

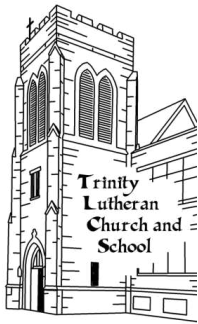
Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
300 Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952



*happy new year*

**January 2023**  
**Newsletter**





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300 Broad Street  
Menasha, WI 54952

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

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

**Website:** [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)

**Worship Services:**

Saturday – 5:00 pm; Sunday – 9:00 am

**Education Hour:** Sunday - 10:30 am

Services will continue to be available for live streaming on Trinity’s Facebook page, and for later viewing on YouTube. Check the church website for more details.

**Important Dates:**

- January 3: 6:30 PM Voters Meeting  
Board Meetings to Follow
- January 4: School Resumes
- January 7: 5:00 PM Worship Service &  
Installation of Officers
- January 8: 9:00 AM Worship Service & Installation of Officers  
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- January 10: 9AM-12 PM Circuit Pastor’s Meeting - Trinity, Menasha  
4:45 & 5:45 PM Basketball Celebration Appleton @ Home  
6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting
- January 12: 4:45 & 5:45 PM Basketball St John Berlin @ Home
- January 14: 5:00 PM Worship Service
- January 15: 9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- January 17: 5:30 PM Basketball FV Homeschoolers @ Home  
6:30 PM Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting
- January 19: 4:45 & 5:45 PM Basketball Trinity Oshkosh @ Oshkosh
- January 21: 5:00 PM Worship Service
- January 22: 9:00 AM Worship Service - School Sings/Chimes  
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School
- January 24: 4:30 PM FV Christian @ Neenah A Team
- January 26: 5:30 PM Basketball FV Homeschoolers @ Home
- January 28: 5:00 PM Worship Service
- January 29: 9:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Education Hour & Sunday School

**Gluten-Free Hosts Available**

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

*Many Thanks!*

We want to thank our many Trinity family customers for supporting our very successful cookie/candy sale. We also thank those of you so kind to have donated items or assisted at the sale. Our disbursement of funds will take place at our January Ladies Aid/LWML meeting (January 17, 2023) when we will make decisions on mission projects as well as Trinity Church and school projects. All ladies are invited to attend. We wish you all joy as we together worship the Christ Child.

**Our Mission Statement:**

*Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Menasha, is a fellowship of Lutheran Christians being empowered by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and His Sacraments to encourage, refresh, and strengthen both adults and children in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, while sharing His love with those who do not yet know their Lord and Savior.*



**Senior Pastor:**

✠ Rev. Steven S. Billings

**Assoc. Pastor/Principal:**

✠ Rev. Keith E. GeRue

**Directors of Music:**

Tim Reuning & Connie Henkel

**Organist:**

Mrs. Nancy Lephart

# Congregational Voter's Meeting

Your Attendance is Strongly Encouraged

Our next Congregational Voter's Meeting will be held January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary. Voting will take place in person only.

The purpose of this meeting is to elect new officers and directors of our congregation. This will include voting for the positions of President and Vice President.

We are also seeking approval of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's nominations for President of the Synod and Regional Vice President.

Thank you.

Blaine Henkel, President



## FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE ...



### Influenza and RSV

*How you get them, and how to prevent them.*

Influenza and RSV are highly contagious and can be contagious in affected individuals for up to a week after the start of symptoms. Furthermore, individuals are often contagious prior to the start of recognizable symptoms. Both viruses are transmitted to others via "droplet transmission". For this route of transmission, droplets are sent into the environment via saliva and mucous when you cough, sneeze, or talk. Droplets may enter the eyes, nose, or mouth of those who are in proximity. Typically, droplets are not in the air for a long time, but cold and flu viruses can remain contagious on surfaces for several hours. Germs can also be transmitted when someone encounters a surface that droplets have landed on. If an individual touches the surface and then touches their nose, mouth, or eyes, they may become infected.



To prevent or reduce transmission, avoid being around others who have symptoms. Symptoms often include the following: fever, body aches, cough/congestion decreased appetite, wheezing, increased fatigue, and headaches.

