

Welcome to the Trinity Lutheran Church & School Newsletter

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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Come Worship with Us:

Saturdays at 5:00 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am
Education Hour-
Sundays at 10:30 am

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 1st

10:30am Worship

5:15pm Dinner-provided by the Board of Ed & Worship

6:30pm Worship

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Wednesday, December 8th

10:30am Worship

5:15pm Dinner-provided by Board of Properties & Elders

6:30pm Worship

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Wednesday, December 15th

10:30am Worship

5:15pm Dinner-provided by BOSM & Stewardship

6:30pm Day School Christmas Program

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Friday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Worship

6:30pm Worship

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Saturday, December 25th **Christmas Day**

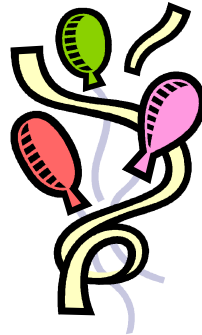
10:00am Worship with Communion



Happy December Birthday!



12/02 Sarah BARTELME
12/02 JoAnn MEIER
12/03 Beth GODWIN
12/04 Ila BOYSON
12/06 Bernard II ZIMMERMANN
12/07 Tyler MODERSON
12/08 Alexis DAVILA
12/08 Shannon DOOTSON
12/09 Sue FROST
12/10 Kevin MIES
12/10 Karen RISKE
12/10 Kelly SMITH
12/11 Jacqueline STEUERWALD
12/12 Steve REINKE
12/13 Bobette DOOTSON
12/13 Laura FILEN
12/13 Brenda HIBBARD
12/13 Thomas C. KESTER
12/13 Scott MEYER
12/13 Jessica PETERSON
12/13 Mackenzie ULLRICH
12/14 Jonathon HEID
12/14 Brian RADICHEL



12/15 Gina BORGEN
12/15 Breanna BORGEN
12/15 Chuck PETERSON
12/15 Barbara VITEK
12/15 Lauren WILHARM
12/16 Jean BECKER
12/16 Carrie KAMPRATH
12/16 Cindy KELLY
12/16 Erna SALSIEDER
12/16 Nancy WILLIAMS
12/18 Dorothy THOMAS
12/19 Donna MIES
12/19 Gerda SCHMIDT
12/19 Scott SIEGEL
12/20 Rebekah MANTEUFEL
12/20 Brian PAUL
12/22 Joshua KISLEWSKI
12/24 Keith STOLZMAN
12/25 Mary K. DITTMANN
12/26 Jill MANSFIELD
12/26 Jacob MIES
12/27 Marian E. KOHLER
12/28 Justin BOUCHARD
12/29 John HENRICKSON
12/31 Karen CAMANN
12/31 Joshua HEID
12/31 Florence HINKENS
12/31 Emily NICKOLAI

May God Bless You during this Holiday Season



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CAN YOU HELP?

Do you like to sing but aren't able to commit to every week with the Gallery Choir? Have you thought about joining *Prophetstown* but aren't comfortable with the short time to rehearse? We will be trying something new in January. There will be a series of training sessions to help you get familiar with the liturgy songs before joining the full rehearsals for the Blended worship services & Prophetstown team. This includes **instruments** as well as singers.

In the new year we are dedicating ourselves to a stricter musical discipline, better sound board control and making the service a better blend for the Traditional and Modern song lovers.

You don't sing? Well, we are looking to train new people for the soundboard. Soundboard control keeps the microphone volumes in balance. If you want more information about what would be involved with that position please talk to Terry Wray.

I would be interested in helping with blended Worship in the following areas. Please circle the appropriate answers below and drop into the offering or to the Church office. Thank you!

Singing: Soprano Alto Tenor Base Don't know

Playing an instrument: Horn String Piano Other What exactly? _____

Help with Sound Board yes no

What time of day is best for practice? Morning Afternoon Night

Which Day of the Week? Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.

Do you read music? Yes No (you don't have to read music to join)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Comments or Questions: _____

Please Pick Up Your Pictures-On the table in the Narthex, if you had your free directory 8x10 delivered here to the Church. Any questions, contact Renee in the office (722-2662).



We're Spreading Christmas Joy- Please join the Board of Social Outreach & Ministry in making Christmas cards on Dec. 6th at 6:30pm in the LFH. This is a fun & meaningful activity for all children & adults to be a part of.

