



# December 13 & 14, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, December 13:

**ADVENT 3, COOKIE/CANDY SALE**

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, December 14:

**ADVENT 3, COOKIE/CANDY SALE**

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

**11:30 AM CHRISTMAS DECORATING & LUNCH**

### Monday, December 15:

**6:00 PM PS-3-K5 CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

Pastor Billings' Sabbath

9:00 AM Shelter Sewing

6:00 PM At Home Prayer

6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

### Tuesday, December 16:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

5:30 PM Ladies Aid Meeting

### Wednesday, December 17:

**ADVENT 3 MID-WEEK, COOKIE/CANDY SALE**

**9:00 AM & 6:30 PM 5TH-8TH CHRISTMAS SVC**

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:15 PM Advent Meal

### Thursday, December 18:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, December 19:

### Saturday, December 20:

**ADVENT 4**

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, December 21:

**ADVENT 4**

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## ✠ We Pray For... ✠

**The Sick:** Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Jean 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, George Ohrogge, Chantay Peterson, Joan Reinke, Rev. Ronald Meier, Kathy Rigotti, Dan Schael, Ken Schmidt, Irene Schwerbel, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenpoorte, 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:** Megan Anderson, Jean Becker, Breanna Borgen, Gina Borgen, Noah Eide, Matthew Emery, Hannah Fuchs, Carrie Haanen, Jonathon Heid, Carrie Heyn, Vern Jahsman, Rebekah Manteufel, Ella Pues, Scott Siegel and Noelle Webber.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Darrell & Vera Krause and Scott & Amy Siegel.



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

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### This Weekend’s Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by Sandy & Pat Callahan and Jane & Mike Stier in loving memory of Leland & Florence Schneidewend.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Hope, Peace, Joy & Love”

### ✝ Stewardship ✝

Isaiah 35:4 – *“Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’”* The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

### MUSICAL OFFERING: Sunday

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”  
Arr. Bowen/Cortez/Schickele

### FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Jello/Pudding, Paper Towels, and Dish Soap. If you have questions please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090. Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

### GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

## BIBLE STUDIES

**SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM  
“Ezra” and “Nehemiah”  
with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH

**SUNDAY:** 10:30 AM  
“What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School” with  
Pastor GeRue, Conf. 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 Pub. Lib.

**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. Rm

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

### DEC. 17TH ADVENT MEAL MENU

The December 17th Advent meal will be hosted by our Board of Worship and Board of Elders. The menu will be:

Italian Roast Beef • Turkey Breast • Buns  
Lettuce • Tomatoes • Small Veggie Platter  
Sandwich Cheese • Snack Cheese & Crackers  
Chips • Desserts • Milk • Juice

### 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.

## ✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 13: ADVENT 3

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt  
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams  
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: Dan and Peg Dahms  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 14: ADVENT 3

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood  
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Craig & Jill Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Craig & Jill Thomas  
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Wednesday, December 17:

#### **ADV. 3 MID-WEEK • 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM**

Elder on Duty: To Be Determined  
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente  
Collingwood Teams  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler



## 7th and 8th Grade Fundraiser

### UNCLE MIKE'S KRINGLE COUPON SALE

Are you tired of the same old fundraiser year after year? Why not try Uncle Mike's Kringle! Uncle Mike's Kringle is a butter-layered pastry, with homemade fillings of superior quality.

7th–8th Graders are selling "coupons" and you come into one of their stores to pick up a kringle. It does not expire. Kringle coupons sell for \$23.00.



## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 20: ADVENT 4

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

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 21:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Asst: Josiah Nielsen  
Altar Guild: Craig & Jill Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Craig & Jill Thomas  
Greeter: Jane Nielsen  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Wednesday, December 24: 4:00 PM, 6:30 PM & 11:00 PM: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES: (4:00 PM & 6:30 PM - NO COMMUNION) (11:00 PM WITH COMMUNION)

Elders on Duty: To Be Determined  
Communion Asst: 11:00 PM To Be Determined  
Usher Teams: Volunteers  
Altar Guild: 11:00 PM Jean Zeinert  
Acolytes: 4:00 PM Robbie Kohler  
6:30 PM Richie Sprouse  
11:00 PM Emma Anderson

### Thursday, December 25: 9:00 AM: CHRISTMAS DAY

Elders on Duty: To Be Determined  
Communion Asst: To Be Determined  
Usher Teams: Volunteers  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Acolytes: Robbie Kohler

Advent 3 Mid-Week Divine Services &  
Grade School Christmas Services  
Monday, December 15: PS3 – K5  
6:00 PM Only (No Communion)

Wednesday, December 17: 5th – 8th  
9:00 AM & 6:30 PM (No Communion)

## Advent 3 Psalm 146

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.*

*The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.*

*The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.*

*The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!*

By now, you've probably heard the Christmas account many times. But have you noticed that each time you hear the story again, you learn something new?

In the reading from St. Matthew, John the Baptist is in prison. His disciples or students are sad and distraught because he will soon die. They have trusted him to be their leader. But John the Baptist could never be their savior. A simple man could never do that.

So, John the Baptist sent his disciples to see his cousin Jesus because he wanted them to know the world's true Savior.

And Jesus says some unique words to them. He says, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them" (Matt. 11:4b-5).

This is pretty close to the words of our psalm today as the psalmist wrote, It is the Lord "who

executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry" (Psalm 146:7a).

It is "[t]he LORD [who] sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind (Psalm 146:7b-8a).

Do you see what was said in the Old Testament was fulfilled in the New Testament, in Jesus?

Sometimes we need to hear the story of Jesus over and over and over again so we also don't miss why He came into this world.

He came to heal, to give sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf. He came to remove the disease of sin. He came to give you faith. And this all happens because of the Good News of His Word.

As we approach Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, pay close attention to the story of Jesus, hear His Word and learn again how He came to make all things new, opening your eyes to the Christ child lying in the manger.

## PRAYER

Gracious God, we give You thanks for sending Jesus to free us from sin and open our eyes to His truth. Keep us returning to Your Word so that we do not lose sight of Your salvation for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Events around School

- ⇒ Dec. 15: 9 am School Opening  
6:00 pm PS3 - K5 Grade  
Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec. 16: 9 am School Opening  
4:30 pm Basketball Game vs  
Celebration @ Home
- ⇒ Dec. 17: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm 5th-8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Christmas Service
- ⇒ Dec. 18: 9:00 am School Opening  
Community Caroling  
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