



February 21 & 22, 2026 Weekly Bulletin

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✝ This Week at Trinity ✝

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

Monday, February 23:

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 24:

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

Wednesday, February 25: Lent 1 Mid-Week

- 9:00 AM Lenten Morning Prayer
- 5:00 PM Confirmation Classes
- 5:15 PM Lenten Meal
- 6:30 PM Lenten Order of Compline

Thursday, February 26:

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

Friday, February 27:

Saturday, February 28: Lent 2

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

Sunday, March 1: Lent 2

- 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: Jeff Groshek, Robert Hopfensperger, Dylan Kobs, Carl Kohler, Todd Kohler, Burnette Pagel, Carl Riske, Jean Toepler and Mya Worm.

Those Celebrating Anniversaries: Blaine & Connie Henkel and Jerry & Diane Peotter.

Trinity Lutheran School Dine Out
February 23rd • 4:30 - 7:00 PM
Chick-fil-A Dine Out
3775 W College Ave, Appleton

Ordering in person: Before you order, let Chick-fil-A know you are there to support Trinity Lutheran School.



News, Events, Requests, Etc.

Visit us at: 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

“Let the Son Shine Through”

† Stewardship †

Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

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.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

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

BIBLE STUDIES

- SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** Sunday School K4—4th Grade with Elizabeth GeRue—3rd -4th Grade Classroom
- SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** “Ezra” and “Nehemiah” with Pastors Billings & Alliet—SFH
- SUNDAY: 10:30 AM** “What They Didn’t Teach You in Sunday School” with Pastor GeRue, Conf. Room
- MONDAY: 6:30 PM** Women’s Bible Study
“Leaning on Jesus” A Study of God’s Strength by Deb Burma, Contact: Connie Henkel, Menasha Public Library
- TUESDAY: 6:30 AM** Ladies Bible Study
3485 Thornberry Dr., Appleton
Contact: Dottie Kraus
All are welcome!
- THURSDAY: 6:00 AM** Men’s Bible Study
“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.

\$ 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 This Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, February 21:

Elder on Duty: David Little
Usher Team: Robert Allen
Communion Asst.: Dan Siebert
Altar Guild: Shirley Fleischer
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:

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

✠ Serving the Lord Next Weekend ✠

Saturday, 5:00 PM, February 28:

Elder on Duty: David Little
Usher Team: Jerry Maynard
Communion Asst.: Vern Jahsman
Altar Guild: Jean Zeinert
Greeter: Barbara Kester
Acolyte: Richie Sprouse

Sunday, 9:00 AM, March 1:

Elder on Duty: Michael Bekx
Usher Team: Jim Wittmann
Communion Asst: Paul Collingwood
Altar Guild: Jill & Craig Thomas
Flower Delivery: Jill & Craig Thomas
Greeter: Connie Henkel
Acolyte: Emma Anderson

Wed. 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM, March 4:

Elder on Duty, 6:30 PM ONLY: TBD
Both Services Usher Teams: Maynard/Wittmann
Acolyte: Robbie Kohler

FOOD PANTRY

This month our Pantry is in need of Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, 64 oz. Bottled Juice, Chicken Noodle Soup, Tomato Soup, Toilet Paper, 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!

Lenten Meal – February 25 • 5:15 PM

Hosted by the Board of Christian Education

Menu: Two kinds of chili: beef or turkey to include toppings: sour cream and cheese; vegetable & dip platter, cheese and crackers, beverages: milk, juice, and water, and dessert.

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)

Lamb Cake Sale \$20 Coming Soon!

Funds will benefit the 3rd Octave purchase.

Help Us Wish Burnette Pagel a Happy 100th Birthday!

Our sister in Christ, Burnette Pagel, is turning 100 years old on February 27! Birthday cards are in the narthex. Fill one out and leave it in the basket, or mail it to Burnette at:
c/o Waupaca Park Vista Retirement, 950 County Road QQ #136
Waupaca, WI 54981



TEMPTATION Psalm 32:1–7

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

²Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

⁵I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

⁷You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

What scares you in this life? What would cause you to go and hide under a blanket, your bed or in a closet?

Our psalm today helps us learn again where we are to run, not only when we might become scared but especially when the devil is tempting us to sin and turn away from God.

But our psalm says, "You [God] are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance" (**Psalm 32:7**).

God is your protection from all the temptations and troubles of life.

What causes you to hide from God? It's your sin.

So how do we avoid being tempted to sin, to break God's Law?

Look to Jesus in our reading from St. Matthew: How did Jesus respond in the desert to the temptations of Satan? He found a refuge in the Word of God. His greatest weapon against the temptations of Satan was His Word.

Jesus also teaches us that when we're scared, in need, or when trouble is near, and when we sin against God, we must go to God's Word. The Word of God is our ultimate refuge and place of safety; His Word of grace and forgiveness will deliver us.

As we journey through Lent, learn to confess your sins before God, seek refuge in Him and know that Jesus's death on the cross relieves you from all the attacks of Satan and sin.

PRAYER

Merciful Lord, thank You for being our refuge and hiding place. When temptations scare us and sin weighs us down, assure us of Your love for us in Christ Jesus, that in Him we are forgiven, and in Him we are Yours. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Events Around School

February 23 9:00 am Opening Devotion
4:30 – 7:00 pm Dining Out
Chick-fil A

February 24 9:00 am Opening Devotion
2:30 pm Electives
3:45 pm Boys Volleyball
Practice

February 25 9:00 am Lenten Service

February 26 9:00 am Opening Devotion
9:30 am 3rd – 6th PAC
3:45 pm Boys Volleyball
Practice

February 27 9:00 am Opening Devotion



Interest/Volunteer Survey

The Board of Education is assessing the possibility of reinstating Vacation Bible School at Trinity this summer and would appreciate your help and input. Please take a moment and fill out this short survey about Vacation Bible School at Trinity and drop it off at the Scrip table or church office. We welcome any thoughts and comments on the back. Thank you.

I would be interested in helping in these areas:

(please circle)

Registration

Arts and Crafts

Classroom Leader grades_____

Snacks

Classroom Helper grades_____

Decorating

Games

VBS Director

I would like to see VBS held at this time:

Daytime

Evening

One Saturday

Trinity Lutheran School Menasha

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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