



January 3 & 4, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, January 3:

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, January 4:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, January 5:

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, January 6:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Voters' Meeting with

Board Meetings to follow

Wednesday, January 7:

5:30 PM Confirmation Classes Resume

Thursday, January 8:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

Friday, January 9:

Saturday, January 10:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, January 11: The Baptism of Our Lord

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

2025 ENVELOPES

Please recycle your 2025 envelopes and begin using your 2026 offering envelopes. Thank you!

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

✠ We Pray For... ✠

The Sick: Dave & 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, 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 Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

Those with Birthdays: Joseph Groshek, Blaine Henkel and Austin Seals Jr.

Celebrating Anniversaries: Robert & Diane Lukasavage and Chris & Cindy Williams.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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This Weekend's Banners

"Rejoice"

✝ Stewardship ✝

Luke 2:49 – *"And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?'"* What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.

FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Hamburger Helper, Paper Towels, Large Soups 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!

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** and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

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 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
Conference Room

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.

✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 3:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst.: Steve Reinke
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 4:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Dave Collingwood
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 10:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas
Altar Guild: Carol Evensen
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 11:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Scott Gutzmann
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

**LWML South Wisconsin District
Winter Getaway
Jan. 30 & Jan. 31, 2026**

Radisson Hotel
625 West Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond du Lac, WI, 54937

God is with you

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go"*
(Joshua 1:9).



Contact Carol Evensen at: even8891@sbccglobal.net or call (920) 725-5576 for more information or for a registration form.

SOUP & BREAD SALE!

It's that time of year when we look forward to the comfort foods of winter... soup and bread.

Our Soup & Bread fundraiser, January 17 through February 8, supports the Organ and Piano Fund.

We need members who would like to make soup. The jars and instructions for soups are in the Narthex.

If you have questions, please contact Elaine Weinig at (920) 470-9090.

\$ SCRIP News \$

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Monday through Friday 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!

All These Things

Luke 2:40-52

40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. 41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents^[a] saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." 49 And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"^[b] 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature^[c] and in favor with God and man. (LUKE 2:40-52).

We gather in our church where God communicates with us as we worship Him. He shares His Word with us. We listen carefully to His messages.

The "church" for Jesus and His family was the temple in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph knew it was important that they take their son to the temple. Today's Bible lesson tells about their visit to the temple when Jesus was 12 years old.

Sometimes our families don't communicate very well regarding where family members are at and how we are going to meet again. Mary and Joseph got separated from Jesus. The worried parents found Jesus in the temple "sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions" (v. 46).

The temple teachers gather together to discuss God's Word given to them from the prophets. Through their questions and answers, they were communicating with one another about God's Word. What do you suppose Jesus asked them? The lesson tells us that the audience was "amazed at his understanding and his answers." The temple teachers did not comprehend that it was the all-knowing Jesus who was with them.

Where and when do we talk about God's Word? We ask questions and share answers in our classroom Bible lessons, in our family and school devotions, and in other times of study.

As the perfect Son of God, Jesus obviously had all the right answers. Jesus still has all the right answers. He is the answer to our questions and confessions about our sin. He answers all our needs with His grace and forgiveness.

While our texting, messaging and other forms of communication are interesting, the most helpful discussions are those about God's Word. We are thankful for teachers, pastors and parents who communicate God's Word to us. May we use all forms of communication to share Jesus' love with others.

PRAYER

Jesus, You have blessed us with many means of communication. Most importantly, through Your Word You continue to communicate the message of salvation. Help us to hear and believe Your message to us, and help us communicate it to others. Amen.

Events Around School

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| January 5 | School Resume
9 am Opening Devotion
3:45 pm Instructional Basketball |
| January 6 | 9 am Opening Devotion
3:45 pm Basketball Practice |
| January 7 | 9 am School Chapel |
| January 8 | 9 am Opening Devotion
2:30 pm Electives
4:30 pm Bball game vs Celebration |
| January 9 | 9 am Opening Devotion |