*Come One & All on Saturday, December 4th
Sanctuary Christmas Decorating
10:00am, Lunch will be provided
Bring your ideas.*





A SIMPLE SOLUTION?

Recently, the Board of Directors has noted that our present financial situation is such that we are falling behind at the rate of about \$6,000.00 per month. Now, while this seems daunting, when you break down the math, it doesn't look nearly as insurmountable.

We have roughly 300 people in church on a given weekend. That's 1,200 people worshipping every month. A quick calculation of these numbers shows that \$6,000.00 divided by 1,200 equals \$5.00. My friends, we are **five dollars** away from meeting our expenses!

I won't go into the litany of what \$5.00 represents in our day. I do know that it's about the cost of a lunch at McDonald's. Five dollars might buy you a pair of socks at Walmart. It'll buy you about a gallon and a half of gas. You could buy two packs of cigarettes, if you know where to get them cheap. It'll buy you a six-pack of beer, depending on the brand. It won't buy you much of anything of significance. Shoot, a lot of us could lose \$5.00 in the street and never even notice it.

But what will \$5.00 buy in the service of Christ and His Church? Here's just a few things: **Peace of Mind** - for our paid workers, who won't have to feel threatened by those who would balance the budget on their backs. **Security** - for our students and their families, who will be able to feel confident that our school will be there for them in the years to come. **Comfort** - for our worshipers, who will not have to endure worship services which are too cold because we're trying to save money on heat. **Mission** - as our outreach efforts through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and so on, will be able to have the materials they need to continue reaching out to our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Satisfaction** - for you, in knowing that God has used you to help fund the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

Five bucks, folks. Think about it. Five dollars a week. I'm no economist - and I don't think you have to be to recognize the simple arithmetic here - but it sure seems to me that for an extra \$5.00 a week we could put our financial woes behind us and focus on the ministry the Lord has given us to do together.

Five dollars. Most of us can handle that. Some of us can't, and I understand that. But the rest of us can kick in a little more and make up the difference. (I've got a few of you covered already by the extra I'm giving.) Together, with God's help, we can do this.

Please don't let \$5.00 stand in the way of our work for Christ and His kingdom.

Humbly in Him,

Rev. Steven S. Billings

Pastor

Applying Biblical Teachings

St. Paul wrote in his first letter to Timothy, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction" (1 Tim. 6:6-9). God blesses each of us with the money and possessions we need to support this body and life. But there is always that temptation to feel that God has not provided us with enough.

We may tell ourselves that possessions and money are not our obsessions in life. We may not focus all of our time and attention on them, yet, we find ourselves trying to follow two paths by placing security, peace of mind and happiness in our earthly wealth. Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money" (Matt. 6:24).

Satan tempts us to try to serve two masters. Satan uses our fear of not having enough. He plays on our desires for the things of this life. He leads us in a path just slightly separate, but in sight of the path God intended for us. Eventually, he would have us lose sight of the path of righteousness. He would lead us away from the Lord.

Through Word and Sacrament, the Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts to take hold of Christ's righteousness, a righteousness we undeservedly receive on account of Christ's bitter suffering and death. It is by this wondrous work in us that we look to the Lord for strength and guidance to "stay the path."

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts wrote this: "God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, for our good, He instructs us to put Him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money." God alone will provide the essentials as we, through the Holy Spirit, set our hearts first on His kingdom and His righteousness.

