

April 1 & 2, 2023 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, April 1: Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Worship Service

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Ed Hour and Sunday School

Monday, April 3: Monday of Holy Week

Rev. Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Sewing
5:30 PM Adult Information Class
6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 4: Tuesday of Holy Week

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study
6:30 PM Board Meetings

Wednesday, April 5: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday, April 6: Maundy Thursday

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
12:00 PM School Noon Dismissal
6:30 PM Worship Service—Choir Sings

Friday, April 7: Good Friday—Church Office Closed

10:30 AM Cross Walk from Riverside Park, Neenah
12:00 PM Tre Ore Service
6:30 PM Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil

5:00 PM Worship Service
6:00 PM Prayer Vigil

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday—Choir Sings

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 AM Easter Breakfast
9:00 AM Worship Service
NO Ed Hour or Sunday School

✠ We Pray For...✠

The Sick: Rick Ascher, Kathy Baehman, Jan Bathke, Mark and Jean Becker, Shannon Braun, Michael Burns, David Cotter, Jean Damon, Matt Daniels, Ed Diesch, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Dennis & Judith Durkey, Carol Evensen, George Engele, Frank Erdmann, Shirley Fleischer, Bruce Gast, Donald Gehrt, Michael Hastings, Blaine Henkel, Colyn Hopfensperger, Mary Howden, Darius Jones, Gary Kaye, Peter Keller, Brenda Kempf, Carla Kobs, Sam Koch, Dottie Kraus, Karen Lambert, Jackie Lenox, Michelle Mahoney, Betsy Meverden, Donna Mies, Mlodik Family, Dianne Olsen, Lisa Olson, Lynn Olson, Julia Peterson, Norb Pomerence, Joan Reinke, Kathy Rigotti, LeRoy Schaefer, Dan Schael, Ray Schroeder, Sam & Amy Schroeder, Jordan Schroeter, JoAnn Smoody, Scott Steenepoorte, Liz Swaney, Bud Tschirgi, Joyce Virchow, Emil Vozka, Carla Watson, Merle Webber, Kurt Wendler, Laverne Werth, Dorothy Wirth, Terry Wray.

Celebrating Birthdays: Linda Eckrich, Joan Alliet, Sandra Bengs, Logan Wendler, Michael Godwin, Brian Reichert, Ann Sokel, and Phyllis Moran.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries: Richard and Nancy Burrows.

§ SCRIP News §

SCRIP is sold in the Church & School Office Mon.-Fri. from 8:00AM-3:45 PM, and in the narthex before and after worship services.

Special Rebates!:

Grocery Only Kwik Trip Scrip at 20%; Regular Kwik Trip & Tom's Drive In-10%

School & School Office is closed April 6th - 14th for Easter Vacation. Classes resume Monday, April 17th.

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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"Like" Us on Facebook

Altar Flowers

The flowers have been given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

This Weekend's Banner

"I Do So Intend by the Grace of God"
"He Comes"

✠ Stewardship Lesson ✠

Matthew 21:3 - "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Did Jesus really *need* the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church.

Wednesday Evening Services resume April 19th. The service will be a repeat of the prior weekend service.

Trinity Shut-Ins

There are several new faces on our shut-in list at Trinity, along with numerous folks that have not been able to worship with us for some time. The photos, addresses and phone numbers are updated and are visible in the narthex. Please remember these wonderful people in your prayers, send them a card or a note, give them a call, or even make a visit. It is a blessing to be able to see them and experience a wealth of knowledge. We are so very grateful to Reverend Alliet for his ongoing visits as these individuals look so forward to his visits and being spiritually fed with the Word and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Happy Birthday!

Help Norb Pomerence Celebrate His 94th Birthday!

April 17th is Norb's birthday. Norb and his family are inviting the members of Trinity to stop by Oak Park Place on **Sunday, April 16th**, to wish him a Happy Birthday and visit a little while.

Oak Park Place
2205 Midway Road • Menasha
1:00-4:00 PM • Brin Hall
(Brin Hall is on the right as you enter)

Trinity's Food Pantry

This month, our Pantry needs are Pancake Mix, Chicken Noodle Soup, Jello, Pudding, Canned Fruit, Laundry Detergent and Tomato Soup. If someone you know would benefit from the Food Pantry, please call or text Steve Reinke at (920) 540-5090.

Thank you for all that you do to support our Food Pantry!

Holy Communion

We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with one of the Pastors.

Trinity Gallery Choir

Trinity's Gallery Choir is now meeting weekly, Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. If time is an issue contact Connie Henkel, (920) 257-6590.

Gluten-Free Hosts Available

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

✠ Serving Our Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, April 1: PALM SUNDAY

Elder on Duty: *David Little*
Usher Team: *Jerry Maynard*
Communion Assistant: *Lee Colby*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Barb Kester*
Acolyte: *Donovan Rausch*

Sunday, 9:00 AM, April 2: PALM SUNDAY

Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Steve Sexmith*
Communion Assistant: *Scott Gutzmann*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Greeter: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Levi Kroes*

Thursday, 6:30 PM, April 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY

Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*
Communion Asst.:
Greeter: *Barb Kester/Jane Nielsen*
Altar Guild: *Shirley Fleischer*
Acolyte: *Cecelia Street*

Friday, April 7: GOOD FRIDAY

Tre Ore Service

12:00 PM Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*
Greeter: *Kester/Nielsen*

Tenebrae Service

6:30 PM Usher Team: *Maynard/Sexmith*
Greeter: *Kester/Nielsen*
Acolyte: *S. Gast/S. Kroes*

Good Friday Cross Walk

Join us as we walk to Trinity for the Noon *Tre Ore* Service to remember our Lord's suffering on the cross.



