

February 14 & 15, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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✠ This Week at Trinity ✠

Saturday, February 14: TRANSFIGURATION

9:30 AM Food Pantry
5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, February 15: TRANSFIGURATION

9:00 AM Divine Service
10:30 AM Education Hour

Monday, February 16: Funeral for Richard Evensen

Pastor Billings' Sabbath
9:00 AM Shelter Sewing
9:30-11 AM Visitation for Richard Evensen
11:00 AM Funeral for Richard Evensen
6:00 PM At Home Prayer
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study (Men. Pub. Lib)

Tuesday, February 17:

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

Wednesday, February 18: ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM & 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Services
5:00 PM Confirmation Classes
5:15 PM Lenten Meal
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Divine Service

Thursday, February 19:

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study
5:15 PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal

Friday, February 20:

Saturday, February 21: Funeral for Mary Howden

9-11 AM Visitation for Mary Howden
11:00 AM Funeral for Mary Howden
5:00 PM Divine Service

Sunday, February 22: LENT 1

9:00 AM Divine Service
10:30 AM Education Hour

✠ We Pray For... ✠

The Sick: Dave & Eileen Acker, Kathy Baehman, Tom Baer, Jared Bahn, Steve Baldauf, 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 Steenpoorte, 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: Carol Evensen, Rev. Keith GeRue, Alayna Hopfensperger, Sue Maynard, Roy Mehl, Bradley Perry, Ellen Rivord, Sophia Siegel and Rita Wilke.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries: Gary & Linda Bartelme and David & Rosemary Collingwood.

Those Grieving: The family of Barbara Bartel.

Musical Offering
Wednesday, February 18
Ensemble: "Just As I Am"

News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: www.trinitymenasha.com or
“Like” Us on Facebook.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are given by the Altar Guild
to the glory of God.

This Weekend’s Banners

“Crown Him the Lord of Life” & “Lord It Is
Good To Be Here”

† Stewardship †

Matthew 17:8 – *“And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.”* Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

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** and a member of the Board of Properties will get back to you.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Board of Properties would like to start a fund to purchase a new floor scrubber.

The current unit is 20 years-old, and the maintenance costs continue to increase. Estimated purchase cost of a new unit is \$6,000. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please mark your envelope with Floor Scrubber Replacement Fund.

\$ 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!**

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY:** Sunday School K4—4th Grade
10:30 AM with Elizabeth GeRue—3rd -4th 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
10:30 AM Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
Women’s Bible Study
- MONDAY:** *“Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength* by Deb Burma,
6:30 PM Contact: Connie Henkel,
Menasha Public Library
- 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 *“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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

✠ Serving the Lord This 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

Wed, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, February 18:

9 AM Elder on Duty: TBD
6:30 PM Elder on Duty: TBD
Usher Team: Voigt & Sexmith Teams
9 AM Communion Asst: TBD
6:30 PM Communion Asst: TBD
Altar Guild: 9:00 AM Jean Zeinert
Altar Guild: 6:30 PM Carol Evensen
Acolyte: 6:30 PM Robbie Kohler

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, February 21:

Elder on Duty: David Little
Usher Team: Robert Allen
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Betty Allen
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, February 22:

Elder on Duty: Bart Nielsen
Usher Team: Lee Weinig
Communion Asst: Lee Weinig
Altar Guild: Gail Burrows
Flower Delivery: Gail Burrows
Greeter: *Volunteer Needed*
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wed, 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, February 25:

6:30 PM ONLY, Elder on Duty: TBD
Both Services Usher Team: Allen & Weinig Teams
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

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!

Don't forget our "SOUP'er BOWL FOOD DRIVE"! Bring cans of soup to help stock Trinity's Food Pantry to stretch our resources through the rest of the season.

Lenten Meal – February 18 • 5:15 PM

Hosted by the Board of Outreach & Social Ministry
Menu: Taco Bar with Chicken or Beef, Hard and Soft Shells, Tostitos Chips, Taco Fixings, Desserts, and Beverages.