DECEMBER 2010

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL-MENASHA, WI

300 Broad Street, Menasha, WI 54952



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 6am Women's Bible 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Worship 4:30pm Conf 5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Choir	2 6am Men's Bible 3:30pm Staff/Faculty Mtg	3 6am Men's Bible	4 10am Church Decorating Ladies Aid Cookie Sale 5pm Worship
5-2 nd Sunday in Advent Ladies Aid Cookie Sale 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour Scrip Order Date 4pm Men's BB 4:30pm Bowling	6 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> 9am Men's Mtc	7 6:30pm Board Meetings	8 6am Women's Bible 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Worship 4:30pm Conf 5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Worship 7:30pm Choir	9 6am Men's Bible Market Day P/U	10 6am Men's Bible Girl Scout Lock-In	11 9am Food Pantry Ladies Aid Cookie Sale 4pm Youth Christmas Party 5pm Worship
12-3 rd Sunday in Advent Ladies Aid Cookie Sale 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour Scrip Order Date 4pm Men's BB	13 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> 6:30pm Women's Bible	14 6:30pm BoD Mtg	15 6am Women's Bible 8:45am Chapel 10:30am Worship 5:15pm Dinner 6:30pm Day School Program 7:30pm Choir	16 6am Men's Bible	17 6am Men's Bible 5:30pm Caroling to Shut-Ins	18 9am Food Pantry 5pm Worship
19-4 th Sunday in Advent 9am SS Program 10:30am Ed Hour Scrip Order Date 4pm Men's BB 4:30pm Bowling	20 <i>Pastors Day Off</i>	21 9am Sewing Day 11:30am School Dismissal	22 6am Women's Bible No School 7:30pm Choir	23 6am Men's Bible No School	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> No School-Offices Closed 4pm Worship 6:30pm Worship	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 10am Worship 
26-1 st Sunday after Christmas 9am Worship 10:30am Ed Hour	27 <i>Pastors Day Off</i> No School 8-Noon Office Open 6:30pm Women's Bible	28 No School 8-Noon Office Open	29 No School 8-Noon Office Open	30 6am Men's Bible No School 8-Noon Office Open	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> No School 6:30pm Worship	 Happy New Year!

☉ COME LET US ADORE HIM!



Do you have a friend or relative who doesn't have a church home?
Here's an easy way to invite them to Trinity.

1. Write down their names and addresses on this form.
2. Place form in offering plate or drop off in church office.
3. Please turn in by Sunday, December 12th.

Your friends/relatives will receive in the mail:

1. A Christmas card from Trinity
2. An invitation to worship (see other side)
3. A schedule of our December worship services

Tell others about the greatest Gift you have ever received –
God's Grace.

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

Name _____

Address _____

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*The members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School
cordially invite you to worship with us!*

Saturdays at 5 pm Sundays at 9 am
Sunday school and Adult Bible classes at 10:30 am

Special Services

Day School Children's Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30 pm

Advent Worship Services
Every Wednesday in December at 10:30 am & 6:30 pm
Dinner served before evening worship – Please join us!

Christmas Eve Worship
Friday, December 24th
4:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Christmas Day Worship
Saturday, December 25th
10:00 am

*May the Lord bless you and your family
during the Christmas season and
throughout the new year!*

The Members of Trinity Lutheran
Church and School
300 Broad Street
Menasha, WI

Trinity Financial Report –October, 2010
 General Fund Checking & Savings

Weekly Income:

Date	Gen. Fund Offerings	Matching Funds	Restricted	School Transfers	BOTR	Other Income	Total Income
10/4/10	13,173.05		891.45	3,955.00	570.00	7,613.24	26,202.74
10/11/10	10,861.40		653.58		605.00		12,119.98
10/18/10	10,867.60	675.00	3,184.49	205.59	215.00	12,025.18	27,172.86
10/25/10	12,439.36	250.00	611.60	4,509.59	200.00	7,603.78	25,614.33
Total	47,341.41	925.00	5,341.12	8,670.18	1,590.00	27,242.20	91,109.91

Weekly Expenses:

Date	Regular Bills	Thrivant Match	Restricted	Memorial Fund	BOTR	Other Accts/ Misc Expense	Total Expenses
10/4/10	5,059.20		1,718.40			5,000.00	11,777.60
10/11/10	3,551.36		128.08				3,679.44
10/18/10	27,973.31	675.00	5,288.69	25.00			33,962.00
10/25/10	21,958.68				11,520.94		33,479.62
Total	58,542.55	675.00	7,135.17	25.00	11,520.94	5,000.00	82,898.66

Beginning Balance – General Fund \$ 6,231.14
 Income for Oct. 2010 \$ 91,109.91
 Expenses for Oct. 2010 \$ 82,898.66
 Ending Balance – General Fund \$ 14,442.39

Offering/Matching Funds YTD \$ 259,858.14
 Expenses YTD \$ 276,470.52

BOTR Income YTD \$ 12,767.00
 BOTR Expenses YTD \$ 46,083.76
 Mortgage Balance \$ 1,734,251.55