Further ways to prevent transmission is to wash your hands frequently. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth as much as possible.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Educ. Hour/Sunday School	<b>No School</b>  6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	<b>No School</b> 6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Voter's Meeting- Election of Officers Followed by Board Mtgs	School Resumes 8:45 AM Chapel  5:00 PM Catechism	6 AM Men's Bible Study 3:45 BB Practice  6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	Epiphany 2:45 PM Electives Popcorn Friday	5 PM Worship	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
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<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
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<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
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<b>NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK</b>							
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
9:00 AM Worship School Sings @ Peace 10:30 AM Educ. Hour/Sunday School <i>Soup &amp; Bread Sale</i>	Rev. Billings' Sabbath 9 AM Sewing 5:00 PM Parent Dinner & School Update 3:45-5:00 PM Instl Basketball 5:30 PM Adult Info Class 6 PM Prayer Time 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study	6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study  3:45 PM BB Practice					

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – JANUARY 2023

01/01 LENTZ, Nicolette & Tyler  
 01/08 LUKASAVAGE, Diane & Robert  
 01/11 JOERNDT, David & Mae  
 01/12 HURST, Brandon & Angela



## BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 2023

01/02 BAEHMAN, Duane  
 01/02 LOOKER, Brandon  
 01/02 LOOKER, Matthew  
 01/03 KROES, Nick  
 01/03 PEOTTER, Georgina  
 01/03 VOIGT, Myles  
 01/06 GROSHEK, Joseph  
 01/09 HENKEL, Blaine  
 01/09 HENSON, Sara  
 01/10 SEALS JR, Austin  
 01/12 BROWN, Finley  
 01/12 ELLIOTT, Charlotte  
 01/12 VOIGT, Roger  
 01/13 NIELSEN, Bart  
 01/14 LABBY, Harper  
 01/14 SCHMIDT, Daniel  
 01/14 TSCHIRGI, Joyce



01/14 VAN ARK, Tony  
 01/14 WOLTER, James  
 01/15 BROWN, Riley  
 01/16 HERTZIGER, Tammy  
 01/17 REUNING, Alexandra  
 01/17 ROSIN, Jerry  
 01/18 BRADLEY, Randy

01/18 KOHLER, Kaylin  
 01/19 VANDEN WYNGAARD, Julie  
 01/21 GEHRT, Randolph  
 01/22 GAST, Claire  
 01/22 WALDBURGER, Jolene  
 01/23 BRICCO, Alec  
 01/23 MIES, Jordyn  
 01/23 ZACHEK, Matthew  
 01/24 MODERSON, Michael  
 01/25 LESSMILLER, Emmalyn  
 01/25 WEYENBERG, Aliyah  
 01/26 KAMPRATH, Ashlee  
 01/26 KONWINSKI, Chester  
 01/27 BOSS, Cari  
 01/27 DANIELS, Cody  
 01/29 ROSS, Jean  
 01/30 NIELSEN, Ethan  
 01/30 RALEIGH, Sharon



### ✠ *Trinity Membership Update* ✠

**New Members/Transfers In:**

<b>Released/Transfers Out:</b>	<b>Baptisms:</b>
<b>Weddings:</b>	<b>Members Who Have Passed:</b>

<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. <sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God. Job 19:25-26



## Serving Our Lord with Gladness – January 2023



Senior Pastor: Rev. Steven S. Billings  
 Associate Pastor/Principal: Rev. Keith E. GeRue

