



# February 7 & 8, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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## ✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

### Saturday, February 7:

**SOUP & BREAD SALE: BEFORE & AFTER SERVICE**

5:00 PM Divine Service

**GAME NIGHT FOLLOWING SERVICE**

### Sunday, February 8:

**SOUP & BREAD SALE BEFORE & AFTER SERVICE**

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

### Monday, February 9:

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, February 10:

6:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (see location p. 2)

6:30 PM Board of Directors Meeting

### Wednesday, February 11:

5:00 PM Confirmation Classes

### Thursday, February 12:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study

5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal

### Friday, February 13:

### Saturday, February 14:

9:30 AM Food Pantry

5:00 PM Divine Service

### Sunday, February 15:

9:00 AM Divine Service

10:30 AM Education Hour

## GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

## ✝ 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, Char Elliott, Russell Elliott, Sara Flater, Robert & Karon Flater, Shirley Fleischer, Lorna Forbes, Lana Gast, 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, Diane Peotter, 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 Trimberger, Joyce Tschirgi, Tony & Shellie Van Ark, Joyce Virchow, Rudy Vitek, Kurt Wendler, LaVerne Werth and Martin Wiese.

**Those with Birthdays:** Lorna Forbes, Alex Friebe, Skylar Gast, Gavin Lindner, Alan Manteufel, John Maynard, Kaylee Olson, Randy Ross, Ava Schmidt, Henry Schmidt, Martin Schramper, Amy Siegel & Garza Torres.

**Those Celebrating Anniversaries:** Roy & Ruby Mehl and Scott & Sandy Meyer.

**Those Grieving:** The family of Mary Howden.

### **Musical Offering:**

Saturday & Sunday Divine Services  
Ensemble: "In Christ Alone"

## News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: [www.trinitymenasha.com](http://www.trinitymenasha.com) or  
“Like” Us on Facebook.

### Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by the Ladies Aid  
to the glory of God.

### This Weekend’s Banners

“Salted for Service” & “One Message Christ”

## † Stewardship †

Matthew 5:17 – *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”* We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

### FACILITY ISSUES – 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.

### Adopt-a-Bill Update

In the last 6 months we’ve gone from washing away bills to pennies and money plants. Our progress is hard to track. Some months have been very noticeable, some not so much. Consensus is, it’s a project worth the effort.

For the next few weeks, the **Adopt-a-Bill** table will be in the center of the room again. In respect for Lent, it will move to the short wall by the Coatroom, as it was for Christmas.

**LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT PENNIES FROM HEAVEN.....** Pennies are being collected. Businesses don’t want them, and they add a lot of weight to your pocket. Add them to the jugs and watch them add up. A bookmark with the poem is for you to take and share. There is also a **MONEY TREE** holding **Silver Dollar** pods with Adopt-a-Bill strips. Instructions will be by the Tree so you can **GROW YOUR OWN MONEY** Plant.

## BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School K4—4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
**10:30 AM** with Elizabeth GeRue—3<sup>rd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom
- SUNDAY:** “Ezra” and “Nehemiah”  
**10:30 AM** with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY:** “What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School” with Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room  
**10:30 AM** Women’s Bible Study
- MONDAY:** “Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Public Library  
**6:30 PM**
- TUESDAY:** Ladies Bible Study  
**6:30 AM** 3485 Thornberry Dr., 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.



✠ Serving the Lord This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, February 7:

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Gast/Corrente Teams  
Communion Asst.: *To Be Determined*  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Greeter: Dan & Peggy Dahms  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Sunday, 9:00 AM, February 8:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen  
Usher Team: Dave Collingwood  
Communion Asst: Dave Collingwood  
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas  
Greeter: Rosemary Collingwood  
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

**Handbells - 3<sup>rd</sup> Octave**  
Ordered! ...  
**\$\$ DUE AT SHIP-DATE ...1 APRIL!!**  
**TOTAL \$8355.00**

Looking for ANY donations  
to the "CAUSE" ...  

*If you'd like to put \$\$ toward  
the Handbell Purchase, PLEASE  
feel free to do so!!*

**"Handbell - 3<sup>rd</sup> Octave" envelopes available in  
the Narthex, Church Office (& Rose). Fill out front  
of envelope, place check or \$\$ in envelope &  
deliver to Office or Rose BEFORE 29 March.  
(Checks to: Trinity LC, memo: Handbells-3rd)**

**\$ 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 and Fleet Farm have increased their rebate. **This is for a limited time only!**

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, February 14:

Elder on Duty: David Little  
Usher Team: Roger Voigt  
Communion Asst.: Ian Thomas  
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert  
Greeter: JoAnn Schultz  
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, February 15:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen  
Usher Team: Steve Sexmith  
Communion Asst: Scott Gutzmann  
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows  
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows  
Greeter: Jane Nielsen  
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

**FOOD PANTRY**

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Manwich, 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!