LCEF Steward Acct – Endowment Holding \$ 1,441.04
 Restricted Funds Savings Account \$ 316.04
 Endowment Funds Account \$ 12,963.57
 Memorial Fund Account \$ 5,873.58
 Designated Restricted Funds Balance \$ 58,079.93
 RBC Account \$ 13,363.91

CD's

Maturity Date	Amount	Interest Rate	
1/24/11	\$ 13,648.45	1.60%	
1/21/11	\$ 10,340.00		
10/4/10	\$ 7,500.00	1.85%	(Closed 10/4/10 – \$5000 to pay back Mem. Acct)
10/29/10	\$ 7,500.00	1.85%	(Closed 10/29/10 – put in General Funds)
1/04/11	\$ 10,000.00	2.10%	
1/04/11	\$ 10,000.00	2.10%	
10/13/10	\$ 12,000.00	.85%	(Des. BOTR – Closed 10/13 – put in Gen. Funds Savings – Used 10/30 to pay Mtg/Concordia)



ANNUAL LADIES AID COOKIE SALE

DECEMBER 4th 5th 11th 12th
(BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICES)



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BAKE!

BRING YOUR GOODIES TO THE NARTHEX ON THE DAY OF THE SALE OR PLACE THEM IN THE REFRIGERATOR IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OFF THE NARTHEX.
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT NUMEROUS TRINITY PROJECTS.

OUR ANGEL MEMORY TREE

This year begins a new tradition here at Trinity.
On December 4th, there will be an "Angel" memory tree placed in the Narthex in honor of those who have gone to their heavenly home.



Please bring an angel ornament and mark it with your name and who it is in memory of (either pin or tie a slip on it), place in "angel" box in the Narthex. This information will be written on a ribbon and tied on the ornament prior to placement on the tree. We hope that this will become a time honored tradition in honor of our loved ones who have passed.
Together let's make this a special part of our holiday season.



If you have any questions please call Kathy Rigotti (725-8930).

HELP NEEDED

Trinity's School Growth group is looking for help in creating an informational DVD about the school to hand out to families who are interested in our day school or new to Trinity. Although our budget is small, our ideas are **BIG**.



If you can help us, please contact Cathy in the School office at 725-1715 or by e-mail cmiller@trinitymenasha.com.

We are hosting an Open House on January 27th and we would love to have the DVD done by then.



▪ I want to thank all of you for your prayers, well-wishes, meals, phone calls, rides to appointments, flowers, etc. that I have received from you during the past 2 months. All of these have meant a great deal for me during my time of healing. Thanks again! -Mary Howden

▪ Special thank you to all who commemorated the day of my birth with cards, gifts and well-wishes. -Pastor Billings

- To everyone that contributed to our scholastic book fair. Our total sales reached over \$3000.00!! We earned enough scholastic dollars to purchase our first SMARTboard for the 5th thru 8th grade classroom. GOD is good!!!
- To everyone that helped during our fall cleanup here at the Church & School. The outside & inside are ready for the winter months thanks to you!
- George Raleigh for his continued maintenance & woodworking in the building. We are so grateful for your services & expertise in making things for us! -Trinity Day School

Helping Yourself Heal During the Holiday Season...Mary Howden, Parish Nurse

Holidays are often difficult for anyone who has experienced the death of someone loved. Rather than being times of family togetherness, sharing and thanksgiving, holidays can bring sadness, loss, and emptiness.

Since love does not end with death, holidays may result in a renewed sense of personal grief—a feeling of loss unlike that experienced in the routine of daily living. Society encourages you to join in the holiday spirit, but all around you the sounds, sights and smells trigger memories of the one you love who has died. No simple guidelines exist that will take away the hurt you are feeling. We hope however these suggestions will help you better cope with grief during this joyful, yet painful, time of year. As you read through this article, remember that being tolerant and compassionate with yourself, you will continue to heal.