Worship Date/Time	Acolyte	Elder on Duty	Communion Assistant	Usher Captain	Greeter	Altar Guild
Jan 1: 9:00 am	Ava Schmidt	Brian Ratzburg		Lee Weinig	Volunteer Needed	KAri Lindner
Jan. 7: 5:00 pm Jan: 8: 9:00 am	Payton Lenth Emma Schmidt	Roger Voigt Brian Ratzburg	Vance Pues Ron Kraus	Jerry Maynard Steve Sexmith	Barb Kester Jane Nielsen	Jackie Bouchard Carol Evensen
Jan 14: 5:00 pm Jan 15: 9:00 am	Mirella Taschner Maya Torres	Roger Voigt Brian Ratzburg	Roger Voigt Robert Flater	Lee Colby Dave Collingwood	Dan & Peggy Dahms Rosemary Collingwood	Jackie Bouchard Volunteer Needed
Jan 21: 5:00 pm Jan 22: 9:00 am	Melani Gast Dylan Kobs	Roger Voigt Brian Ratzburg	Lee Colby Lee Weinig	Roger Voigt Jim Wittman	JoAnn Schultz Connie Henkel	Jackie Bouchard Carol Evensen
Jan 28: 5:00 pm Jan 29: 9:00 am	Levi Kroes Sydney Gast	Roger Voigt Brian Ratzburg	Ian Thomas Paul Collingwood	Tom Harrmann Lee Weinig	Volunteer Needed	Jackie Bouchard Volunteer Needed

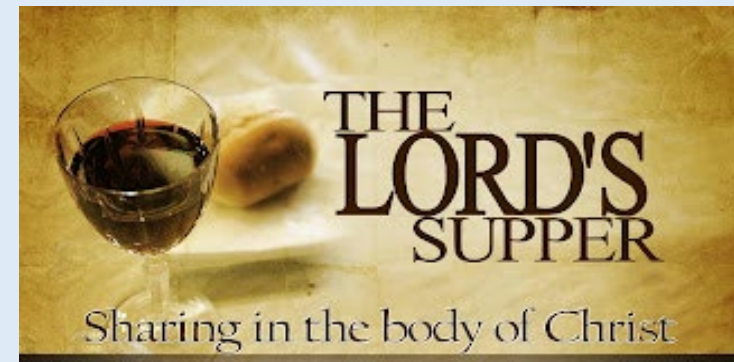
### Altar Guild Help Needed

Trinity is in dire need of volunteers to serve on our Altar Guild team.

Tasks are:

- Saturdays: Set-up and reset the altar
- Sundays: Clean up communion and deliver flowers to a designated member of Trinity

Setting the Lord's Table is truly an honor and blessing. Please contact Kari Lindner at (928) 279-7192 to become a member of our team.





# Catechetical Comments

A Series

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

This month we continue our look at The Apostles' Creed and consider the following question: *Who is God?*

### 93. *Who is God?*

The *Small Catechism* begins its answer to this question by saying:

*In His Word God has told us that He is*

*A. spirit (a personal being without a body).*

It then offers the following Scripture passage in support of this answer:

**John 4:24** – God is spirit

It's a simple question, but one, as we shall see, with a very complex answer.

We begin by observing that God a spirit; He has by nature no physical appearance.

This is one of the reasons for the Incarnation. Some people like to suggest that Christ entered our reality in order to understand us and our experience better. Not true. One of God's characteristics (which will be discussed later) is omniscience. He is all-knowing. Therefore, He did not require taking on human flesh in order to understand what life is like for us. Quite the reverse is true. God became Man in the Person of His Son *so that we might better understand Him*.

His existence is wholly other than ours. All of His attributes point to this. We could never grasp His reality or even look upon His face unless He deigned to cross the ontological divide and meet us on terms that our puny little brains can handle.

But this He did, as we have so recently celebrated.

The Incarnation of Christ affords us with so many touch-points with God. We have a living Savior who grabs hold of us in the waters of baptism and claims us – body and soul – as His own child.

He first shed His blood for us on the eighth day of His earthly life when He was circumcised. He gave His body up to death in payment for our sins against Him and against others, including those we commit against ourselves.

He rose bodily from the dead in a glorious resurrection that prefigures our own resurrection on the Last Day.

He gives us His own body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper.

He continues to care for us through the agency of the Holy Spirit, whom He sends upon us and those He sends to minister to all our needs, physical and spiritual.

So, yes, God is spirit, not confined to time and space, but He has entered time and space in Jesus Christ, who continues to minister to us through Word and Sacrament, through His undershepherds (pastors), and through our family of faith.

