



# December 20 & 21, 2025 Weekly Bulletin

Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings Principal

Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

**Church Phone:** (920) 722-2662 • **School Phone:** (920) 725-1715

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

**Church Admin E-Mail:** ChurchAdmin@trinitymenasha.com

**Church Website:** www.trinitymenasha.com



## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, December 20:

**ADVENT 4 / Feast of St. Thomas**

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, December 21:

**ADVENT 4 / Feast of St. Thomas**

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, December 22:

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 23:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, December 24:

**CHRISTMAS EVE DIVINE SERVICES**

4:00, 6:30 & 11:00 PM

No Confirmation Class

No Mens Bible Study

### Thursday, December 25:

9:00 AM **CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE SERVICE**

### Friday, December 26:

**Saturday, December 27: HOLY INNOCENTS**

5:00 PM Divine Service

**Sunday, December 28: HOLY INNOCENTS**

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, Jason 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, George Ohlrogge, 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, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Celebrating Birthdays:** Dana Bouchard, Jacob Mies and Walker White.

**Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries:** Jeremy & Dana Bouchard.

**Those Grieving:** The Family of Dorothy Wirth.

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

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

**MUSICAL OFFERING: Sunday**

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

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or

“Like” Us on Facebook.

### This Weekend’s Flowers

Flowers this weekend have been donated by the Altar Guild to the glory of God.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Hope, Peace, Joy & Love”

## ✝ Stewardship ✝

Matthew 1:21 – *“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”* What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God’s Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus’ love has done!

## 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!

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS DIVINE WORSHIP SERVICES:

4:00 & 6:30 PM Christmas Eve &

11:00 PM Candlelight Service

9:00 AM Christmas Day

6:30 PM New Years Eve

## BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

**MONDAY:** Women’s Bible Study  
6:30 PM *“Leaning on Jesus”* A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Pub. Lib.

**TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study  
6:30 AM 200 W Packard, Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus/All are welcome!

**THURSDAY:** Men’s Bible Study  
6:00 AM *“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.*

## 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.

## 2026 ENVELOPE PICK UP

Your 2026 Offering Envelopes are now in your mailbox. Please don’t use them until 2026. Continue to use your 2025 envelopes until the end of this year. Thank you!

## ✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

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

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

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 21: ADVENT 4

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Asst: Josiah Nielsen  
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen  
Flower Delivery: Carol Evensen  
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: Craig Thomas  
Communion Asst: 11:00 PM Craig Thomas  
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 DIVINE SERVICE

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

## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, December 27:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt  
Usher Team: Robert Allen  
Communion Asst.: Vern Jahsman  
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer  
Greeter: Betty Allen  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, December 28:

Elder on Duty: Craig Thomas  
Usher Team: Lee Weinig  
Communion Asst: Blaine Henkel  
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen  
Flower Delivery: Carol Evensen  
Greeter: Liz Kamprath  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Wednesday, 6:30 PM December 31:

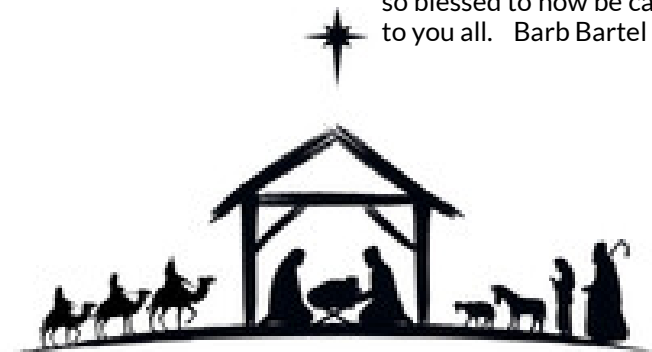
Elders on Duty: Michael Bekx  
Communion Asst: Michael Bekx  
Usher Teams: Volunteers  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Acolytes: Robbie Kohler

## FACILITY ISSUES – PLEASE CONTACT:

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions about facility issues in the church and school buildings, please **send an email to [Property@TrinityMenasha.com](mailto:Property@TrinityMenasha.com)** and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

## A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Pastor Billings, Pastor GeRue, the Prayer Chain and to all who sent cards, prayers, and food my way because of surgery. I am so blessed to now be cancer free! God's blessings to you all. Barb Bartel



## All These Things Luke 2:1-20

***“But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart” (LUKE 2:19).***

Many of us are blessed to receive gifts at Christmas. We get a variety of things. Several years ago, the newspaper cartoon page showed Dennis the Menace surrounded by the many Christmas gifts that he had opened. Dennis looks at the gifts and asks, “Is that all there is?” Are we ever disappointed in the things of Christmas? Do we ever let the things of Christmas keep us from receiving and rejoicing in The Main Thing?

The Gospel writer Luke shares the “things” of the first Christmas. Children may be asked to review some of the “things” (facts) of the Christmas story. This might also be a good time to share the difference between the “facts” of the Gospel and some of the “traditions” (e.g., Scripture doesn’t specifically note that Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem). The Bible does tell us:

- \* Jesus was born in Bethlehem.
- \* Jesus was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger.
- \* An angel announced Jesus’ birth to shepherds.
- \* A “host” of angels sang a song of praise.
- \* The shepherds went to Bethlehem and saw their Savior.
- \* The shepherds shared the Good News with others.

As the mother of the Savior, Mary saw and heard everything that happened at Jesus’ birth. When Mary had been told by the angel that she was to be the mother of the Savior, Mary had humbly accepted her role and had told the angel, “I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word” (LUKE 1:38). Mary now saw how God had kept His promise through her.

Mary would “ponder” many More Things throughout Jesus’ life. She would be a concerned mother as her 12-year-old Son seemed to be lost. She would be amazed at His miracles. She would be at Jesus’ cross pondering the agony of the crucifixion. She would be at Jesus’ tomb to see that her Son, and the Son of God, was alive again.

Christmas is a time to ponder — not how many things we get or didn’t get — but to remember the most important thing of all. God has sent His Son as the greatest gift of all. We are blessed to know that Jesus is with us this Christmas and always. Jesus is The Main Thing of Christmas.

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we confess that we too often focus on the things of Christmas — the gifts, the celebrations, the decorations and so on. We celebrate The Main Thing — the birth of our Savior. Thank You for the example of Mary who was blessed to “ponder” all that had happened in her life and all that had happened at Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem. Bless our Christmas worship in our church and our devotional times with our families. Deepen our faith in the Christ of Christmas. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## Events around School

⇒ Dec. 19 - January 4: Christmas break