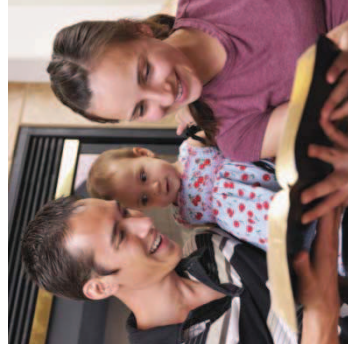
- Talk about your grief—ignoring your grief won't make it go away and talking about it openly makes you feel better.
- Be tolerant of your physical and psychological limits—respect what your body and mind are telling you and lower your own expectations about being at your peak during the holiday season.
- Eliminate unnecessary stress—realize that merely “keeping busy” won't distract you from your grief, but may actually increase stress and postpone the need to talk out thoughts and feelings related to your grief.
- Be with supportive comforting people—find those persons who encourage you to be yourself and accept your feelings—both happy and sad.
- Do what is right for you during the holidays—talking about these wishes will help you clarify what it is you want to do during the holidays. As you become aware of your needs, share them with your friends and family.
- Plan ahead for family gatherings—getting caught off guard can create feelings of panic, fear, and anxiety during the time of the year when your feelings of grief are already heightened. As you make your plans, however, leave room to change them if you feel it is appropriate.
- Embrace your treasure of memories—if your memories bring laughter, smile. If your memories bring sadness, then it's alright to cry. Memories that were made in love—no one can ever take them away from you.
- Renew your resources for living—the combination of a holiday and a loss naturally results in looking inward and assessing your individual situation. Make the best of this time to define the positive things in life that surround you.
- Express your faith—during the holidays you may find a renewed sense of faith or discover a new set of beliefs. Associate with people who understand and respect your need to talk about these beliefs. If your faith is important, you may want to attend a holiday service or special religious ceremony.

As you approach the holidays, remember that grief is both a necessity and a privilege. It comes as a result of giving and receiving love. Don't let anyone take your grief away. Love yourself. Be patient with yourself. And allow yourself to be surrounded by loving, caring people.

Missions Prayer Calendar for December 2010 and January 2011

Week of December 5 – In this time of Advent, please ask the Lord to bless the spread of the Gospel in the Hispanic communities of Racine and Milwaukee where our District is reaching out with its **Hispanic Ministry**. Pray that the light of God's Word will reach the many people in this quickly-growing everywhere who live in darkness and are not preparing their hearts for the celebration of the Savior's birth.

Week of December 12 – Your prayers this week are requested for our **French African Ministry** in our urban communities. French, English and Swahili speaking immigrants are hearing God's message of salvation in their own language. Many of these people are Muslim. Pray that these new believers will continue to grow in faith and that they will share it with many others who need to hear it.



grace, please pray for all those who have doubts and are unsure of Who has complete control over all things. Please ask our Heavenly Father to use us as His agents through our **District Missions** to seek and find all those in need of understanding the Truth of His Word.

Week of January 2 – This week, please remember in prayer those to whom our district ministers through the **Prison and Ex-Offender Ministry**. As they are struggling to make major New Year's resolutions in their lives, please pray that they will let the Spirit work in their hearts to make the changes begin with God's direction.

Week of January 9 – Let us pray this week for the success of our **Deaf Ministry** in southern Wisconsin which brings the Word and Sacraments to our deaf and very hard of hearing members and their families. Please ask the Lord to also bless their ministry of a "church without walls" that reaches out to the many unchurched deaf who are spread across the District and beyond.



Week of January 16 – College campuses are prime targets for the Devil's deception and temptations! This week, please remember in your prayers our **SWD's Campus Ministries** located on the University of Wisconsin campuses in Madison, Milwaukee, Whitewater, Platteville and La Crosse as these ministries seek to keep students close to the Lord and reach out to others who don't know Him yet.

Week of January 23 – This week, please hold up in prayer the **SWD Hmong Ministries** sharing the Gospel joy in Brown Deer, Milwaukee, Manitowoc, Oshkosh and Sheboygan. Pray that God will help the leaders to see clearly through the obstacles and challenges of spreading the Gospel among a people with cultural roadblocks and a lack of printed materials in their own language.

Week of January 30 – The **Sheboygan County Chaplaincy Ministry** has been serving the nursing homes, hospice and assisted living centers as a full-time ministry in that location since 1972. Please remember them in your prayers this week, thanking the Lord for the great work that is being accomplished there in God's name and asking for His continued blessings!