Yes, you are often the hands, feet, and mouth of God. When you serve others you put flesh on the Gospel, making the God who is spirit take shape again in our world. ✚

Humbly in His service,  
Rev. Steven S. Billings  
Senior Pastor

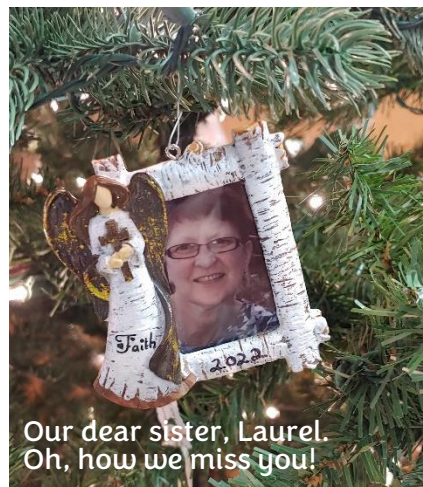
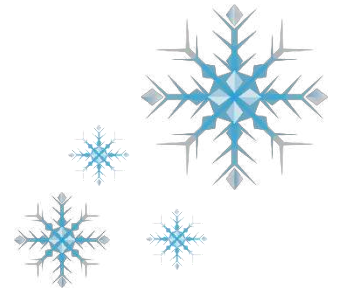
## ANGEL TREE

THIS YEAR, OUR CHANCEL TREE TAKES US BACK TO 1994. THE CONGREGATION WAS ASKED TO DECORATE OUR CHANCEL TREE WITH DONATIONS OF ANGELS.

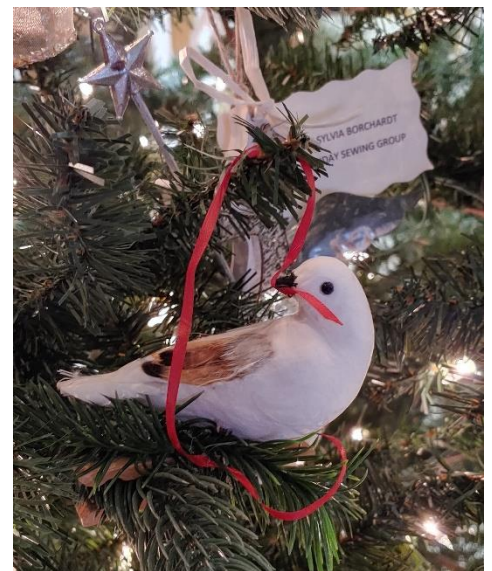
SOME WERE TEMPORARY DONATIONS AND WERE GIVEN BACK TO THE MEMBERS AFTER CHRISTMAS. WHILE OTHERS WERE DONATED AS A PERMANENT PART OF OUR DECORATING RESOURCES. THESE YOU HAVE SEEN ON OCCASION OVER THE LAST 2 DECADES.

CHECK THE LISTS, ON THE SPINNER, IN THE NARTHEX, TO TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE AND FEEL FREE TO GO UP TO THE TREE TO FIND A MEMORY OR TWO

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
TRINITY BOARD OF WORSHIP



Our dear sister, Laurel.  
Oh, how we miss you!





## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2022

	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>DEPOSITS/INCOME</u>	<u>WITHDRAWALS/EXPENSES</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>
Nicolet General Fund	\$17,688.84	\$92,449.75	(\$97,215.63)	\$ 12,922.96
Nicolet Restricted Funds	\$136,406.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 136,406.02
LCMS Endowment Fund	\$107,441.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 107,441.66
LCEF Steward Fund	\$1,095.70	\$7,548.92	(\$7,588.69)	\$ 1,055.93
Nicolet Money Market	\$241,529.52	\$8,915.60	(\$15,000.00)	\$ 235,445.12
RBC Wealth	\$43,415.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 43,415.90
Nicolet Memorial Fund	\$6,457.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 6,457.16
Nicolet Office Acct	\$2,520.99	\$0.21	\$0.00	\$ 2,521.20
Nicolet Debts Repaid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -
Nicolet Think Tank	\$3,184.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ 3,184.42
Nicolet Scrip	\$21,348.51	\$29,701.97	(\$40,032.17)	\$ 11,018.31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$581,088.72</b>	<b>\$138,616.45</b>	<b>(\$159,836.49)</b>	<b>\$ 559,868.68</b>
LCEF Mortgage (BOTR)	\$946,177.65		(4,555.86)	\$ 941,621.79