**"SOUP'er BOWL FOOD DRIVE"**

It would be just **SUPER** if you could bring a can/s of **SOUP** to help stock Trinity's Food Pantry to help stretch our resources through the rest of the season. This Super Bowl weekend look for our display in the Narthex to place your donations.

**Join the winning team and support  
our mission to help our neighbors!**

THANK YOU

TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

# Light of the World

## Psalm 112:1-9

<sup>1</sup>**Praise the LORD!**

***Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!***

<sup>2</sup>***His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.***

<sup>3</sup>***Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.***

<sup>4</sup>***Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.*** <sup>5</sup>***It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.***

<sup>6</sup>***For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.*** <sup>7</sup>***He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.*** <sup>8</sup>***His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.***

<sup>9</sup>***He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.***

How many of you leave lights on in your house?

A light left on in a room with no one in it is useless, right? It is considered wasteful to leave lights on because it costs money and doesn't benefit or help anyone.

However, is there a light we should all desire to have on all the time?

Remember, a couple of weeks ago, we heard Jesus say, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

How great is this? Jesus, the light of the world is with you!

And now Jesus said today in St. Matthew, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it

under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

This is what Psalm 112 is leading us to understand: when we fear and trust in God above all things (Psalm 112:1), He is with us and dwells within our hearts, and we become the light in the darkness of this world, the ones who are gracious, merciful and righteous (Psalm 112:4).

We don't want to hide this light of love and kindness from others, do we? No! In fact, we want to always leave this light on so others will see, so remember that in Holy Baptism, you were joined to Christ Jesus and He now abides in you.

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You are the true light shining in the darkness. Illuminate our lives with Your light. So that we too may share Your light of salvation with this darkened world. In Your name we pray. Amen.

### Events Around School

February 9 9 am Opening Devotion  
3:45 pm Chess Club  
3:45 pm Instructional Basketball  
February 10 9 am Opening Devotion  
February 11 9 am School Chapel  
February 12 9 am Opening Devotion  
February 13 9 am Opening Devotion



**Monday, FEBRUARY 9 • 5-8PM**

**Join us in supporting Trinity Lutheran Menasha 5th - 8th Graders, as 15% of all sales will be donated, including sales of gift cards!**

**Thank you for your support!**

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# HYMN OF THE DAY ~ How Deep the Father's Love

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1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his  
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has  
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

## A Tribute to Our Parish Nurse Mary Howden, RN

Our dear parish nurse, Mary Howden, passed very peacefully into her Savior's arms on Friday, January 30th.

She had entered hospice status on Tuesday of that week. She was sent off with a backpack full of love from her beloved Trinity Family, as her Trinity sisters were with her every waking hour from the time she entered hospice.

She enjoyed many visitors during those days through Thursday evening and even had advice for us. She verbalized her readiness to meet her Lord many times over along with expressing her love and gratitude for her Trinity Family.

Mary loved all of us and cherished her time as a member of our Family. She would want all of us to know how much we meant to her. As we continue our own journeys, we ask our Lord to help us reach out to others and to love and care for them as we did for our Mary.



*Till we meet again dear sister!*

# NEIGHBORS

*Supporting Neighbors*



**MONDAY • FEBRUARY 9 • 5-8PM**

Join us in supporting Trinity Lutheran School, as 15% of all sales will be donated.

There's no limit to how much heart you can put into the community - and we're always looking for opportunities for neighbors to help neighbors. Join us and consider giving what you can to our local cause today.

Thank you for your support!



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## Do you like to read?

The students at Trinity are participating in their annual **Fang's Reading Program**, and we'd like to offer you a chance to get involved by taking some time to read. At the end of the program, there is an opportunity to celebrate by going to a Timber Rattlers game.

Here's the adult challenge—Parents, Grandparents, Congregation Members:



We'd like to challenge **YOU** in the next four weeks (February 9-March 8) to read 2 hours each week—not social media or emails—but books or magazine articles--the Bible would be a great choice! If you complete that goal, fill out the form below to put your name in a drawing for a pair of ticket vouchers to our school game day, on **Thursday, May 28 @ 6:40 p.m.**

## Enjoy Reading Again!!!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # or Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read 2 hours for each of the four weeks for  
The Fang's Reading Program.

Please fill out and put the form in the container  
near the Scrip area. Drawing will be after March 15.