LCMS - South Wisconsin District Missions, 414-464-8100, swd.lcms.org



So that even more people will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, the South Wisconsin District is committed to become "passionate believers...changing life" by reaching out to people both inside and outside of the church. We invite you to partner in prayer with others in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, asking that the Holy Spirit would use us to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

December School News

December issue 4 2010

Caroline Bedroske

Christmas Program

The school Christmas Program is Wednesday December 15th at 6:30 pm. "Prepare for Christmas from Head to Toe" is our title this year. The kids are working really hard on the program and we look forward to seeing you all there!

Christmas Break

Remembering always the reason for the season! The school will have early dismissal on Tuesday December 21st at 11:30 am. The school and school offices will be closed from December 22-January 2nd. Students return to class on January 3rd.

SMART board fund

Due to our HUGE bookfair sale the first SMART board has been ordered! It should arrive somewhere near Christmas break. Watch for details of its arrival and the celebration to follow!

Mid-Terms

The mid-quarter is December 13th. Grades 1-8 will be sending mid-terms home

with students on Friday December 17th. Look for them in your students book bag.

Symbols of the Christmas Tree

- ☆ It's Triangular shape reminds us of the Trinity
- ☆ The tree leads our eyes upwards toward God
- ☆ The always green tree helps remind us of eternal life in God
- ☆ The needles grow upward like hands praising God

Hopefully you look at your tree in a new light this Christmas.

Scrip for Christmas Shopping

Avoid the Holiday rush and order your gift cards for Holiday giving through our Scrip program. Orders are being placed weekly through December 12th. Orders are due after the Sunday worship service by the scrip table in the narthex. Any orders received in the school office on Monday will go on the next week's order.

Several gas, grocery, restaurants and other stores are available in a variety of denominations. For example, Red Lobster gives a 9% discount, that discount is split 50% to the building fund and 50% towards your tuition. In the past, some families have been able to pay for their tuition simply using scrip. Have family members order scrip through Trinity and watch your tuition decrease. There are several stores that are kept in stock and can be picked up during office hours. Please call ahead for availability.

DVD converter

The library is looking to turn over its old VHS movies and put them into DVD format. If you are in possession of a DVD converter the school would like to borrow it or give you the VHS to convert. Please contact Mrs. Bedroske in the school office if you can help.



Serving our LORD in December 2010

Elder of the Month: 5:00 pm Tom Harrmann, 9:00 am Bart Nielsen

Altar Guild: Jeri Pack, Judy Becker, Judy Stolzman



Date/Time	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes	Lectors	Communion
Dec 1 10:30am 6:30pm		Kopitske Wray/Sexmith	Cody Hanby	Connie Henkel	Harrmann/Nielsen
Dec 4 5pm Dec 5 9am	Carl Riske Barb Sexmith	Buksyk Pomerence	Jayci Mansfield	Roger Voigt Elaine Trimberger	Harrmann/Schaefer Nielsen/Kroes
Dec 8 10:30am 6:30pm		Buksyk Pomerence	Walker White	Juliet Colby	Harrmann/ Nielsen
Dec 11 5pm Dec 12 9am	Cheryl Wendler J & H Kislewski	Voigt Diesch/Maynard	Brice Sokel	Brian Wendler Terry Wray	Kraus/Buksyk Nielsen/Pomerence
Dec 15 10:30am 6:30pm	DAY	SCHOOL	CHRISTMAS	PROGRAM	No Communion
Dec 18 5pm Dec 19 9am	Ron & Bev Voster Kathy Rigotti	Harrmann Reinke/Weinig	Alex Schramper	Barb Stapleton Ann Reinke	Harrmann/Camann Nielsen/Kislewski
Dec 24 4pm 6:30pm		Sign Up Sign Up	Special Teams Special Teams		No Communion
Dec 25 10am		Sign Up	Bradley Wendler		Harrmann/Voigt
Dec 26 9am	Genevieve Mueske	Wray/Sexmith	Alexandra Woodburn	Doug Pomerence	Nielsen/Flater
Dec 31 6:30pm		Sign Up	Cody Hanby		

Notes from your Church Administrative Assistant:

1. All Visitors & Volunteers of the Church must report to the Church office & sign in when entering. For safety reasons we need to know who is in the building at all times. Thank you!
2. Missed worship? Worship Folders/Bulletins are available in the holders as you are exiting by the Office. CD's of worship services are also available-contact Elaine Weinig (470-9090) for a copy.
3. During school hours please use door #7 (parking lot with doors that face Tayco St). All other doors to the building are locked in accordance with our school policy.
4. Mailbox Tags-If you find that yours is missing.....please contact the Church Office.
5. Altar Flowers can be purchased for \$20.00 (more for special requests) for any occasion that you would like celebrated or remembered. Please mark your envelope "Altar Flowers" and place it in the offering.