### Trinity First Fruits Mission Offerings 2023

LCMS Armed Forces Ministry	\$2,000
LCFS-Counseling Family Services	\$1,800
Seminary Ft Wayne (Kinne)	\$2,400
Seminary St. Louis (Her)	\$2,100
Luth Heritage Foundation	\$1,200
Luther Classical College	\$1,000
Lutheran Church Charities	\$500
Tirzah Krey - LCMS	\$500
Steele's Mission - Kenya	\$2,000
Place of Refuge Ministries	\$500
Harbor House	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,500</b>

# From the School

## National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW)

### JESUS "MAKES" DISCIPLES.

Other rabbis of Jesus' day gathered disciples by promising wisdom, dynamic personality, church or community reputation, or other human standards. Jesus calls fishermen, tax collectors, zealots and doubters and says, "Follow me" (Matt. 4:19). Jesus "makes" them His disciples by demonstrating His miraculous power. Jesus "makes" them His disciples by teaching them that His is not an earthly kingdom of glory, but a kingdom gained only through His sacrificial death on the cross. Jesus "makes" them His disciples by showing them His scarred hands and feet and the visible proofs of His resurrection from the dead. Jesus "makes" His disciples by giving them the Pentecost power of the Spirit. Jesus "makes" the Twelve His disciples "for life" during their earthly journey with Him; but more importantly, He makes them His disciples for eternal life.

### JESUS STILL "MAKES" DISCIPLES.

His Great Commission gives the means: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). Blessed to administer the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, the church makes disciples of Jesus. Lutheran schools are blessed to teach and share the power of Baptism. Baptismal "birthdays" are celebrated, as are the gatherings of parents and their children at the baptismal font.

### LUTHERAN SCHOOLS "MAKE" DISCIPLES

by "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (v. 20). Jesus' redeeming work is the message shared in Lutheran school worship settings, classrooms, extracurricular activities and in all contexts with families and friends. While Lutheran schools make disciples for every aspect of life during their Lutheran school education and for life experiences thereafter, the ultimate desire is to have students, staff and every constituent be disciples of Jesus for eternal life. Every aspect of daily, annual and decades-long ministry of a Lutheran school is to have every child and "all nations" receive eternal life, believing in the crucified and risen Savior.

### THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS BLESSED

to "make disciples" as an extension of the local congregation. A National Lutheran Schools Week celebration with the church family is encouraged. A message based on the theme text is included. Consider including a school choir or another form of involvement/ recognition of the "disciples" in the Lutheran school to enhance the theme of the celebration.

THIS YEAR, National Lutheran Schools Week emphasizes the "making" of disciples: children, families and all nations. It also emphasizes the role of the church and disciplers (teachers, pastors and other "disciples") as God's instruments in making and equipping disciples. While themes are initially assigned to National Lutheran Schools Week days, you may choose the order that best fits your local celebration. In addition to daily devotional themes used by staff and students, "Other Assignments" exploring the disciples theme are included for classroom, school or church celebrations.

May Lutheran schools continue to "make disciples for life" in Jesus' name.

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#### Daily Themes:

**MONDAY: MAKING - Children Disciples For Life** "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise'?" (MATT. 21:16B).

**TUESDAY: MAKING - Families Disciples For Life** "From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 TIM. 3:15)

**WEDNESDAY: MAKING - Disciples for Life in the Church** "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (ACTS 2:42)

**THURSDAY: CELEBRATING - Disciples who are Making Disciples for Life** "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (EPH. 4:11-12)

**FRIDAY: MAKING - Disciples of all Nations for Life** "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (MATT. 28:19)

Thank  
you!

**THANK YOU TO....**

All Trinity Church and School Families for your gifts,  
beautiful cards, prayers & kind thoughts during this  
Christmas season.

We are blessed to serve you.

Happy New Year!

The Magic of Christmas is not in the presents, but in  
HIS presence. May you have the gift of faith and  
Christ's love throughout the New Year.

**-REV. STEVEN S. BILLINGS**

**-REV. KEITH E. GERUE**

**-AND THE ENTIRE FACULTY AND STAFF OF  
TRINITY**