



# January 10 & 11, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

### Saturday, January 10: The Baptism of Our Lord

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

### Monday, January 12:

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 13:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, January 14:

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

### Thursday, January 15:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

### Friday, January 16:

### Saturday, January 17:

9:00 AM Taking Down of the Greens

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, January 18:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Musical Offering:

Handbell Choir: "Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering" - Gertrude Schickele

## ✠ We Pray For... ✠

**The Sick:** Dave & Eileen Acker, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, Barbara Bartel, Mark & Jean Becker, Elisabeth Billings, Jasen Brown, Michael Burns, Carrie Collins, Jeff Dionne, Tom Drum, Judith Durkey, David Edwards, 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, 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 Trimmerger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Charlotte Elliott, Heather Fink, Tammy Hertziger, Bart Nielsen, Alexandra Reuning, Daniel Schmidt, Lynne Schroeder, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony Van Ark and Roger Vogt.

**Celebrating Anniversaries:** David & Mae Joerndt and Brandon & Angela Hurst.

**Those Grieving:** The Family of Robert "Bob" Lephart



## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

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### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given this weekend in honor of  
Char Elliott’s 95<sup>th</sup> birthday by her family.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Baptism”

## † 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](mailto:Property@TrinityMenasha.com)** and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** **“Ezra” and “Nehemiah”**  
10:30 AM with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** **“What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School”** with  
10:30 AM Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY:** Women’s Bible Study  
6:30 PM **“Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength** by Deb Burma,  
Contact: Connie Henkel,  
Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY:** **Ladies Bible Study**  
6:30 AM 200 W Packard, Appleton  
Contact: Dottie Kraus  
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY:** Men’s Bible Study  
6:00 AM **“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.

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**9:00 AM Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Join us as we take down the greens.**  
**We will meet in the narthex!**

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## ✠ Serving the Lord This 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

## ✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

### Saturday, 5:00 PM, January 17:

Elder on Duty: Roger Voigt  
Usher Team: Roger Voigt  
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

### Sunday, 9:00 AM, January 18:

Elder on Duty: DuWayne Griepentrog  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig  
Altar Guild: Brad & Karen Perry  
Flower Delivery: Brad & Karen Perry  
Greeter: Jane Nielsen  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

## 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).

## 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.



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

## \$ 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!

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

# Is Water Safe?

## Psalm 29

*<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>8</sup>The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup>The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever. <sup>11</sup>May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!*

Honestly, water can be pretty destructive, can't it? Water can be dangerous and life-threatening, from hurricanes to tsunamis to floods.

Psalm 29 describes God's judgment upon the world in the flood, which we learned about in the Book of Genesis when we learned about Noah and the ark.

Psalm 29 says, "The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful" (**Psalm 29:3–4a**).

The voice of the Lord is powerful, and in the flood, His voice causes the waters to spill forth, cut down trees, flatten hills and bring all the world's living creatures into a watery grave. The voice of the Lord is indeed powerful!

Have you ever heard this voice of the Lord? You have heard it at the baptismal font when you were baptized. Just as God the Father spoke over His Son at His Baptism, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (**Matt. 3:17**),

He said the same thing over you when you were brought to the font and baptized.

In fact, just as the flood washed the world clean of all evil and sin, your Baptism now saves you and cleanses you of all your sins (**1 Peter 3:21**).

In a way, as St. Paul writes in Romans chapter 6, the font becomes a watery grave where you are buried with Jesus and given new life! St. Paul says, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (**Rom. 6:4**).

And just as Noah and his family were kept safe in the ark, you are now kept safe in this church. This is why many churches often look like an upside-down ship; the ark of the church is where you are safe from the dangerous storms of life.

So remember, when you sin or if you become scared, how the water of your Baptism removes your sin and unites you with your Savior, Jesus Christ. "Baptism now saves you!" (**1 Peter 3:21**).

### PRAYER

Almighty God, thank You for marking us as Your children through Baptism. Remind us every day that we belong to You, and calm our fears with the promises You give to us in Your powerful Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Events Around School

- January 12 9 am Opening Devotion  
3:45 pm Chess Club
- January 13 9 am Opening Devotion  
3:45 pm Basketball Game at Holy Spirit Catholic W2796 County Hwy KK, Appleton
- January 14 9 am School Chapel  
12:30 pm 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> PAC  
Winston Churchill
- January 15 9 am Opening Devotion  
430 pm Basketball game vs Celebration @ Home
- January 16 9 am Opening Devotion  
12:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Barlow Planetarium