OUR FOOD PANTRY

Having just gone through Thanksgiving, we remember and are thankful for the many people who have donated in the past year to our Food Pantry. Without your kind and generous gifts of money and food, we would not be able to continue this much needed service. God has given all of us many gifts to be thankful for as well as an opportunity to share our gifts with others. As the Christmas holiday approaches, please remember our pantry and those we serve.



BE WATCHFUL.....Beginning January 22, 2011, Trinity will host a soup and sandwich meal prior to the Saturday worship service. Serving will be from 4:00-4:45pm in the LFH. These meals will be offered the 4th Saturday of each month and will be free of charge. Everyone is welcome. Please watch the weekly bulletin for more details and how you can help make this outreach successful. If you have questions, contact Sandra Guiley at 920-969-0475.

YOUTH MINISTRY DECEMBER 2010

BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

The next Blended Worship for Prophetstown be January 29th and January 30th. Practices for Blended will be Monday January 17th and January 24th from 7-8:30 pm. We are looking for others to join us in this music ministry program. For more information please contact, DCE Mike Stapleton 722-2662.

Youth Christmas Parties

On Saturday, December 11th from 4-6pm will be our Youth Christmas party and gift exchange. We'll gather at the Stapleton's home at 336 Omaha Ave. in Neenah. Please call 721-9562 or 722-2662 for directions. Please bring a wrapped gift, (\$5 or less) to exchange. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. All parents are welcome to attend so please RSVP. Come for fun, food, and fellowship.

Christian Family Radio Annual Christmas Care 2010

WEMI 91.9 & WEMY 91.5 Christian Family Radios is holding their 13th Annual Christmas Care program until Dec. 7th to assist people in crisis at local shelters and emergency rooms here in the Fox Valley area. Please check out the list of items attached to the gift wrapped boxes in the Church & School entrances. Our Youth will be focusing on Teen items that are needed. Please consider filling a wrapped shoe box with NEW gifts such as toys, dolls, games, mittens, or candy for someone in need. Place a sticker on top of the gift indicating age and gender of recipient, drop your gift in the box by Dec. 5th. Items can be placed in the boxes by doors #2, #3, #5, & #7.

SPECIAL YOUTH EVENT

"We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield." Psalm 33:20

For all 6th-12th grade students. Youth Encounter "QUAKE ZONE", March 4-6, 2011 at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Speaker for the weekend will be Wes Halula and the musician will be Peder Eide. Please SIGN UP NOW to take advantage of the early bird rate of \$135 per person until January 5, 2011. A \$30 deposit is due no later than December 20th to make sure that you get the discounted rate. More information can be found on the Youth board by the church mailboxes.

YOUTH SUPERBOWL SUB SALE

Trinity's Youth SUB-SANDWICH SALE for SUPERBOWL SUNDAY 2011. Order forms will be available beginning Sunday, January 2nd. Cost is \$3 for Ham, Turkey and Salami, \$4 for Combination subs. If you order 12 subs you will receive the 13th sub for FREE. Pickup your order on Saturday, February 5th at noon in the SFH. Funds raised will help our Youth attend local, district and national events in the upcoming year. If you have any questions contact Mike Stapleton at 722-2662.

Youth Mission Statement: To place the Word of God in every young person's heart and mind. To assist them on their personal walk with Jesus. To have them committed to God and the sharing of His Word.