Handbells – 3rd 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 – 3rd 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)

TRANSFIGURATION

Psalm 2:6-12

⁶*“As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”*

⁷*I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my
Son; today I have begotten you.*

⁸*Ask of me, and I will make the nations
your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your
possession.*

⁹*You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a
potter’s vessel.”*

¹⁰*Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.*

¹¹*Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.*

¹²*Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you
perish in the way, for his wrath is
quickly kindled.*

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Today, we heard God the Father repeat the words He spoke at the Baptism of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. He said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” **(Matt. 17:5)**. But why does God the Father repeat these words?

The truth is we humans are not always the best listeners. While you certainly know you are sons and daughters of your parents, and that you should always listen to them, sometimes you become distracted by the television, toys or the world around you.

So, like parents, God the Father repeats His words so that Peter, James and John will know and believe Jesus is His Son.

He does this because Peter, James and John will now journey with Jesus to the cross. They are going to become confused as Jesus is

arrested. They may even be filled with doubt as Jesus hangs upon the cross.

But as parents say “I love you” over and over again to remind you of their affection, the words of God the Father ring loudly as He spoke over Jesus, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” **(Matt. 17:5)**.

He wants Peter, James, John and you to remember that Jesus is His Son, whom He sent to redeem the world **(John 3:16)**.

Psalm 2 teaches us that God the Father sent His Son as our heavenly King. His throne was the cross, but His blood fulfilled God’s promise to send a Savior and establish a heritage for His people.

A heritage is often seen as something passed down to children from their parents. The gift you receive as God’s children is His peace and forgiveness, a place in His eternal kingdom.

So, let us celebrate the coming of God’s own Son today, and look forward to Easter and the world’s redemption with great joy!

PRAYER

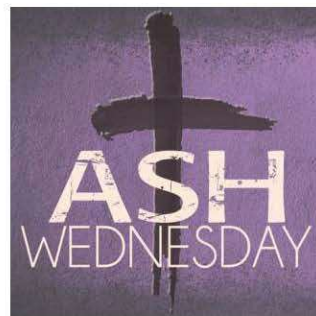
Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Jesus as Your beloved Son at the Transfiguration. Sustain our faith in the sure and certain knowledge that Christ died and rose again for our salvation, as we await His second coming. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Events Around School

February 16 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day
February 17 9:00 am Opening Devotion
February 18 9:00 am Ash Wednesday Service
February 19 9:00 am Opening Devotion
February 20 9:00 am Opening Devotion
2:30 pm Electives



Join Us as We Begin the Season of Lent
with Ash Wednesday Divine Services
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
9:00 AM or 6:30 PM
(Lenten Meal at 5:15 PM)



The theme of our Lent midweek meditations this year is: The Angels of the Passion. This is just a fun way for me to try to tell the passion account in a creative way. Yes, I've taken some poetic license here, but believe I remain faithful and true to the passion account. I hope this make you think about the passion account in a new way and grow in appreciation for it and all that God has done for us.

Midweek Services: 9:00 am & 6:30 pm

Lenten Dinners are on Wednesday:
February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 5:15 PM,
with the Divine Service to follow.





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 adults challenge—Parents, Grandparents, Congregation Members:



We'd like to challenge **YOU** in the next four weeks (Feb. 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 didn't see this to start last week, you can still start this week—just finish by March 15!

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.**

(If you want to do the challenge, but not be in the drawing—just write that On your entry form. We'd still like to know how many adults participated!)

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.

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Monday, February 23, 2026 | 4:30pm-7:00pm

Place a mobile order or order in person at Chick-fil-A Appleton.



- Mobile order: Toggle on "Support Community Care Event."
- In person: Before you order, let our team know you are there to support Trinity Lutheran School.

We will donate 20% of your order total to the Trinity Lutheran School!



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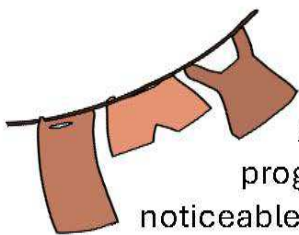


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Adopt-a-Bill Update



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.



You will also see a **MONEY TREE** holding **Silver Dollar** pods with Adopt a Bill strips and a small bag with seeds. Instructions are by the Tree with how to **GROW YOUR OWN MONEY Plant**.

