

We must never take the praise of our prosperity for ourselves.

“You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. . .” (Deut. 8:17-18).

## Our Sunday School

Please have your children join us TODAY at 10:30am in the SFH for snack time. Please contact Brad or Gina Borgen (731-9026).

**Sunday School Christmas Service-** On Sun, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> children from our Sunday School program will share their talents & gifts during the 9am service. Please join us as we celebrate the telling of the Christmas story through word & song.

## Our Youth Group

**Youth Bible Study-** Youth & Adult Bible Study in the Youth Room upstairs from 10:30–11:30am. This is a 4-session study by Max Lucado & his daughter, Jenna entitled *“Made To Make A Difference.”* We will look at four topics: Our Generation, Poverty Is A Priority, Blast The Walls, and Do Good Quietly.



## Our Day School

**Day School Christmas Program-** Wed, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The students will be performing “Prepare for Christmas from Head to Toe”.

**Technology Upgrade Project for the Church & School-** If you are able to help with a monetary donation or if your employer has matching gifts or grants, please contact the School office. Please mark your donation “Computer fund.”

**Help Needed-** Trinity's School Growth is looking for help in creating an informational DVD to hand out to families who are interested in the school. Please contact the School office at 725-1715 or email [cmiller@trinitymenasha.com](mailto:cmiller@trinitymenasha.com) A Open House is scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am-7pm-tell your friends!

**Our First SMART Board-** has been delivered & will be installed in the 5-8<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. Thanks to all that helped make it possible!

**A Night at Cavanaugh's-** for all Day School families. Fri, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm at Cavanaugh's Carriages in Neenah. Enjoy chili, apple cider, snacks, sing songs, pet the animals & enjoy a sleigh ride. More information coming home soon!



## December 11 & 12, 2010-Weekly Bulletin

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Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church & School, Menasha in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A special invitation is extended to all who are visiting to return and worship with us again. If you are looking for a church home, please inquire about the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church & School by calling the Church office.

Weekly Bulletin and Order of Worship can be viewed online at [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com)

### † Serving Our Lord This Weekend†

**Acolyte-** Brice Sokel

**Ushers-** 5:00 Voigt

9:00 Diesch/Maynard

**Lector-** 5:00 Brian Wendler

9:00 Terry Wray

**Communion Assistants-**

5:00 Kraus/Buksyk

9:00 Nielsen/Pomerence

**Greeters-** 5:00 Cheryl Wendler

9:00 J & H Kislewski

### † Serving Our Lord Next Weekend†

**Acolyte-** Alex Schrampfer

**Ushers-** 5:00 Harrmann

9:00 Reinke/Weinig

**Lector-** 5:00 Barb Stapleton

9:00 Ann Reinke

**Communion Assistants-**

5:00 Harrmann/Camann

9:00 Nielsen/Kislewski

**Greeters-** 5:00 Ron & Bev Voster

9:00 Kathy Rigotti

**December Elders-** 5:00 Tom Harrmann

9:00 Bart Nielsen

**Organist-** Nancy Lephart

**Choir Director-** Michael Peitsch

**Altar Flowers Have Been Given-** in loving memory of William Boyson by Chris & Kathy Rigotti.

**Prayer Chain Coordinator-** Barbara Kester 722-3228 or [barbarakester@att.net](mailto:barbarakester@att.net)

**Parish Nurse-** Mary Howden 730-9521 or [mchowden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mchowden@sbcglobal.net)

**Attendance Last Weekend-** 130 (Wed) + 118 (Sat) + 175 (Sun) = 423

12 Ordinary: 6

Pastor's Class: 41

SS/Youth: 28 /

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

9 am Worship  
Ladies Aid Cookie Sale  
10:30 am Education Hour  
Scrip Order Date  
4 pm Men's BB

### Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

*Pastors Day Off*  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

6 am Women's Bible Study  
8:45 am Chapel  
10:30 am Worship  
4:30 pm Confirmation  
5:15 pm Dinner  
6:30 pm Day School Program  
7:30 pm Choir

### Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

6 am Men's Bible Study

### Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

6 am Men's Bible Study  
5:30 pm Caroling to Shut-Ins

### Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

9 am Food Pantry  
5 pm Worship

### Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

9 am Worship/SS Program  
10:30 am Education Hour  
Scrip Order Date  
4 pm Men's Basketball  
4:30 pm Bowling League

## Pastor's Notes †

James 5:7-11: Mature Christian stewards practice patience like that of a faithful farmer who waits for the Lord's rains to bless the seeds that have been planted. Like patient farmers we Christian stewards are at our best when we sow seeds of kindness and mercy and pray for the Lord's blessings upon them.

**Weekly Bulletins, Orders of Worship & Monthly Newsletters**  
Can be viewed on our website [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or pick up your copy of each at church. A recorded copy on CD of worship can also be checked out through the office. See what is new & improved on the website & please don't forget to register! **Registering will give you access to church & school calendars as well as updates to the church directory. Check it out today!!!**

## \$\$ Finances \$\$

(As of Saturday, December 4, 2010)

Weekly Income: \$18,199

Weekly Expenses: \$34,474

YTD Income: \$334,803

YTD Expenses: \$353,806

**Members & Guests.....please sign the pew pad register!**

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

**PLEASE TURN OFF OR SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES AND PAGERS!**

### **Get Your Scrip in the Narthex Today!**

Ordering Scrip weekly until Christmas! Avoid the holiday rush & order your gift cards for holiday giving through our Scrip program. There are several stores that are kept in stock & can be picked up in the office. Please call ahead for availability.

### **Life Quotes-Lutherans for Life-**

"Could you use some good news? Can you think of any good news better than that brought by an angel revealing to shepherds-revealing to the world-a mysterious baby who was Lord and Savior? This truly is Good News *FOR* Life!"

**O Come All Ye Faithful-** Join us for caroling, Fri, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Every year we take time at Christmas to share the news of our Savior's birth with members who are shut-ins. All are welcome, even children. We will meet here at the church.

**After Caroling Party-** on Dec 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Nick & Lilli Kroes, 271 Fort Drive, Neenah. Please bring food to share & your own beverages. For more information, contact Mike Peitsch (733-2118).

**Ladies Aid Cookie Sale-** Today before & after worship.

**Special Envelopes-** designated for various projects here at Trinity are in the holder mounted in the Narthex.

**Calling All Hunters!** Please consider donating any extra venison to our Food Pantry. Venison is one of the staples for our pantry throughout the year; lately we've had to purchase meat. If you can donate any, it would truly be appreciated! Please contact Sandy Guiley at 969-0475.

**Offering Envelopes-** for 2011 are now in your mailbox. They are not to be used until Jan 2011. PLEASE USE YOUR ENVELOPES for all offerings! Questions, please contact the office.

**December 15<sup>th</sup> Advent Meal-** 5:15pm in the LFH. Hosted by: BOSM & Board of Stewardship. Menu: Turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, German Potato Salad, beverages. A free-will offering is appreciated.

**Season of Generosity-** As you contemplate donations this holiday season, please keep **Trinity** in mind. Your contributions are needed for everything from special programs to basic operating expenses—both are deserving of your support. For the convenience of members, we offer electronic giving. Contact the church office for more information.

**Be Watchful-** Beginning Sat, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity will host a soup & sandwich meal prior to the 5pm service. Serving from 4 -4:45pm in the LFH. Meals will be offered the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month-free of charge. Watch the bulletin for more details on how you can help make this outreach successful or contact Sandra Guiley at 969-0475.