WORSHIP ELEMENTS

December 2010

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Advent MW 1

Order of Service: Matins/Vespers
Opening Hymn: LSB 338
Sermon Hymn: LSB 348
 Sermon Text: Mark 13:24-37
 Sermon Theme: On Your Toes
Closing Hymn: LSB 872/878
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-8:8; 1 Peter
 2:13-25; Mark 13:24-37

Weekend, December 4&5, 2010

Advent 2

Order of Service: Divine Service 2
Opening Hymn: LSB 344
Sermon Hymn: LSB 347
 Sermon Text: Isaiah 11:1-10
 Sermon Theme: Root of Jesse
Distribution Hymns: LSB 343; 341; 335
Closing Hymn: LSB 331
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans
 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

Advent MW 2

Order of Service: Matins/Vespers
Opening Hymn: LSB 332
Sermon Hymn: LSB 344
 Sermon Text: Mark 1:1-8
 Sermon Theme: On Your Knees
Closing Hymn: LSB 875/880
Readings: Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John
 2:15-29; Mark 1:1-8

Weekend, December 11&12, 2010

Advent 3

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 334
Sermon Hymn: LSB 346
 Sermon Text: Matthew 11:2-15
 Sermon Theme: Check the Record

Weekend, December 11&12, 2010 (Cont.)

Distribution Hymns: LSB 350; 352; 353
Closing Hymn: LSB 919
Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-
 11; Matthew 11:2-15

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

Advent MW 3

Order of Service: Matins/Day School Program
Opening Hymn: LSB 333
Sermon Hymn: LSB 516
 Sermon Text: Luke 1:8-23, 57-63
 Sermon Theme: With Eyes Wide Open
Closing Hymn: LSB 876
Readings: Isaiah 30:27-31:9;
 Revelation 3:1-22; Luke
 1:8-23, 57-63

Saturday, December 18, 2010

Advent 4

Order of Service: Divine Service 4
Opening Hymn: LSB 357
Sermon Hymn: LSB 357
 Sermon Text: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Sermon Theme: Immanuel
Distribution Hymns: LSB 357; 340; 349; 347
Closing Hymn: LSB 918
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans
 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Sunday, December 19, 2010

Sunday School Christmas Service

Order of Service: Divine Service 5
Opening Hymn: "Oh, Come, Little Children"
Sermon Hymn: LSB 364
 Sermon Text: Isaiah 7:10-14
 Sermon Theme: Immanuel
Distribution Hymns: LSB 392; 361; 388
Closing Hymn: LSB 387
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans
 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Friday, December 24, 2010

Christmas Eve

Order of Service: Vespers
Opening Hymn: LSB 366
Versicle Hymn: LSB 374
Response Hymn: LSB 412
Sermon Hymn: LSB 376
 Sermon Text: Isaiah 9:2-7
 Sermon Theme: Walking in Darkness
Canticle Hymn: LSB 370
Closing Hymn: LSB 363
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14;
 Luke 2:1-14

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Christmas Morning

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 379
Sermon Hymn: LSB 383
 Sermon Text: Luke 2:15-20
 Sermon Theme: Outward Celebration -
 Inward Contemplation
Distribution Hymns: LSB 380; 361; 364; 366;
 368
Closing Hymn: LSB 387
Readings: Isaiah 62:10-12; Titus 3:4-
 7; Luke 2:15-20

Saturday, December 25, 2010

Christmas Evening

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 386
Sermon Hymn: LSB 389
 Sermon Text: John 1:1-14
 Sermon Theme: Full of Grace and Truth
Distribution Hymn: LSB 358
Closing Hymn: LSB 367
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews
 1:1-6; John 1:1-14

Sunday, December 26, 2010

St. Stephen, First Martyr

Order of Service: Divine Service 1
Opening Hymn: LSB 644

Sunday, December 26, 2010 (Cont.)

Sermon Hymn: LSB 661
 Sermon Text: Matthew 23:34-39
 Sermon Theme: St. Stephen, First Martyr
Distribution Hymns: LSB 940; 621; 622
Closing Hymn: LSB 920
Readings: 2 Chronicles 24:17-22; Acts
 6:8-7:2a, 51-60; Matthew
 23:34-39

Friday, December 31, 2010

New Year's Eve

Order of Service: Divine Service 3
Opening Hymn: LSB 887
Sermon Hymn: LSB 899
 Sermon Text: Psalm 27
 Sermon Theme: The Lord Is My Light
Distribution Hymns: LSB 900; 623; 625
Closing Hymn: LSB 889
Readings: Isaiah 30:15-17; Romans
 8:31b-39; Luke 12:35-40