Friday, April 7, 2023

We meet at 10:30 AM at the fountain in Riverside Park, on Wisconsin Avenue, in Neenah.



✠ Serving Our Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, April 8: HOLY SATURDAY

Elder on Duty: *Alan Manteufel/Tom Harrmann*
Usher Team: *Lee Colby*
Communion Asst: *Ian Thomas*
Altar Guild: *Jackie Bouchard*
Greeter: *Dan & Peggy Dahms*
Acolyte: *Melani Gast/Dylan Kobs*

Sunday, April 9: EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Elder on Duty: *Brian Ratzburg*
Usher Team: *Collingwood/Volunteers*
Altar Guild: *Jean Zeinert*
Acolyte: *Ava Schmidt*
9:00 AM Elder on Duty: *Craig Thomas*
Usher Team: *Collingwood/Volunteers*
Greeter: *Rosemary Collingwood*
Altar Guild: *Jane Nielsen*
Acolyte: *Emma Schmidt*



Announcing ... 🎵

🎵 A premier **HANDBELL CONCERT** ... HERE ...

at Trinity Lutheran Church & School!!

on 12 APRIL at 7:00pm 🎵 🎵 🎵

featuring **ALLELUIA RINGERS!!**

Prof. Mark Bloedow, Director
(Concordia University – Mequon, WI)

A reception and light refreshments will follow the concert!

A Freewill Offering will be taken at the recital
with all proceeds going to Trinity's
purchase of Handbells. ☺



Don't miss this spectacular event! If you have questions, call the
church office (920-722-2662) or Rose (608-213-2644)

Trinity Lutheran School

LIFTED FOR LIFE

John 12:27-43

“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die” (JOHN 12:32-33).

How much can you lift? When are you asked to lift things?

Today’s Bible verse has a lifting demonstration and lesson for us.

As the all-powerful Son of God, Jesus could have lifted anything He wanted. As a helper in Joseph’s carpenter shop, Jesus may have lifted wood or a hammer. As the Friend of children, Jesus lifted children into His arms. Jesus lifted a lunch of loaves and fish and gave thanks to His heavenly Father.

However, Jesus did not come for any physical lifting demonstrations. Jesus came to be lifted onto the cross. Jesus prophesied His death by saying, “when I am lifted up from the earth.” On the way to the cross, Jesus was asked to lift His own cross until it got too heavy for Him and the soldiers volunteered the help of Simon of Cyrene.

We are worshiping in Holy Week. Jesus’ life on earth was about to end. Jesus’ three years of preaching, teaching and working miracles were about to end. The purpose of Jesus’ coming was to be lifted up on the cross.

Sin is like carrying heavy, heavy weights around with us all the time. We may try to carry them, but they are far too heavy for us. We would be crushed by the weight of our sin. However, God the Father took on the weight of sin from us and puts it on Jesus. Jesus carried a really, really heavy load to the cross.

This week we will hear Jesus’ seven statements from the cross. One of Jesus’ statements was “It is finished” (John 19:30). Jesus’ life was done. Jesus’ mission was accomplished. The load was lifted from us and put on Jesus.

With the load of sin taken from us, we are free to worship and serve Jesus as His disciples. It’s a special week in our church and school. It’s the week where we especially think of Jesus’ suffering and death for us. When we see pictures of Jesus on the cross, we can think, “He lifted my load of sin.” As His disciples, we thank and praise Him this week and always.

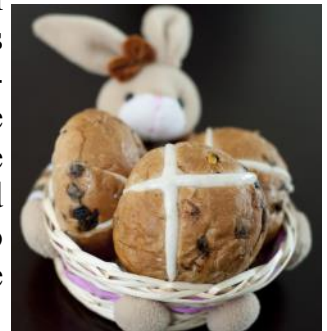
Dear Jesus, You came to be lifted to Your cross. During this Holy Week, take our eyes and our hearts to Your cross so that we might see and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation through the cross. Bless us and all Your disciples in this Holy Week of worship. Amen.

HAPPENINGS AT TRINITY SCHOOL APRIL 2-8

- Sun. APR 2: 9:00 am Palm Sunday with Baptisms and Adult Confirmations
- Wed. APR 5: 8:45 am Chapel
- Thur. APR 6: Noon Dismissal
- Sun. APR 9: Easter Breakfast 7:30 am
6:30 & 9:00 am Easter Services

Join Us For Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 9th from 7:30-9:00 am. A free-will offering is greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex to help or donate items.



Join Us During The Season of Lent

Midweek Series: *Our Ordinary Lenten Exodus* (These services will combine the story of God's rescue of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt, with Jesus' rescue of us from our slavery to sin and death, and how that great rescue is presented to us in the "ordinaries" of the liturgy.)

Maundy Thursday April 6 **9:00 AM and 6:30 PM**
"Everything Old Is New Again" Exodus 24:3-11; Hebrews 9:11-22; Matthew 26:17-30

Good Friday TreOre April 7 **12:00-3:00 PM**

Good Friday Vespers April 7 **6:30 PM**
"When Push Comes to Shove, God is Love" Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; John 18-19

Easter Vigil April 8 **5:00 PM**
"The Night That Changed Everything"

Easter April 9 **6:30 AM and 9:00 AM**
"The More Things Change . . ." Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Isaiah 65:17-25



CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO THE

LWML Zone 11 Spring Rally

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Registration Opens at 8:45 AM • Devotion at 9:15 AM

Breakfast Brunch to Follow

"Something Wonderful Happened Here; A Visit to The Holy Land"

Reverend Timothy and Deb Kinne

There is a sign-up on the spinner in the Narthex. Please indicate the number of persons attending, OR you may call or email Dottie Kraus at: (920) 991-2705/rkraus001@gmail.com by April 14, 2023.