen
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wednesday, 6:30 PM, November 26:

THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Voigt/Sexmith Teams
Communion Asst.: TO BE DETERMINED
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

PLEDGE REMINDER

Reminder – your pledges of financial support for the Ministry work of Trinity Lutheran Church and School are due back no later than Nov 23rd. These pledges are made between you and our Lord. Once received, they will be blessed, and then they will be filed away and will not be available for viewing.

FREE THANKSGIVING MEAL

Peace Lutheran Church in Neenah invites you to a free Thanksgiving Meal served on site, Thursday, November 27th from 11:00am–2:00pm. A traditional meal with all the trimmings will be served. No reservations needed. Delivery not available.

Location: 1228 S Park Ave, Neenah

Grateful • Thankful • Blessed

How Long O Lord? Psalm 13

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget
me forever?*

*How long will you hide your face
from me?*

*How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?*

*How long shall my enemy be exalted
over me?*

*Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep
of death,*

*lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.*

*But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

*I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

Have you ever asked for help but felt your requests and petitions were never heard or answered? Or maybe the answer to your prayer just wasn't what you wanted.

The psalmist who wrote Psalm 13 began by saying, "How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?" (**Psalm 13:1**).

Throughout the Bible, there are many instances when God's people ask for His help and intervention, but it appears He has left them or told them no. Moses' requests to enter the Promised Land were not granted (**Deut. 3:23-29**).

David asks God for the life of his son, born out of sin, to be spared, but God does not relent (**2 Sam. 12:15b-18a**).

The Apostle Paul petitioned the Lord to remove a thorn from his flesh, but his petition was not granted as it kept Paul from becoming proud while teaching Paul to rely on God's grace (**2 Cor. 12:7-10**).

Lastly, Jesus prayed twice to His Father before His crucifixion in the garden of Gethsemane, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as

you will" (**Matt. 26:39b**). The cup being God's wrath for our sin upon the cross. But notice how Jesus ends His prayer, "not as I will, but as you will."

This is what we say when we speak the Lord's Prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." All of our prayers should end with our request for God's will to be done in our lives.

And this is hard to understand because, as the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD" (**Isaiah 55:8**).

What God is most concerned about is your salvation.

So, pray to God and ask for His help throughout life. If it ever seems like He isn't answering, look to the cross of His Son, Jesus, and remember that your heavenly Father has never forgotten you. His Son died and rose again for you.

Then join the psalmist and pray with him, "But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation" (**Psalm 13:5**).

PRAYER

Faithful Lord, when we cry, "How long?," help us remember the cross and trust Your steadfast love. Teach us to pray, "Thy will be done," confident that You hear every prayer we pray, You know our needs and You work all things for our good in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Next Week at Trinity School

- Nov. 17 9:00 am School Opening
4:30 PM -7:00 pm
Chick-fil-A dining out
- Nov. 18 9:00 am School Opening
3:30 pm Basketball Practice
- Nov. 19 9:00 am School Chapel
3:30 pm Basketball Practice
- Nov. 20 9:00 am School Opening
3:30 pm Basketball Practice
- Nov. 21 9:00 am School Opening
2:30 pm Electives
Midterms available

Trinity Lutheran School Menasha

Monday, November 17th | 4:30pm-7:00pm

Place a mobile order or order in person at Chick-fil-A Appleton.



- Mobile order: Toggle on "Support Community Care Event."
- In person: Before you order, let our team know you are there to support Trinity Lutheran School.

We will donate 20% of your order total to the Trinity Lutheran School!



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2025 FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING INGATHERING

Our Food Pantry is so blessed by your contributions and prayers throughout the year. Thank You! November is a special month where we ask for food donations as a Thanksgiving for all our Heavenly Father blesses each of us with. We ask that you drop off your food donations at church anytime this month, or plan to bring them to the Thanksgiving Eve worship service on the 26th.

We specifically need donations of (listed in order of need):

- * Canned Vegetables – Peas, Carrots, Corn & Green Beans
- * Canned Fruit
- * Large cans of soup (Campbells Chunky or Progresso, 16 oz)
- * Canned Ravioli/SpaghettiOs
- * Canned Fruit
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Jello / Pudding
- * Ramen
- * Chicken Noodle Soup
- * Hamburger Helper
- * Instant Oatmeal (packets)
- * **OR** make a \$ donation, make checks payable to: Trinity Menasha Food Pantry



All donations are appreciated—thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40